

“Intermission”

Daniel 9:26

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Introduction

- Intermission at Super Bowl LVI
- God’s Objectives for His “490-Year Plan” for the Jewish People
- The Breakdown of the “490-Year Plan”
- The Beginning of the “490-Year Plan”

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A. Key **WORD**-- “after”

1. View of A-millennialism:

- a. No gap between 69th and 70th week
- b. Jesus Christ’s first advent fulfills the 70th week

2. Problems with A-millennialism

- a. Events listed in 9:26 occur “after” the 69th week, not “in” the 70th.
- b. Jesus’ ministry was only 3 ½ years, not 7 years in duration
- c. God’s six spiritual objectives pertain to the Jews, not the church
- d. If Jesus fulfills the 70th week, then Jesus would be the one who makes and breaks the covenant with Israel by desecrating the temple, two things Jesus would never do.

B. Key **EVENTS** -- pertaining to Israel

1. The Rejection and Crucifixion of the Messiah the Prince

a. “Cut off”-- the crucifixion.

- Genesis 9:11-- *“Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood.”*
- 1) Rejection by Jewish leaders
 - Matthew 12:23-24-- *“Could this be the Son of David?... This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”*
 - John 1:11-- *“He came unto his own and his own did not receive him”*
 - 2) Anticipated by Jesus Christ
 - Matthew 16:16-- *“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*
 - Matthew 16:21-- *“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”*

b. Meaning of “not for himself” or “will have nothing”

- 1) Jesus Christ did not die for Himself, but for others.
 - Isaiah 53:4-5 -- *“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed His stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”*
- 2) Jesus Christ died alone, without honor or friends. He was the sacrificial Lamb of God.

2. The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple

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- a. Identification of the *“people of the prince that shall come”*

- b. **Confirmed by Jesus Christ at his triumphal entry**
 - Luke 19:41-44-- *“Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, ‘If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.’”*

- c. **Confirmation of destruction of temple**
 - Luke 21:6-- *“These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”*

- d. **Historical Fulfillment—9th of Av or March 10, 70 AD**
 - 1) The Siege by Titus
 - 2) The Eyewitness accounts by Jewish historian Josephus
 - *“So thoroughly laid even to the ground by those who dug it up to the foundation, that there was nothing left to make those that came by to believe it--that is Jerusalem-- had ever been inhabited.”*
 - *“And truly, the very view itself was a melancholy thing; for those places that were adorned with trees and pleasant gardens, were now become desolate country every way, and its trees were all cut down. Nor could any foreigner that had formerly seen Judaea and the most beautiful suburbs of the city, and now say it as a desert, but lament and mourn sadly at so great a change. For the war had laid all signs of beauty quite waste. Nor had anyone who had known the place before, had come on a sudden to it now, would he have known it again. But though he, that is, a foreigner, were at the city itself, yet would he have inquired of it!”*

- e. **Significance of the Destruction**
 - 1) Destroyed because they failed to see the time of God’s visitation to them
 - 2) Marks the end of animal sacrifices in Israel
 - 3) Puts an exclamation point on God putting Israel on “hold”

- f. **Significance Events occurring on the 9th of Av in Jewish history**
 - 1) 10 spies brought back negative report – Numbers 13
 - 2) 586 BC, Nebuchadnezzar destroys the first temple in Jerusalem
 - 3) AD 70, Titus destroys the second temple
 - 4) AD 130, Hadrian orders Jerusalem to be plowed in preparation for building a pagan city.
 - Micah 3:12-- *“Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of rubble, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.”*
 - 5) AD 135 the Romans crushed the Jew’s last stand at Betar
 - 6) AD 1290, King Edward signed an edict expelling all Jews from England
 - 7) AD 1492, the Jews are expelled from Spain. The same day Columbus sets sail for America.
 - 8) AD 1555, Pope Paul IV forced the Jews in Rome into the ghetto.
 - 9) AD 1648, the Chielminicki Massacre began, killing ¼ million Polish and Ukrainian Jews
 - 10) AD 1914, World War I began when Russia declares war on Germany.
 - 11) AD 1941, the “final solution” to exterminate the Jews was put into effect by SS general Reinhard Heydrich

12) AD 1942, Jews began being deported from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka extermination camps.

f. **Commemoration of the 9th of Av as a Solemn day of fasting and mourning**

3. **The Desolation of the Land of Israel**

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- a. **Waves of desolation, wars, and oppression.**
 - Matthew 24:7-9-- *"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."*
- b. **Fulfillment historically**
- c. **Significance of March 14, 1948-- The State of Israel**

Application for us today?

1. Jesus Christ today is building His church made up of believing Jews and believing Gentiles!
2. The rapture of the church will not end the intermission.
3. There are a few more things that will happen after the rapture and before the commencement of the 70th week such as the rise of the Rome, the revelation of the Antichrist, and the building of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem.
4. The precise accuracy in which the prophecy given to Daniel 2,500 years ago was fulfilled literally should assure us that the remainder of God's 490-year plan will also be fulfilled literally and historically in the future.
5. Today, some scoff at the idea of Christ's second coming and the judgment to follow.
 - 2 Peter 3:3-4-- *"scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'"*
6. God's delay is an opportunity for people to repent and to trust Jesus as Savior and Lord
 - 2 Peter 3:8-9-- *"But beloved, do not forget his one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance."*