

End Time Events By Greg Rangel

Almost everyone seems to be infatuated with end time events. Hollywood offers a variety of different tales that are based on some producer's vivid imagination. And unfortunately many people are so eager to believe what Hollywood has to offer because it feeds on their emotional rollercoaster. And the end result of that is that people begin to form their opinion and base their thinking of what they have seen in the movies. And when it comes to them hearing what the Bible has to say about end time events, these people will begin to argue against what the Bible says because of the movie that they have seen. This occurs not only with end time events but also with every other topic that you or I might bring up.

The Bible speaks to us about end time events in detail. And it is up to you and I to read it and study it so that our thinking might be based on God's truth and not on someone else's opinion.

One of the most detailed prophecies about end time events is found in the book of Daniel. Daniel the prophet wrote in Daniel 9:24-27; *“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”*

To begin with, Daniel wrote about the first coming of the Messiah in detail. In verse 24 he spoke about seventy weeks that were determined upon the people and Jerusalem. When you pen that in a time format, one week happens to be seven years. And so 7 years times 70 weeks equals to 490 years.

Verse 25 of Daniel 9 predicts the very day that Jesus would present Himself as the Messiah to the Jewish people. The Angel who is giving Daniel these words gives Daniel the exact time to start counting off the days and years so that they could know the exact day when the Messiah was going to present Himself in Jerusalem.

The command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes the King on March 14th, 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 1-2). And he also says in verse 25 that it “...shall be seven weeks, and

threescore and two weeks:..." In short what Daniel is saying is that, from the time the order will be given to the coming of the Messiah the Prince (Jesus Christ), will be a total of sixty-nine weeks. Placing that in years it will be a total of 483 years (69 weeks times 7 years, 1 week is seven years). Placing the above in days, it would be a total of 173,880 days (483 years x 360 days per year = 173,880 days. Calendar days were 360 per year during that time).

As we continue with the calculations, subtracting 483 years or 173,880 days from March 14th 445 B.C., one comes out with April 6th 32 A.D. And this is the exact day that Jesus the Messiah made His entry into Jerusalem as recorded in Luke 19:28-44.

Notice that Daniel spoke about 70 weeks. But only 69 weeks have been accounted for. That means that there is one week left. That is, seven years left. And these are the seven years that are also known as the last seven years of world history and the tribulation period. And this is what we will be focused on in our upcoming articles. Therefore get your Bibles out!

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