

A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke
Teaching #33: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Ten
(The Seventy Weeks of Daniel PART TWO)
Luke 2:38; 21:28; 24:21

In our previous studies, we have been examining the redemption of Jerusalem based on the three mentions of redemption in the book of Luke.

The Three Mentions of Redemption

- **First Mention – By Anna – Luke 2:38**
- **Second Mention – By Jesus – Luke 21:28**
- **Third Mention – By The Two Men On The Road To Emmaus – Luke 24:21**

We have looked at these three mentions in Parts 1-3.

To understand the redemption of Israel, we have been examining Daniel 2.

Refer to the previous studies and notes for more insight into Daniel 2.

In our previous study:

- We saw how the people of Israel **violated** the law of Moses resulting in a foreign nation **invading** and **destroying** the land and cities.
- We saw how Babylon destroyed the city of Jerusalem and temple, leaving them **desolate**.
- In accordance and the fulfillment of Jeremiah 29, Jerusalem and the temple were left desolate for 70 years.
- Based upon the law of Moses, Daniel confessed the sins of Israel and pleaded with God for forgiveness.
- Daniel then asked God what was next for the people of Israel, since the 70 years of Babylonian Captivity written about by Jeremiah was nearly over.
- God's answer came in a timeline of 490 years.

The answer included what would happen **to the people of Israel** and **the city of Jerusalem** after they were released from Babylonian captivity.

The answer to Daniel's prayer is about:

- **Ending** the old covenant/testament of law

and

- **Establishing** the new testament of grace

What do we know about the old covenant (testament) law of Moses?

- The old covenant/testament was **conditional** with blessings and curses coming upon the nation of Israel based upon their obedience to the law (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28-32).
- The old covenant of law/testament was **continual** because it could not secure eternal forgiveness of sins; therefore, the people of Israel were continually offering sacrifices for forgiveness of sins as prescribed in the law and recorded in Leviticus.
- The old covenant of law was **ineffectual** because it could not impart eternal righteousness needed for eternal life (**Galatians 3:21**).
- The old covenant of law was **temporal** because God promised that a new covenant/testament of grace would replace it.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 tells us about the new covenant/testament of grace. Jeremiah prophesied about it while the people of Israel were in captivity in Babylon/Persia.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when **I will make a new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah [the new testament of grace was established by the blood of Jesus – Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20 - resulting in the eternal forgiveness of sins, which was also for the Gentiles – see 1 John 2:1-2; Ephesians]. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.*

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law [torah, instructions, teachings about the new testament of grace] in their minds and write it on their hearts [see 2 Corinthians 3:1-18]. I will be their God, and they will be my people [personal relationship – see Galatians 4:4-6]. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” [eternal forgiveness – see Hebrews 2:9; 8:6-13; 9:12; 10:16-18]

For a fuller understanding of the new testament of grace:

- Watch/Listen to my teachings through Hebrews: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Read my blogs on the new testament: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Read my book: Forgiven and Cleansed – 1 John 1:9 In Context: [CLICK HERE](#)

Let’s return to Daniel’s prayer while he was in captivity in Babylon/Persia

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God's answer to Daniel's prayer is about:

- **Ending** the old covenant law...
...and
- **Establishing** the new testament of grace

Let's examine the 490 years.

Daniel 9:24 (World English Bible)

24“Seventy weeks [meaning 490 years, seventy times seven = 490 years - see below] are decreed [cut out of time; marked off; put on the calendar; such as when people mark off the calendar their vacation time] on your people [old testament Israel] and on your holy city [Jerusalem, where the old testament of law was carried out], to finish disobedience [to the law of Moses, resulting in guilt], to make an end of sins [put away sins, make payment for sins as a result of violating the law of Moses], to make reconciliation for iniquity [to remove the sin barrier], to bring in everlasting righteousness [innocence, just as if one had never sinned], to seal up vision and prophecy [bring prophecy through the prophets to a close], and to anoint the most holy [reveal the Messiah/Christ to Israel].

The seventy weeks or 490 years **point to Jesus when he would establish the new testament in his blood** (Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20); thus ending the old testament of law and establishing the new testament of grace.

In the Jewish Scriptures, 1 week = 7 years.

70 weeks x 7 years = 490 years.

490 years were marked off by God for:

- The **people of Israel**
- The **city of Jerusalem**

During these 490 years, there would be **SIX ACTIONS** (Daniel 9:24).

Action#1: Finish disobedience (transgressions)

There are two perspectives on Finish Disobedience/Transgressions.

PERSPECTIVE #1: Finish disobedience/transgression refers to Jesus who paid the sin penalty for the transgressions of the nation of Israel for their violation of the law of Moses (Isaiah 53).

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He has poured out His life unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors. Yet He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

Just hours before going to the cross, Jesus quoted Isaiah 53:12.

Luke 22:37

It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors' [Isaiah 53:12]; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

PERSPECTIVE #2: Finish disobedience/transgressions refers to Israel who would fill up their transgressions, meaning they would complete or finish the full measure of their sins in disobedience to the law of Moses, resulting in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Jesus said to the Pharisees concerning their rejection of him as the Christ and concerning their ancestors' killing of the prophets:

Matthew 23:32 (Christian Standard Bible)

Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors' sins!

Matthew 23:32 (International Standard Bible)

Then finish what your ancestors started!

Paul speaks about the Jewish unbelievers *filling up the measure of their sins* as they persecuted believers in Jesus and sought to prevent Paul and his missionary team from communicating the gospel of grace to the Gentiles.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 (NKJV)

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans the unbelieving Jews in Judea where Jerusalem was located], who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding [preventing] us to speak to

the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost [the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD].

1 Thessalonian 2:14-16 (Good News Translation)

They [Jewish unbelievers] even tried to stop us from preaching to the Gentiles the message that would bring them salvation. In this way they have brought to completion all the sins they have always committed. And now God's anger has at last come down on them [the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD]!

The Book of Revelation prophesied God's judgment poured out upon unbelieving, corrupt, old testament Israel for the persecution and killing of fellow Jewish believers in Jesus. This happened in 70 AD.

Revelation 17:1-6 (NKJV)

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot [harlot is a reference to old testament, unbelieving Jerusalem and Israel – the clay of the kingdom of iron and clay – Daniel 2] who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth [the leaders of the iron of the fourth kingdom of iron mixed with clay; Daniel 2:44; Psalm 2:1-2; Acts 4:23-27] committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk [on the blood of those martyrs – believers/saints in Jesus - whom they killed] with the wine of her fornication."

So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman [old testament, unbelieving Jerusalem and Israel during the time of Acts through 70 AD] sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication [the transgressions or disobedience to the law of Moses had been fully filled by their killing of Jesus, Stephen, and many other believers in Jesus – see Matthew 23:29-39; 1 Thessalonian 2:14-16]. And on her forehead a name was written:

MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT

[Babylon the Great is corrupt, unbelieving, old covenant Jerusalem/Israel during the days Acts who killed Jesus, Stephen, and many other believers in Jesus - see Revelation 11:8; 14:8; 16:19; 17:18; 18:10-21],

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

I saw the woman [corrupt, unbelieving old covenant Israel seated in Jerusalem – see Rev 11:8 and 17:18 - during the time of Acts when they killed Jesus, Stephen – see Acts 22:20, and many believers in Jesus], drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus [this persecution started with Jesus and continued, as recorded in the book of Acts]. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Remember, we are examining the 490 years that were marked out by God for the old covenant people of Israel and the old covenant city of Jerusalem for the purpose of:

- Ending the old covenant of law

and

- **Establishing** the new covenant of grace

During these 490 years, there would be **SIX ACTIONS**. (Daniel)
We are examining the first action.

Action #1: Finish disobedience/transgressions

We are examining the two perspectives on Finish Disobedience/Transgressions.

- **Perspective #1**: Finish transgression refers to Jesus who paid the sin penalty for the transgressions of the nation of Israel for their violation of the law of Moses (Isaiah 53).
- **Perspective #2**: Finish disobedience/transgressions refers to Israel who would fill up their transgressions, meaning they would complete or finish the full measure of their sins in disobedience to the law of Moses, resulting in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

We have to keep in mind that Daniel 9:24-27 is about the people of Israel under the law of Moses.

The ***disobedience*** or ***transgression*** concerns Israel's violations of the law of Moses.

The angel Gabriel is telling Daniel there would come a time when Israel's violation of the law or transgressions of the law would be completed because:

- **The people of Israel would fill up their sins to the fullness** - this is what Jesus spoke of in Matthew 23:32, and it is what Paul wrote about in 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 and what John wrote about in Revelation 17:1-6.

and

- **God would end the old testament of law**

During the 490-year period the people of Israel would continue to violate the law.

The prophets in the Jewish Scriptures record this continued violation.

The ultimate violation of the law was the rejection of Jesus as their Messiah, since the law and prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah.

With his rejection, the Jewish leaders and people of corrupt, old testament Israel killed Stephen, believers in Jesus, and they tried to kill Paul, ultimately having him sentenced to death and beheaded in Rome.

At the end of the 490-year period, their violations would cease because the law would cease, meaning the new testament prophesied by Jeremiah would begin.

This would happen when God would usher in the new testament of grace through the death of Jesus (AD 31) and when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed (AD 70).

Remember, in Daniel 9:24 490 years were marked off by God for:

- The people of Israel
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The purpose of the 490 years would be to:

- End the old testament of law
and
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Action#1: Finish disobedience (transgressions)

Action #2: Make (put) an end of sins (remove the guilt of sins by making the payment for sins)

Make an end or put away sin is a reference to Jesus being the Lamb of God who puts away sin as the Lamb of God and who takes away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Hebrews 9:24-26 (NET Bible)

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands – the representation of the true sanctuary – but into heaven itself, and he appears now in God’s presence for us. And he did not enter to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the sanctuary year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the consummation of the ages to put away sin by his sacrifice.

With the taking away or putting away of sins by Jesus, sacrifices for sins in accordance with the law of Moses, as seen in Leviticus, were no longer necessary (Hebrews 10:18). The payment for sins had been fully and eternally made. Through faith in Jesus, people receive the forgiveness of sins.

Under the law of Moses, sins (transgressions of the law of Moses) were constantly remembered, meaning counted against the people of Israel.

Under the new testament of grace, sins (transgressions of the law of Moses) are no longer remembered, meaning no longer counted against the people of Israel because their sins were counted against Jesus.

Hebrews 10:16-18

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this [the ending of the old testament of law and the establishment of the new testament of grace]. First he [the Holy Spirit] says [in Jeremiah 31:31-34]:

“This is the [new] covenant [testament, same Greek word - diathéké] I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws [write the teachings of the new testament on the hearts of believers – see 2 Corinthians 3:1-18] in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” Then he [the Holy Spirit] adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

And where these have been forgiven, **sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.**

Through the death of Jesus, God put away or took away the sins of Israel under the law, making the sacrifice of animals to cover their sins no longer necessary.

Sadly, most of the Jewish people rejected Jesus as the Christ and they continued to sacrifice animals based upon Leviticus. In addition, they persecuted and killed other Jews who did believe in Jesus.

Jesus’ death not only secured forgiveness of the sins of the people of Israel, but also his death secured the forgiveness of sins for the Gentiles.

1 John 2:2 (NKJV)

And He Himself is **the propitiation for our sins** [Jesus took the guilt of the world’s sins upon himself], and not for ours [Jews] only but also for the whole world [Gentiles].

We are examining in Daniel 9:24 the 490 years marked off by God for:

- The **people of Israel**
- The **city of Jerusalem**

The purpose of the 490 years would be to:

- **End** the old testament of law
- and
- **Establish** the new testament of grace.

During these 490 years, there would be **SIX ACTIONS** (Daniel 9:24).

We have examined the first two actions:

Action#1: Finish disobedience (transgressions)

Action #2: Make (put) an end of sins (remove the guilt of sins by making the payment for sins)

In our next study, we will begin with Action #3.

Action #3: Make reconciliation for iniquity

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