

Daniel 9 Palm Sunday notes

Luke 19:28-44

--If you were God, and you were going to predict a specific day the 3 year ministry of your Son, the Savior of the World, what day would it be??

Let's turn back the pages 483 years and see why this day was so significant that the rocks would have proclaimed it.

Dan. 9:24-25

V. 24 = Scope of this prophecy: 6 things to be accomplished; most are beyond where we are even today in history.

--People: Israel is God's time-piece (Israel in the land and in control there is the major event of the 20th century)

--Place: Jerusalem Zech. 12:1-3 --who would have thought that a postage stamp sized country (33 times smaller than TX and not even 1/3 of its pop.) would be like the little bone caught in the throat of the world?

--Weeks? The NIV translates it "70, 7s" because it's trying to tell us these are not regular weeks.

1. Week of days -- Sabbath
2. Week of Weeks -- Another name for Pentecost is the Feast of Weeks because it was 7 weeks after first fruits. (a week of Weeks)
3. Week of Months -- 7 feasts of Israel begin with Unleaven and end with Tabernacles are exactly 7 months apart (a week of months)
4. Week of Years -- Sabbatical Year was the reason why Daniel was in captivity because for 490 years the Israelites did not let the land have its Sabbaths, so God took the Sabbaths from them.

One of the keys to interpreting this is to understand that these 7's are not contiguous; 69 are and the 70th is by itself.

V. 25 --This is a very exact amount of time: A very specific, mathematical prophecy for 69 of the 70 weeks.

--Through the angel, God pins down an exact day 483 years in the future.

1. The Trigger: "Decree to Restore and rebuild Jerusalem" If we know when this was decreed we can know when the Messiah comes.

--Artaxerxes 445 B.C. decrees that the walls and city be rebuilt and sends Nehemiah to do it in Neh. 2.

--We know where this day falls based on our modern calendars thanks to the research of Sir Robert Anderson, Head of Scotland Yard, and he published his findings in his book "The Coming King" in 1894. The date was March 14, 445 B.C.

--Do you think the Jews didn't know this date? This is one of the most important dates in their history and they have an entire book in their Bible that revolves around this date.

--So if they had this date, why weren't they standing waiting for their Messiah 483 years later on the date predicted?

They didn't believe it!

2. A Mathematical prophecy that requires us to know several things in order to pin down the day that is being spoken of:

1. Requires us to know how to add: 7+62 weeks = 69 weeks or 483 years.

2. Know the date it starts. (got it!) March 14, 445 B.C.

3. The number of days in a year—which is how much? 365? No!

= Biblical year was 360 years always.

--All ancient calendars were 360 day years: Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons

--In 701 B.C., all ancient calendars were reorganized:

--Something happened to lengthen the earth's orbit arbitrarily.

So, let's do some math: $67+2$ (7's) = 69 weeks of years or 483 years

--@ 360 days/year = The number of days == 173,880 days until the Messiah.

--This falls within the week of Jesus' last Passover, but which day?

(According to Lk. 3:1, Jesus' ministry starts in the 15th year of Tiberius.)

445B.C. to 32 A.D.: 173,740 days

March 14 to April 6: 24 days

Add leap years: 116 days

173,880 days

--Jesus is not crucified until April 10, 32 A.D.

--Some commentators say, "[That was about the time of Christ](#)"

--God doesn't deal in approximations!!

Again, if you were God, and you were going to predict a specific day the 3-year ministry of your Son, the Savior of the World, what day would it be??

[Birth? – We knew He'd be virgin born in Bethlehem, but we don't know the day.](#)

[Crucifixion and Resurrection? – We know what days on the calendar because of Passover, but certainly not the year.](#)

[Palm Sunday? – Would you have picked this day?](#)

4. Now we know when to expect the Messiah: March 14, 445 B.C. plus 173,880 days ==

April 6, 32 A.D.

Jesus spent most of His ministry keeping a secret: He would not let them exalt Him as Messiah.

--On numerous occasions He kept people from telling others about who He is because of how they would perceive it **Matthew 16:16-20; Matthew 17:1-9.**

--He feeds 5,000 but has to dismiss the crowd and walk away by night over the sea of Galilee all because they wanted to immediately declare Him as king and didn't understand what He was there to do.

--**Mark 1:24-26** -- Demons "[we know that you are the Son of God](#)" seems counterproductive for them to do this unless they trying to preempt something God had planned

Then a day came, 4 days before His crucifixion, that He not only let them, but He orchestrated it.

--**V. 30** – Arranges for His own ride.

--**V. 40** – So important that the rocks would cry out!

--**V. 41** – He held them accountable to know the day!

--**V. 42** – "[but now](#)"? when? Not His crucifixion!

--**VV. 43-44** – "[didn't recognize the time of their visitation](#)"

--He wasn't bluffing-- Destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70--Jews are without a land for almost 2000 years.

--Not until May of 1948 do they return

The craziest part of this story is that He's ruling over all the events (the timing, the donkey, the rocks) and circumstances but He's not ruling in the hearts of the people!

Jesus held them accountable to know that day

--They didn't get another chance after that—Neither will you!

--God means what He says and says what He means.

“**Wages of sin is death**”

“**Free gift of God is eternal Life in Christ Jesus**”

“**He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son does not have the life**”

Suppose He means it?

Jesus weeps because they still thought their problem is the Romans, their problem is oppression, it is taxes, it is poor government, its dysfunctional society

—no, **their problem is God.**

--Your problem is not inflation, the election, taxes, the border, health, finances, etc. Your problem is God!

--The problem is that behind all the distractions and noise of their human existence—all the things that flaunt themselves as important—that God is moving this world to a conclusion where Jesus is king and the world will be called to account by Him.

--You do not want to be on the wrong side of this!