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## A Great Prophetic Period

### Lesson Forty-Five

**1. At what time according to the prophecy of Daniel, was the sanctuary to be cleansed?**

“And he said unto me, Unto \_\_\_\_\_; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14.

**2. Where was Daniel when the vision of this chapter was given?**

“And I saw the vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, which is in the \_\_\_\_\_; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 8:2.

**3. What first appeared to the prophet?**

“Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a \_\_\_\_\_ which had \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 8:3.

**4. What next appeared upon the scene?**

“And as I was considering, behold a \_\_\_\_\_ came from the west...And he came to the ram that had two horns,...and \_\_\_\_\_, brake his two horns.” Daniel 8:5-7.

**5. What happened after the prophet heard the time announced for the cleansing of the sanctuary?**

“And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 8:15.

**6. What command did Daniel hear given to this angel?**

“And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, \_\_\_\_\_, make this man to \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 8:16.

**7. What were the first words that the angel then uttered before the prophet?**

“I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, \_\_\_\_\_, O son of man; for at the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 8:17.

Note: That is, the complete fulfillment of the vision will come in the time of the end.

**8. How did the angel then proceed to fulfill his mission to Daniel?**

“The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Media and Persia. And the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Daniel 8:20, 21.

**9. What part of the vision did the angel say was to be shut up, and why?**

“And the \_\_\_\_\_ which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.” Daniel 8:26.

Note: Gabriel told Daniel to close up the vision. The meaning of the 2300 days was left unexplained at this time. The other portion of the vision was impending in Daniel’s day. In fact, the fulfillment of the ram standing by the river, came about in fifteen years after the view was given to the prophet. It was proper to explain this part of the vision to Daniel that he might apprise the people of what was coming.

**10. What did Daniel say about the vision?**

“And I Daniel fainted, and was \_\_\_\_\_; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was \_\_\_\_\_, but none understood it.” Daniel 8:27.

**11. Although Daniel said nothing of his astonishment at what he had seen, so that the king's courtiers did not perceive it, what did he do?**

“In the first year of Darius,...I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 9:1, 2.

Note: In his anxiety to learn the full meaning of the vision, Daniel had searched the sacred books until in the first year of Darius the Median King, he had about come to the conclusion that the seventy years' desolation of Jerusalem and the earthly sanctuary in that city would be the fulfillment of the vision.

**12. In view of this, what did the prophet do?**

“And I sat my face unto the Lord God, to seek by \_\_\_\_\_, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.” Daniel 9:3.

**13. What, in Daniel's prayer, showed that he was still anxious about the sanctuary question?**

“Now therefore, O our God, hear the \_\_\_\_\_, and his supplications, and cause \_\_\_\_\_ that us desolate, for the Lord’s sake.” Daniel 9:17.

**14. How did the Lord regard his petition?**

“Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the \_\_\_\_\_, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, \_\_\_\_\_ about the time of the evening oblation.” Daniel 9:21.

### 15. What did Gabriel tell Daniel?

“At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come \_\_\_\_\_; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore \_\_\_\_\_, and consider the vision.” Daniel 9:23.

Note: “Consider the vision.” To consider is “to fix the mind on, with a view to a careful examination; to think on with care; to ponder, or study; to meditate on.” Webster.

### 16. What application did Gabriel proceed to make of the vision?

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon \_\_\_\_\_, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.” Daniel 9:24.

Note: In the Hebrew Lexicon, says the original word here translated “determined” means “to cut off”.

“To Finish the Transgression.” The Jews were to fill up the measure of their iniquity by rejecting and crucifying the Messiah they would then no longer be His peculiar people, Read Matthew 21:38-43; 23:32-38; 27:25.

“To make an End of Sins.” The best explanation of this clause is given in Hebrews 9:26; “Now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself and in Romans 8:3: “What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh. God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.” So “Christ is the end (purpose) of the law for righteousness.”

“To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness.” This must mean the righteousness of Christ, that righteousness by which He was enabled to make an atonement for sin, and which, through faith, may be imputed to the penitent believer.”

“To anoint the Most Holy.” This is supposed to refer to the anointing of the heavenly sanctuary, preparatory to opening the services there.

Seventy weeks are equal to 490 days. These were to be “cut of” from the vision Daniel was considering, that is, from the 2300 days. The days in this prophecy, uniformly with those of other prophecies represent years. (See Ezekiel. 4:6).

### 17. What did the angel say that the seventy weeks (490 years) were to commence?

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks; the \_\_\_\_\_, and the wall, even in troublous times.” Daniel 9:25.

Note: Sixty-nine of the weeks were to reach “unto the Messiah the Prince,” Messiah is Christ, “the Anointed.” Messiah is the Hebrew word, and Christ is the Greek word, meaning anointed.

### 18. How was Jesus anointed?

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth \_\_\_\_\_ and with power.” Acts 10:38.

### 19. At what time did Jesus receive the special anointing of His Father?

“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens \_\_\_\_\_, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and \_\_\_\_\_:” Matthew 3:16.

**20. What did Jesus say shortly after this?**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because \_\_\_\_\_ to preach the gospel to the poor.” Luke 4:18.

Note: It is evident that the sixth-nine weeks (483 years) were to reach to the baptism of Christ, as that was the time of His anointing. John the Baptist began his work in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius (Luke 3:1-3). Tiberius began to reign conjointly with his father in the year 12 A. D., two years before his father's death. The fifteenth year of his reign would be 27 A.D., the time when Jesus was anointed, at His baptism.

**21. When was a decree made to restore and build Jerusalem?**

“This Ezra went up from Babylon...And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_ . And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.” Ezra 7:6-8.

Note: This Artaxerxes began to reign 464 B.C. The seventh year of his reign would be 457 B.C. Reckoning 483 full years from the first day of 457 B.C., would bring us to the last day of 26 A. D. This is demonstrated from the fact that it requires all of the twenty-six years A.D., and all of the 457 years B.C. to make 483 years.

Dr. Adam Clarke says: “According to the commandment of the God of Israel, He first gave the order, and stirred up the hearts of the following Persian kings to second that order:

“Of Cyrus. This sovereign gave his orders for the rebuilding of the temple about 536 B.C.

“And Darius, Darius Hystaspes confirmed the above order, 519 B.C.

“And Artaxerxes, sent Ezra to Judea with new privileges 457 B.C. “ The letter of Artaxerxes to Ezra conferring upon him authority to do this work, is found in Ezra 7:11-26.

**22. At the close of 483 years, in 27 A.D., one week, or seven years of the 490 yet remained. What was to be done in the midst of that week?**

“And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ He shall cause the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.” Daniel 9:27.

Note: As the sixty-nine weeks ended in the fall of 27 A.D., the middle of the seventieth week, or the three and a half years, would end in the spring of 31 A.D., when Christ was crucified, and by His death brought to an end, the sacrifices and oblations of the earthy sanctuary. Three and a half years more (the last part of the seventieth week) would end in the autumn of 34 A.D. This brings us to the end of the 490 years which were “cut off” from the 2300. There still remain 1810 years, which, if added to 34 A.D., which takes us to 1844 A.D.

**23. And what did the angel say would then take place?**

“And he said unto me, \_\_\_\_\_; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14.

Note: The great closing work of Christ for the world, the atonement, or the investigative judgment, will at that time commence. The typical day of atonement for Israel occupied but one

day in a year. This may occupy but a correspondingly short time. Already that work has been going on for many years, and must soon close. Who is ready to meet its decisions?