

The Great Disconnect Daniel 9:24-27

I. Plan for Restoration – 24

1. Restoration not until 70 sevens - 24
“weeks” (heptad) - group of seven - like our dozen
We measure time in units of 10 (decades)
Jews measured time in units of seven (heptads)
2. This plan is for Daniel’s people – Israel
And for Daniel’s holy city – Jerusalem
3. Full restoration includes the following:
Finish the transgression - Israel’s rebellion
When Israel recognizes their Messiah
Zechariah 12:10
Make an end of sins
Messiah will put away all sins
Make reconciliation for iniquity
A sacrifice that will reconcile humans to God
Bring in everlasting righteousness
Righteousness will prevail forever
Seal up vision and prophecy
All of God’s promises fulfilled in Christ
Anoint the Most Holy
Most Holy Place in Temple – Ezekiel 41-46
Or Most Holy One – Messiah the King
Establishment of Messiah’s kingdom
4. All looks forward to the Messiah
Coming of Messiah is the focus of O.T.

II. Waiting for Messiah - 25

1. Begins with decree to rebuild - 25
7 sevens = 49 yrs - rebuild Jerusalem, Temple
Street and the wall rebuilt in troublous times
Fulfilled in time of Ezra and Nehemiah
Returned to the land but not fully restored
2. 62 sevens (434 years) – until Messiah – 25
During this time Gentile rule continues
First under Medes & Persians – Book of Esther
Next under Greece – Antiochus & Maccabees
Then under Roman rule
3. Promised Messiah comes as predicted - 25

III. Why the Disconnect? - 26

1. Why is there a break in 70 heptads
What significant event breaks the schedule?
2. Messiah is cut off – 26
Jews reject Jesus as their Messiah
Even though nothing is lacking in Him
He fulfilled all of the Messianic prophecies
Genealogy, place of birth. witness of John
Ministry and miracles – sick, blind, lame, dead
Cast out demons, forgave sin, walked on water
Final sign – He rose from the dead

He said the kingdom must await His return
Matthew 24-25; Acts 1:6-11

3. Are objectives accomplished? – 24
With rejection of Messiah is there restoration?

IV. Consequences of Rejection - 26

1. Destruction of city and Temple - 70 A.D.
By people related to the prince who is to come
Romans did this in 70 A.D.
Wars & desolations determined until the end
Compare Matthew 24:4-8
What was a definite time now is indefinite
Matthew 24:36
2. Words of Jesus in Luke 19:41-44
If you had known that this was your day – 42
Things that belong to your peace – Daniel 9:24
But now they are hid from your eyes - 42
Blindness until end of time of Gentiles
Romans 11:25
Destruction of Temple & Jerusalem– Lk. 19:43-44
With it comes the scattering of the Jews
3. Testimony of Apostles – Book of Acts
Jewish rejection brings turn to Gentiles
Paul sums it up at the end of the book
Acts 28:25-29

V. Restoration of Israel - 27

1. How will God bring about restoration
There is 1 more heptad (7 years)
One more time of trouble for Israel – Dan. 12:1
Greater than any Israel has experienced
2. Prince comes with a plan for Israel – 27
Israel enters into a covenant with Him
He has a plan for a Temple & sacrifices
Jesus warned of false-messiahs (false-christs)
3. He breaks his covenant 3 ½ yrs. later
Sacrifices cease when he desecrates the Temple
4. Jesus says this is a sign – Matt. 24:15-24
It signals beginning of “Great Tribulation – 21
In mercy God will shorten it to 3 ½ yrs.
5. Satan persecutes Israel – Rev. 12:13-17
Beast makes war on them – Rev. 13:4-7
6. God preserves Israel in trouble
Seals 144,000 from 12 tribes of Israel
Sends 2 witnesses to minister to them
7. Messiah will destroy desolator – 9:27
When He comes Israel will believe – Zech. 12:10
Israel will be saved (restored) – Rom. 11:25-36
God receives honor & glory for His grace