

# Prophecy Has Been & Will Be Fulfilled In Daniel's Seventy Weeks And God Changes Not.

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Daniel chapter nine Daniel pleaded in prayer to God for God to keep his promises on the desolations of Jerusalem. God not only spoke to Daniel about his prayer, but God also answered his prayer above and beyond what Daniel was seeking. God sent Gabriel whom Daniel had talked to in a previous vision with the message. This study is about that message. We will see in verses 24-27 one of the most complete and detailed prophecies of Christ, of his coming and his salvation. The prophecy gives the time frame of the Jews return to their own land with the rebuilding of Jerusalem and to prepare for and to receive the coming of the Messiah. Prior to Daniel's prophecy there are many other places in the Bible that speak of general promises of the coming of the Messiah that were made to patriarchs. Preceding prophets had often spoken of him as one that should come but never was the time fixed until Daniel. Now the Jews had a definite time frame as to when to expect him. Jesus did come as it was written, but not to accomplish what the Jews expected. Consequently the Jews denied him and had him crucified.

By studying the prophets, Daniel found that for seventy years Jerusalem must lie desolate. *Jeremiah 25:11-12* **11** *And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12* *And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. (KJV) Jeremiah 29:10* **10** *For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. (KJV)*

Daniel began to pray to God about him always fulfilling his promises. This was Daniel's prayer. *Daniel 9:1-19* **1** *It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. 2* *During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, was studying the writings of the prophets. I learned from the word of the LORD, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. 3* *So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I wore rough sackcloth and sprinkled myself with ashes. 4* *I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love*

to those who love you and keep your commands. **5** But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations. **6** We have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke your messages to our kings and princes and ancestors and to all the people of the land. **7** "Lord, you are in the right; but our faces are covered with shame, just as you see us now. This is true of us all, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, scattered near and far, wherever you have driven us because of our disloyalty to you. **8** O LORD, we and our kings, princes, and ancestors are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. **9** But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. **10** We have not obeyed the LORD our God, for we have not followed the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. **11** All Israel has disobeyed your law and turned away, refusing to listen to your voice. "So now the solemn curses and judgments written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out against us because of our sin. **12** You have done exactly what you warned you would do against us and our rulers. Never in all history has there been a disaster like the one that happened in Jerusalem. **13** Every curse written against us in the law of Moses has come true. All the troubles he predicted have taken place. But we have refused to seek mercy from the LORD our God by turning from our sins and recognizing his truth. **14** The LORD has brought against us the disaster he prepared, for we did not obey him, and the LORD our God is just in everything he does. **15** "O Lord our God, you brought lasting honor to your name by rescuing your people from Egypt in a great display of power. But we have sinned and are full of wickedness. **16** In view of all your faithful mercies, Lord, please turn your furious anger away from your city of Jerusalem, your holy mountain. All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem and your people because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors. **17** "O our God, hear your servant's prayer! Listen as I plead. For your own sake, Lord, smile again on your desolate sanctuary. **18** "O my God, listen to me and hear my request. Open your eyes and see our wretchedness. See how your city lies in ruins--for everyone knows that it is yours. We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful. **19** "O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, O my God, do not delay, for your people and your city bear your name." (NLT)

As Daniel prayed, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to give Daniel skill and understanding. Gabriel was the same angel that spoke to Zechariah and to the virgin Mary in Luke chapter one. To all three of these people Gabriel's message was about the coming of the Messiah whose name was to be Jesus. Not only did God confirm with Daniel that he would send the house of Judah back to Jerusalem,

but God gave Daniel the time decreed for the people and upon the holy city that they may prepare and be ready to accept the Messiah when he came. **Daniel 9:20-26** **20** *And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. 24 **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. 25 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. 26 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.** (KJV)*

In verse 24 Gabriel spoke of seventy weeks. What is the duration of seventy weeks? The Israelites had Sabbatic years (Leviticus 25:8), by which their years were divided into weeks of years, as in this important prophecy, each week containing seven years. The seventy weeks therefore amounted to four hundred and ninety (490) years.

Also in verse 24 there are six events that take place in the last week of those seventy weeks.

1. To finish the transgression: which was brought about by the preaching of the Gospel, and pouring out of the Holy Ghost among men. He finished the transgression by breaking the power of sin, bruised the head of that serpent the devil that had done so much mischief by usurping the dominion of that tyrant. With the transgression finished, he set up a kingdom of holiness and love in the hearts of men upon the ruins of Satan's kingdom here on earth where sin and death had reigned. Now righteousness and life through grace reigns because Christ finished the transgression.

2. To make an end of sins "to make an end of sin-offerings": which our Lord did when he offered his spotless soul and body on the cross once and for all. By offering his body on the cross, he made an end of sin; he abolished it so that it may

not rise up against us. By Christ we can obtain the pardon of sin that it may not be our ruin and break out against us or accuse and condemn us.

3. To make reconciliation "to make atonement or expiation" for iniquity; which he did by the once offering up of himself. He was the final sacrifice to satisfy the justice of God and to make peace and bring God and man together. He is the arbitrator, the referee, the intercessor for all of mankind bringing us to understanding of other brother and sisters and of God. He is not only the peace-maker, but the peace. He is the atonement.

4. To bring in everlasting righteousness "the righteousness, or righteous ONE, of ages": that person who had been the object of the faith of mankind, and the subject of the predictions of the prophets through all the ages of the world. By Christ's death and rising from the dead, we have righteousness when we confess him. The merit of his sacrifice is our righteousness; with this we answer all the demand of the law. Thus Christ is the Lord our righteousness that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. By faith we apply this to ourselves and plead it with God, and our faith is imputed to us for righteousness. **Romans 4:3- 5** **3** *For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, so God declared him to be righteous."* **4** *When people work, their wages are not a gift. Workers earn what they receive.* **5** *But people are declared righteous because of their faith, not because of their work.* (NLT)

This is an everlasting righteousness, for Christ, who is our righteousness, and the prince of our peace, is the everlasting Father. It was from everlasting in the counsels of it and will be to everlasting in the consequences of it. The application of it was from the beginning, for Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; and it will be to the end, for he is able to save to the uttermost.

5. To seal up "to finish or complete" the vision and prophecy: he fulfilled the visions and the prophecies which related to his person, sacrifice, and the glory that was spoken by the prophets. Jesus spoke in **Matthew 5:17-18** **17** *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.* **18** *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.* (KJV) Christ confirmed and completed the truth of the prophecies, the law and psalms. Though Christ the New Testament scripture was completed being a more sure word of prophecy than that by vision. **2 Peter 1:19** **19** *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:* (KJV) **Hebrews 1:1-2** **1** *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,* **2** *Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;* (KJV)

6. And to anoint the most Holy "the Holy of holies". To anoint the Messiah, the anointed one: to consecrate or appoint our blessed Lord, the Holy One of Israel, to be the Prophet, Priest, and King of mankind. **John 3:34 34** *For he is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God's Spirit is upon him without measure or limit.* (NLT) He came to anoint the gospel-church, his spiritual temple, or holy place, to sanctify and cleanse it, and appropriate it to himself [**Ephesians 5:26 26** *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,* (KJV)], to consecrate for us a new and living way into the holiest, by his own blood [**Hebrews 10:20 20** *This is the new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us through the sacred curtain, by means of his death for us.* (NLT)] as the sanctuary was anointed, [**Exodus 30:25 25** *And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.* (KJV)] He is called Messiah which signifies Christ-Anointed [**John 1:41 41** *He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.* (KJV)]

Verse 24 gave the time period of seventy weeks or 490 years. Verses 25-27 give the break down of the 490 years. **Daniel 9:25-27 25** *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. 26 *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.* 27 *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.* (KJV)*

Breaking down the time periods from verses 25-27 we have—

- A) seven weeks = 49 years.
- B) threescore and two weeks = sixty two weeks = 434 years.
- C) one week = 7 years.
- D) These three periods of time equals the 490 years of Daniel's prophecy.

The question is when did the count down begin for the 490 years? We as Christians today have the advantage of looking back at the history records and what is written in the New Testament to set the count down time. This is called backward engineering. We look at the event and count backward to the beginning time. The first question to be answered is when did the last week or seven years begin? We find the answer in: **Luke 16:16 16** *The law and the prophets were until*

*John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.* (KJV) The word of God came to John who was living in the wilderness and he began to preach repent ye, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Luke 3:2-3** <sup>2</sup> *Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.* <sup>3</sup> *And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;* (KJV) **Matthew 3:1-2** <sup>1</sup> *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,* <sup>2</sup> *And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* (KJV) Shortly thereafter John baptized Jesus and forty days later Jesus began his ministry preaching the same message John first spoke. **Matthew 4:17** <sup>17</sup> *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* (KJV)

John the Baptist began his ministry in 26 AD according to the life application timeline in my Bible computer program. Taking the first two time periods of 49 years and 434 years added together equals 483 years. If we take 483 years and subtract 26 AD, we come to the year 457 BC. The application timeline showed 458 BC and other time lines show 457 BC as the year that Ezra had his commission from Artaxerxes Longimanus, King of Persia to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. **Ezra 7:6-9** <sup>6</sup> *This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.* <sup>7</sup> *And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king [458/457 BC].* <sup>8</sup> *And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.* <sup>9</sup> *For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.* (KJV)

The first time period of seven weeks or forty-nine years began when Ezra received his commission from Artaxerxes the king and went unto Jerusalem. Under Ezra and Nehemiah the work of restoring Jerusalem along with its sacred constitutions and civil establishments was completed 49 years later. **Daniel 9:25** <sup>25</sup> *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,....* (KJV)

**Daniel 9:25** <sup>25</sup> *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.* (KJV) The Jews of the house of Judah

finished and restored the Jewish state of Jerusalem and the surrounding country in 49 years even in troublous times. Then they were to maintain the laws handed down by Moses and their purity of blood line until the arrival of the Messiah the Prince named Jesus. History shows that just the opposite happened. When Nehemiah returned a second time he learned the extent of the evil deed Eliashib did. Nehemiah instituted various reforms. See Nehemiah 13:all. Then God sent one more prophet, Malachi, to warn the Jews of their sins and wickedness before the coming of Jesus. Then God was silent for 400 plus years until Jesus came. After the seven weeks and the threescore and two weeks or 483 years, the Jews were looking for a Messiah that would deliver them from the Roman rule giving them power and wealth. But Daniel's prophecy in verse 24 told what the Messiah was coming for.

**Daniel 9:26 26** *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.* (KJV) In this verse and in verse 27 the Messiah is made the prominent subject. The fate of the city and sanctuary are secondary being mentioned only in the second halves of the verses. The Messiah is cut off (killed), but not for himself but for us that we may be saved and not condemned. The Messiah appears in a twofold aspect, salvation to believers and judgment on unbelievers. **Luke 2:34-35 34** *Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, "This child will be rejected by many in Israel, and it will be their undoing. But he will be the greatest joy to many others. 35 Thus, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."* (NLT) **Malachi 4:1-3 1** *The LORD Almighty says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. The arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw on that day. They will be consumed like a tree--roots and all. 2 "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. 3 On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the LORD Almighty.* (NLT) The last half of Daniel verse 26 will be discussed in a moment with the last part of Daniel verse 27.

**Daniel 9:27 27** *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.* (KJV) In one week or seven years, the Messiah shall introduce a new covenant between God and man since the old covenant of the law by the sacrifice of bulls and rams with their blood could not cleanse us. He confirmed the covenant by the teaching of his

doctrine and miracles performed, by his death and resurrection, by the shedding of his blood once for all of mankind, by the ordinance of baptisms and the Lord's supper. These are the seals of the New Testament assuring us that God is willing to accept us upon gospel-terms called the New Testament. **Jeremiah 31:31-34** **31** *Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (KJV)*

**Daniel Verse 27b**--and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,. Jesus died in the middle of the last week, 30 or 33 AD depending on whose time line is referenced to. His prophetic life lasted three and a half years. By offering himself a sacrifice once and for all he put an end to all the Levitical sacrifices. He superceded them and set them aside. He caused all peace offerings to cease when he made peace by his blood shed on the cross and by it he confirmed the covenant of peace and reconciliation. **Hebrews 10:1-14** **1** *The old system in the law of Moses was only a shadow of the things to come, not the reality of the good things Christ has done for us. The sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. 2 If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. 3 But just the opposite happened. Those yearly sacrifices reminded them of their sins year after year. 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 That is why Christ, when he came into the world, said, "You did not want animal sacrifices and grain offerings. But you have given me a body so that I may obey you. 6 No, you were not pleased with animals burned on the altar or with other offerings for sin. 7 Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God-- just as it is written about me in the Scriptures. "' 8 Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or grain offerings or animals burned on the altar or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). 9 Then he added, "Look, I have come to do your*

will." He cancels the first covenant in order to establish the second. **10** And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time. **11** Under the old covenant, the priest stands before the altar day after day, offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. **12** But our High Priest offered himself to God as one sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down at the place of highest honor at God's right hand. **13** There he waits until his enemies are humbled as a footstool under his feet. **14** For by that one offering he perfected forever all those whom he is making holy. (NLT)

**Daniel Verse 27c**--and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. On the account of the abominations committed by the unholy people (the Jews) against the Holy One (Jesus), Jesus shall not only destroy the city and sanctuary that was rebuilt according to prophecy given Daniel, but it shall continue its desolation until the time of consummation "determined" by God. **Isaiah 10:22-23** **22** *But though the people of Israel are as numerous as the sand on the seashore, only a few of them will return at that time. The LORD has rightly decided to destroy his people.* **23** *Yes, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, has already decided to consume them.* (NLT) Jesus died to take away the ceremonial law with his death on the cross. But the Jews would not be persuaded to quit it after they murdered the Messiah. With zeal and a heathenish spirit they continued to offer sacrifices. In 35 AD (approximately) the Jews stoned Stephen for saying that Jesus changed the customs which Moses delivered them and Saul (Paul) was converted. When did the last half of the week end? In reading and studying I find no clear cut answers from students of the Word. I ask this question, could it be when Saul was converted, for he took the gospel to the Gentiles? As taught by the Holy Spirit, some prophecies are given in outline form. Is this last half of the week not yet fulfilled, but that it may be accomplished through many years? Remember all prophecy fulfillment is determined by God. The Lord spoke this to me as I sought the answer—"wait and see, I will give the answer when it is time for the answer". Brothers and sisters, again we must wait upon the Lord for his timing and his answer as to when the prophecy is finished. If we insert our thinking with our own answers, we become false prophets.

**Daniel Verse 26b**--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. History bears out this verse. The prince being the Roman desolator, Titus along with the Roman armies destroyed the city and the sanctuary by a long and bitter war. It was laid to waste in 70 AD, the Jews were scattered losing their genealogy so that no man can prove himself a descendant of Aaron. God caused the temple sacrifices to cease in this

manner when the Jews rejected Christ and in their hate and anger were destroying the Jews and the Gentiles who became Christians by confessing Jesus Christ. Not only did God scatter the Jews, but he gave them a spirit of slumber until the fulness of the Gentiles shall come in and then all of Israel will be saved. All Israel includes the house of Jacob called Israel. See the booklet titled 'The Jews After Christ, Chosen By God Or Cursed By God. What Does The Word Say?'

The events in this prophecy are the most plain and easily understood and history bears out the truths in this prophecy. The Jews today of the house of Judah and the proselyte Jews (those who have converted to Judaism) who deny Jesus Christ are forever lost to hell without excuse until they confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Messiah came and the Messiah will come again as it is written in God's Word.

Looking at the world conditions this day, we see that the Jews have been very successful in their campaign in elevating themselves as the chosen ones. Anyone who speaks the truth of the Word of God about the Jews is attacked by the Jews like a pack of dogs. In their campaign of false statements as to who they are has caused many Christians to forsake Jesus by converting to Judaism. Other Christians have developed unhealthy preoccupations with things of Judaism and incorporating Jewish customs into the worship services thinking this will bring them closer to God. These are unbiblical actions by Christians. This is just another sign that the denominational churches today are a failure and are a light of the world and not a light unto the world. If we are not serving Christ, then by default we serve Satan the father of lies. Remember Jesus told the Jewish leaders of his day that if you don't believe me, love me and obey, your father is the devil. *[John 8:42-47 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (KJV)]*

Those Christians who backslide into Judaism or incorporate Jewish customs into their worship are in danger of damnation and some have damned themselves by their actions. They are saying by their behavior that the death of Christ on the cross and his blood is not good enough. They make Christ non-effect in their lives becoming possessed by Satan. Jesus is returning soon, but first he will set his

house (church) in order. This is what the Lord spoke to me on December 4, 2001. "I am building My Church out of the ashes of the existing churches. It will be on My foundation with all corners connected with no gaps or divisions. I will pour out My Spirit upon it for revival. My army will be made ready."

I enclose this article by Jim Bramlett dated August 9, 2003 titled "The Jerusalem Syndrome". >>>> Recently I spoke with a leading Messianic Jewish official, a dear brother who seemed to have unusual wisdom and discernment of things happening in the body of Christ. His theological views were totally biblical, which included the deity of Christ, salvation by grace through faith and not a result of works of the law, and the authority of the New Testament.

He shared with me his concern about a pathological condition termed the "Jerusalem Syndrome" afflicting an increasing number of Gentile believers in Jesus Christ. He was referring to Gentiles who are converting to modern Judaism and sometimes even abandoning their Savior Messiah, who died for them.

I had heard the phrase, "Jerusalem Syndrome" before but had not given it much thought. Further research has revealed articles written about it by Israeli psychiatrists. In a nutshell, I would say that Jerusalem Syndrome is a condition characterized by a delusionary, abnormal and unhealthy preoccupation with the Holy City, Israel, or things Jewish. In extreme cases, victims may walk the Holy City and declare themselves to be a biblical character, such as Moses, Elijah, or even Jesus. Less bizarre symptoms may include conversion to modern Judaism (much of which is tradition and not biblical), adherence to Jewish customs (many of which are extra-biblical), identification with Jewish culture, and even changes of names to Jewish names.

One article in the Jewish Virtual Library says, "Those with the Jerusalem Syndrome are literally intoxicated by the Holy City. They revel in the special atmosphere of the Wall past midnight. They delight in the mystical aura they perceive there at night. The Jerusalem Syndrome was first clinically identified by Dr. Yair Bar El, formerly director of the Kfar Shaul Psychiatric Hospital and now district psychiatrist for the Ministry of Health. Bar El studied 470 tourists who were referred to Kfar Shaul for treatment between 1979 and 1993. (These visitors) had been declared temporarily insane" See <http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/History/jersynd.html>.

What got me thinking about this yesterday was a disturbing email from a lady who was greatly distraught that 13 of her Christian friends had "converted" to Judaism. Thirteen! This is astonishing! I have been following Messianic Judaism for some 30 years and I have never heard anything like this. This increased apostasy truly must be a major sign of Jesus' soon return.

Of course, the above **psychiatric opinions represent only human wisdom, minus a spiritual dimension. The spiritually discerning know that anything**

**pulling a person away from the Savior is demonic and a work of Satan.** Yet, we know that Satan works through our human weaknesses. It is possible that these converts had a previously undetected mental condition predisposing them to satanic attack in this area and to such behavior.

How will God handle this at judgment time? I do not know. But I do not see how anyone who had read and understood Acts chapter 15 and the book of Galatians could fall back into Judaism. God says, "All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law'" (Galatians 3:10, NIV). We know that it is impossible to do everything written in the Book of the Law, if for no other reason than the fact that the temple system, upon which about 80% of the law is based, no longer exists. And many of the other laws are impossible to keep, such as the civil laws requiring public stoning for certain offences, such as childhood rebellion. In my opinion, anyone who would consciously place themselves under such a system for their justification before a holy God, without a Savior, who fulfilled the temple system, would have to be delusional, and or possessed.

We can be eternally grateful that, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree'" (Galatians 3:13).

Gentile believers can love and bless Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem without a pathological attraction. In the Bible, God says, in effect, "It's okay to be Gentile." **Beware the "Jerusalem Syndrome." Warn your friends.** <<<< end.

Daniel received the prophecy from God delivered by Gabriel. God completed his word and the Messiah came. Not to set up a worldly kingdom as the Jews wanted, but a spiritual kingdom for all of mankind to be saved. The Jews missed the reason for his coming the first time because of unbelief and without repentance they will miss the reason of his coming the second time. He canceled the Levitical priesthood for a better priesthood in the line of Melchisedec. [*Hebrews 5:6* **6** *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. (KJV)*] Jesus was the final sacrifice and his blood cleanses us for all time. [*Hebrews 9:14* **14** *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (KJV)* & *Hebrews 10:1-14* see page 119]. Obey the teachings of Jesus, be set free by knowing the truth. [*John 8:31-32* **31** *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)* Be bound no longer by the bondage of man and who he thinks God is and how God operates. Receive the

Holy Ghost [Acts 19:2 **2** *He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (KJV)*] and walk in the Spirit with God [John 4:24 **24** *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (KJV)*] and be taught by the teacher, the Holy Spirit. [John 14:26 **26** *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)* and John 16:13 **13** *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (KJV)*]

Brothers and sisters take note. God changes not. If we fear the Lord, he will show us his covenant. Psalms 25:14 **14** *Friendship with the LORD is reserved for those who fear him. With them he shares the secrets of his covenant. (NLT)* When we are serving the Lord and he is first in all things in our lives and when we pray and seek knowledge, be prepared to receive over and above what you asked for just as Daniel received. God gives favor to his true sons and daughters who obey and truly seek him with sincerity. Psalms 145:18-20 **18** *The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. **19** He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. **20** The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. (KJV)* God is still today answering prayers and giving knowledge and wisdom above and beyond our expectations.

As I continue to seek God in his ways, thoughts and plans, the Holy Spirit continues to open my mind to who God is. As my knowledge is increased by the teachings of the Holy Spirit, I find that we as humans in our flesh and blood bodies with our finite minds only have a limited concept as to who God is and what God thinks and does. The Word of God is truth and the truth of the Word of God is wider and deeper than what we read in the Word. Only by the Holy Spirit teaching can we begin to understand what God has done in the past and what the future holds. Remember Jesus told his disciples I have much more to say, but I go to the Father and he will send the Holy Spirit to reveal and teach. John 16:12-13 **12** *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (KJV)* Just as John wrote: John 21:25 **25** *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. (KJV)*

The Holy Spirit is teaching that God in the Word did many other things that were not written down. We the disciples of Christ and sons and daughters of the Father who seek the truth, much will be revealed that is hidden in the Word and what was not written in the Word, but will always line up with the Word. The Holy Spirit will also reveal things to come. Solomon wrote this: **Proverbs 1:5-7** **5** *Let those who are wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. And let those who understand receive guidance* **6** *by exploring the depth of meaning in these proverbs, parables, wise sayings, and riddles.***7** *Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.* (NLT) Let those who seek knowledge of the Word become wise and let the wise become wiser by exploring the Word of God by the teaching of the Holy Spirit. We are fools if we refuse to seek wisdom and let God discipline us.

I share with you this knowledge revealed by the Lord this day in prayer. In prayer I was mediating upon the many different races upon this earth. We are all descendants of Noah and his family. God confused the language of the people in: **Genesis 11:6-8** **6** *And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.* **7** *Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.* **8** *So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.* (KJV) As I was thinking about the above the Lord spoke this—"I am the Lord God, do you not think that I could not also change their looks and their color as I scattered them and remove from their memories what they were before?" Not only were many new languages given that day, but many new races came into being at the same time as God scattered them abroad upon the face of the earth. **Genesis 11:9** **9** *Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.* (KJV)

God is a supernatural Spirit and is the creator and ruler of all things seen and all things unseen. If we try to apply our human logic to the thoughts, ways and plans of God, we put God in a box by the dimensions of our finite human mind. The Holy Spirit is the teacher and not man. Do we become fools by believing man and not the Holy Spirit by denying wisdom and instruction from God? If we confess Jesus Christ as our Lord, then we must accept that all races are our brothers and sisters with our genealogy back to Noah. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and that all could be saved by confessing Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior.

With that said, we must also remember that out of all the races of the earth, God chose one group of people as his very own. The father of God's chosen people was Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac. Isaac begat Esau and Jacob. Jacob whose name was changed to Israel, begat the twelve tribes called Israel. Through out history God dealt with the twelve tribes Israel and judged them and scattered them because of their sins and whoredom against him. The study just completed is about the house of Judah and the prayer Daniel prayed for his people that were in captivity at Babylon and their demise in chapter nine of the book of Daniel. The question to ask is where are the scattered tribes of the house of Judah and the house of Israel today? God is sovereign and changes not. We must change seeking God in our prayer closet as Daniel sought God. We must obey the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to serve God. Only by confessing Jesus Christ can we do these things. Any religion that denies Jesus is God, died on the cross and rose the third day is condemned to hell. That is the truth of the Word of God.

A warning to all Brothers and Sisters who speak the truth of the Word; you will be condemned, persecuted, called a terrorist and you could be killed. It could be family members, other Christians, denominational churches, the Jews, the Gentiles or the government that will come against you. And God says in: **Revelation 21:7** *7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.* (KJV) You will hear others say you should love like Jesus loves. But Jesus says in: **Revelation 3:19** *19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.* (KJV)

If we love Jesus, we will speak the truth without compromise. People will hate you for speaking the truth, but also they will respect you because you do speak the truth. **Matthew 22:16** *16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.* (KJV)

Jesus set the example for us to follow in the four gospels. He spoke the truth that his Father gave him without compromise. I must again ask this question, what is truth? This is very important that we as mature Christians understand what the truth of God entails. Without understanding of God's truth we can and will be deceived by Satan, the denominational churches, other brothers and sisters and the world.

Truth is defined in Webster's as the quality of being in accordance with experience, facts, or reality; conformity with fact. The "fact" is the whole Word of God, the complete Word of God. The truth is being in obedience to God's Word. The truth is the doctrine and teachings of Christ in the four gospels. The truth is confirmed and expounded (to set forth. to defend with argument, to explain by

setting forth in careful and often elaborate detail) in the epistles of the New Testament. The epistles are only for those who have gone through the Book Of Acts and received the Holy Ghost as Jesus commanded. *Acts 1:4-5* **4** *And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.* **5** *For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* (KJV) This is the truth of the Word of God.

We cannot pick and chose as to what parts of the Word of God, the Bible, we apply in our walk with God. We must apply the complete truth and obey the complete Word of God in our lives to be disciples of Christ and sons and daughters of God. *John 8:31-32* **31** *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word [obey my teachings], then are ye my disciples indeed;* **32** *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* (KJV) *Matthew 12:48-50* **48** *But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?* **49** *And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!* **50** *For whosoever shall do the will of my Father [those who obey God's commands] which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.* (KJV) *2 Corinthians 6:16-18* **16** *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* **17** *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,* **18** *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.* (KJV) This is the truth of the Word of God.

What does the Word say if we pick and chose without obeying as commanded by Jesus? *1 John 2:3-6* **3** *And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments.* **4** *If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and does not live in the truth.* **5** *But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him.* **6** *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.* (NLT) What happens to liars? *Revelation 21:8* **8** *But cowards who turn [those Christians who fear man and not God, the fearful] away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and **all liars**--their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death." (NLT) This is the truth of God's Word.*

Are we hearing the truth preached in churches this day so that we may learn to fear God from the truth of his Word instead of the precept of man? God has fulfilled

prophecy and God is still fulfilling prophecy. God judged in the past and God will continue to judge today because of our sinning ways. God changes not and God still requires these five things from us as he did the children of Israel. **Deuteronomy 10:12-13** **12** *And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,* **13** *To keep the commandments [to obey the teachings of Jesus, listen to and obey the Holy Spirit.] of the LORD, and his statutes,[The Word of God] *which I command thee this day for thy good?* (KJV) Are not God's judgments a pruning process? Jesus is the true vine and if we do not abide in him in truth we will be pruned by the Father. **John 15:1-6** **1** *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.* **2** *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.* **3** *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.* **4** *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.* **5** *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.* **6** ***If a man abide not in me,** he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.* (KJV) We are without excuse because we have been warned and repent not. Jesus will make his church ready for his second coming.*

I close with this psalm given to me by the Holy Spirit in prayer.

### **Thy Sentry Fire**

You O God, by your fire we are protected.  
 You O God, we must keep our mind and eyes focused on.  
 You O God change not.  
 You O God are still our fire at night and our cloud by day.  
 You O God, must we obey to stay in your sentry fire.  
 You O God, must we seek in all things.  
 You O God, must we listen for your commands.  
 You O God, we must follow when your fire and cloud moves  
 and stand when it moves not.  
 You O God, when we rebel and ignore your commands, your sentry fire  
 no longer protects.  
 Then O God, your sentry fire becomes your fire of judgment.  
 You O God are a protecting fire or a consuming fire.

You O God, we must choose the sentry fire or the judging fire.  
You O God I chose to walk in your sentry fire, a cleansing and a refining fire.  
You O God cleanse me by your sentry fire that I may be made pure  
for your service.

You O God, those who walk in your fire--  
Become as your fire burning to seek and speak your truths.

Amen!

Come Lord Jesus!

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