

A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke
Teaching #35: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Twelve
(The Seventy Weeks of Daniel PART 4)
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.

Something to keep in mind...

When we open the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, as well as other books of the Bible, it is always important to understand that **these books fit into a wider story**. To understand these books, **it is critical to understand the wider story**. By understanding the broader context of each book, we can more **accurately educate ourselves** about the events and information contained in the books and **avoid miss-teaching and misapplying them**.

This why we have spent so much time getting the background information needed to accurately understand the redemption of Jerusalem.

In a previous study, we fast-forwarded to the end of Luke and saw Jesus:

- **Warning** the people of Israel about the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 19, 21)
- **Weeping** over its destruction.

In a previous study, we examined the history of Jerusalem and the prophecies about its destruction.

The prophecies included the destruction of Jerusalem by:

- Babylon (Jeremiah 29; 2 Chronicles 36).
- Rome (Matthew 24; Luke 21)

In our previous studies, we began examining the seventy weeks of Daniel or the 490 years in Daniel 9:24 because these 490 years contain prophecies about the destruction of Jerusalem, which Jesus foretold would take place.

This destruction happened in 70 AD just as Jesus foretold.

The 490 years was a period of time marked off by God for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Remember that Anna, Jesus, and the two men on the road to Emmaus all spoke about the redemption of Jerusalem.

Through the angel Gabriel, God communicated to Daniel what would happen to the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem at the end of the 490 period.

When we open the book of Luke, we are about 453 years into the prophecy, which is the time Jesus was born.

When Jesus was publically presented to Israel as their Messiah at the age of 30 (Luke 3:21-23), we are at the 483 years of the prophecy.

The presentation of Jesus to the people of Israel is what we will examine in this study.

The presentation of Jesus marked the beginning of the final seven years of Daniel's 490-year prophecy.

This means that after Jesus was presented to Israel as their Messiah, we are reading about the final 7 years of the 490-year prophecy given to Daniel about the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

During the final 7 years:

- The old testament of law would end.
- The new testament of grace would begin.

The 490 years are contained in Daniel 9:24.

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], 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.

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

We have examined five of these actions in the previous two studies.

Action #1: Finish disobedience (transgressions)

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

Action #3: Make reconciliation for iniquity (removing the barrier of sin between God and people)

Action #4: To bring in everlasting righteousness

Action #5: Seal up vision and prophecy

In this study, we will examine Action #6: **the anointing of the Most Holy**.

Action #6: Anoint the Most Holy

Daniel 9:24 states:

Seventy weeks are decreed to...anoint the most holy.

Some Bible Versions **add** the word *place* to Most Holy so that it seems to be about the temple in Jerusalem.

However, the word *place* is **not** in the original Hebrew manuscript.

The word *place* should **not** be added because the verse is referring to the Messiah not the temple.

The context of Daniel 9:24-27 shows that the anointed one is the Messiah.

What does *anoint the Most Holy* mean?

In the Hebrews Scriptures, the word *anoint* means to be chosen and set apart for a special purpose.

For example, the priests who oversaw the tabernacle/temple were anointed, meaning they were **selected** (chosen, set apart) for the special purpose of overseeing the tabernacle/temple.

This is seen this in the following verses.

Exodus 28:41

*After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, **anoint** and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as **priests**.*

Deuteronomy 21:5

*The Levitical **priests** shall step forward, for the Lord your God has **chosen** them to minister and to pronounce blessings in the name of the Lord and to decide all cases of dispute and assault.*

In these verses, we see that God anointed, meaning chose, selected, or set apart, specific men as priests to:

- oversee the temple

- pronounce blessings
- decide legal cases of dispute and assault

In the Jewish Scriptures...

...the **Messiah was anointed by God, meaning chosen (selected) by God and set apart to:**

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We learn about the timing of the Holy One being anointed in Daniel 9:24-27.

Eventually, **the time came for the birth of the Anointed One.**

Galatians 4:4-7

But **when the time had fully come** [as foretold by the angel Gabriel to Mary in fulfillment of the 490 years of Daniel 9; the same angel that appeared to Daniel appeared to Mary], *God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem [redemption-set free] those under the law [set the people of Israel free from the old testament of law], that we might receive our adoption as sons [they would know God from the least to the greatest]. And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave [to the law of Moses], but a son; and since you are a son, you are also an heir through God [recipient of all that God has freely given through Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. Heir of forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life that is received by faith in Jesus].*

Galatians 4:4-7 (see also Romans 3:19-25; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21) is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31-34 when God would remember the sins of Israel no more and would know them from the least to the greatest (this is also for the Gentiles).

Let's examine the prophecies and the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the Anointed One, Chosen One, the Messiah/Christ.

The Jewish Scriptures/Prophecies Declared The Anointed One Was Coming

Psalm 2:1-2 (see also Acts 4:23-27)

*Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his **anointed**...*

Isaiah 42:1-3 (see also Matthew 12:18; Luke 9:35)

*“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, **my chosen one** in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.”*

Isaiah 42:6-7

*“I, the Lord, have called you **my chosen one** in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a **covenant** for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”*

Isaiah 49:8 (see 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2)

*In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a **covenant** for the people...*

Remember: The final 7 years of the 490 years are about ending the old testament of law and establishing the new testament of grace.

Isaiah 61:1-2

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has **anointed** me to proclaim good news to the poor **[the poor in spirit – see Matthew 5]**. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners **[the Septuagint translates the Hebrew word as blind]**, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor **[the period of grace before the 490 years or complete and Jerusalem and the temple or destroyed]** and the day of vengeance of our God **[this a reference to vengeance upon unbelieving Israel based upon their disobedience to the law of Moses - for vengeance – see Leviticus 26:25; Deuteronomy 32:35, 41; Luke 21:22 refers to 70 AD – the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple by Rome]***

According to Daniel 9:24-27, when the Anointed One (**the Chosen One set apart by God for a specific purpose**), appeared to Israel, then the final 7 years of the 490 years given for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem would begin.

When John the Baptist revealed Jesus to Israel, the final 7 years began.

John The Baptist Revealed The Anointed (Chosen) One of Daniel 9:24 Had Arrived

John 1:29-34

*The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world **[Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24 – put an end to sin]**! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that **he might be revealed to Israel.**” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him **[compare this with the above verses in Isaiah 42:1-3 and 62:1-2]**. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that **this is God’s Chosen One** **[Daniel 9:24 – the anointing of the Most Holy]**.”*

God publically revealed to Israel that Jesus was the Messiah/Christ – The Chosen One, The Anointed One, The Holy One spoken of by Isaiah and Daniel.

God Identified Jesus As The Anointed One of Daniel 9:24

Luke 3:21-23 (see also Psalm 2:7; Matthew 3:17)

When all the people were being baptized, **Jesus** was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: **“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”** Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry [this begins the final 7 years of the 490-year prophecy about the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem].

Jesus Identified Himself As The Anointed One of Daniel 9:24

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written (Isaiah 61:1-2):

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because **he has anointed me** to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* [notice that Jesus does not quote the remainder of the Isaiah 61:1-2 concerning vengeance. However, in Luke 21:22 he does speak about vengeance upon unbelieving Israel who killed the believers in Israel. At the beginning of his ministry to Israel, Jesus spoke about the time of God’s favor – salvation by belief in Jesus as the Christ. Toward the end of his earthly ministry, he spoke of vengeance upon those in Jerusalem who killed those who believed – this vengeance is what the book of Revelation records. This vengeance took place in 70 AD.]

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, **“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

Jesus Was Mocked By The People Of Israel And The Rulers As The Chosen/Anointed One

Luke 23:32-35

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. **The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”**

The appearance of Jesus as the Chosen/Anointed One began the final 7 years of the 490 years marked off for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel (Daniel 9:26-27) that at the 3 ½ year mark of the final 7 years, the anointed one would be **cut off**, meaning he would die.

Luke 23:32-35, when Jesus was crucified, marked the middle of the 7-year period.

Following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we continue to see references in Acts to Jesus being the Anointed One/Chosen One of Daniel 9:24-27.

Acts 4:24-27

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

*"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his **anointed one**. [quotation of Psalm 2:1-2]*

*Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against **your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed**.*

Acts 10:37-38

*You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power**, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

Let's summarize.

The angel Gabriel revealed to Daniel that the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem had 490 years remaining starting when the people of Israel were allowed to return and rebuild Jerusalem.

At the end of 483 years, the Anointed One would come.

The final 7 years of the 490 years would begin when the Anointed One (the Messiah, the Christ, the Chosen One, the Holy One) appeared to Israel.

Around 27 AD, Jesus appeared to Israel (John 1:29-34; Luke 3:21-23; Luke 4:14-21).

God then declared to Israel that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Chosen One.

This began the final 7 years of the 490 years marked out for the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Remember, the 490 years were marked out 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.

This is written about by Paul in Galatians 4 and 2 Corinthians 3:5-6:2.

This is the redemption from the old testament of law and establishment of the new testament of grace (see Hebrews 8-10).

This is righteousness through faith in Jesus rather than through the law, because no one can be declared righteous through the law (Galatians 2:21).

This is the forgiveness of sins and to bring in everlasting righteousness.

The 490 years to end the old testament of law and begin the new testament of grace were separated into **three time periods**:

Time Period #1: **49** years - the time given to **return** from Babylon to begin and to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Time Period #2: **434** years - the time the temple was **rebuilt** until the Messiah/Christ/Anointed One/Chosen One - Jesus comes)

Time Period #3: **7** years - the final seven years of the 490 years which takes place **when** the Messiah/Christ/Jesus appeared (anoint the Most Holy) to Israel to:

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We will examine these three time periods in our next study.

And remember, when we open up the book of Luke, we are about 453 years into the 490-year prophecy of Daniel.

When Jesus was presented to Israel as the Anointed One, it ended the 483-year period and began the final 7 years of Daniel's 490-year prophecy concerning the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

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