

Daniel 47 – History of Israel in Numbers

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Daniel 9:1-2

Background of Chapter Nine: Catching Up to History

- The events of Chapter Nine occurred in the first year of Darius, the Mede, reigned of Babylon
 - Darius was probably Gubaru, Median General of Cyrus' forces and promoted to suzerain over Babylonia; he reigned approximately 14 months before dying
 - These events occurred during the same year Daniel condemned to lion's den but survived under God's grace resulting in Darius' possible salvation (20:4)
 - Prayer in this chapter probably the prayer for which Daniel was condemned (by Satan); repentance and return to Judah, three times per day (20:4-19)
- This chapter encapsulates Jew's national history
 - Proper interpretation requires us to understand another aspect of the Mosaic Law and Jewish failure as told through numbers and God ordained festivals

Jerusalem's Time of Desolation: Coming to an End – Jeremiah

- Daniel was a student of his Bible as behooves every believer (28:23-17)
 - God promised the Jews that He would return them to the land after 70 years and punish the Chaldeans; defeat of Belshazzar/Babylon by the Persians (24:22-17-18)
- The question the astute reader must ask, "Why 70 years?"
 - Moses warned the Hebrews that God would enforce His land Sabbaths 2-fold due to their unbelief and unwillingness to walk in His ways (24:20-16, 24-42)
- Again, the astute reader must ask, "What are land Sabbaths?"
 - Mosaic Law required the Jews to not cultivate the land every 2nd year (24:20-17)
- Jews did not practice the:
 - Land Sabbaths; to include Jubilee (24:20-18)
 - Festival of Booths, Sukkot, since Joshua, son of Nun circa. 1400 B.C. (24:20-18, 24:19-17-18)

70 Year Babylonian Captivity
605 - 536 BC

70 Weeks of Daniel 9:24-27
"The people were in a state of apoplexy" (9:1-5)

**Jewish History Bound by Numbers:
Seventy Groups of Seven (Years)**

- Began at Shiloh (Rest) when Jews tried to use the Ark as an Idol (10:4, 16:7-13, 16:21-18)
- Continued when Jews wanted a monarch like the Lost; rejected God (10:8)
- Monarchy ends with Captivity; Jews again reject God as King killing Messiah, second 70 of 7's; When He returns third time (Millennial Kingdom), they accept Him (9:12-16, 19:12-18)

To Understand Bible Numbers: Back to Genesis

- Creation account more than a history of Creation; each day significant to its day-number as was the seven-day pattern
 - 1 – God is One; Christ entered Creation self-sufficient as Light over Darkness as author of both Creations (First and Last) (1:1-5; 4:1-22; 22; 1:1-18; 16:21-17, 22-28)
 - 2 – Waters Divided: Expanse separated waters above from below (Heaven-er; shamayim) (Space & Atmosphere mirror spiritual separation; Contrast) (1:6-8; 1:2-3-18)
 - 3 – Land Appeared; Plants created; Land, seas and plants prepared for life; Earth a complete system (Trinity; Father, Son & Spirit; Triangle) (1:9-12; 1:2-3-18)
 - 4 – Heavenly Bodies: Given for signs, seasons and times; Navigation possible depicting four corners of the globe (Enclosed-Justice) (1:14-19)
 - 5 – Aquatic and Fowl created: Provides life to air and sea but incomplete by itself; requires Man as balance; Reason for Creation - Salvation (1:20-25)
 - 6 – Man and land animals created: Man created in the Best; requires Christ as completion for New Creation; Remove separation (1:26-31; 2:1-4; 26:1-31; 34; 1:26-29; 20:1-17)

Pattern Completion: Seven Units

- Seventh day concludes Creation as everything ready for His salvation plan (1:21-8)
 - God designed creation around His seven-day cycle epitomized by the moon's 28-day orbit: Four sets of seven days (Week) is a month
 - Earth's rotation divided into four sets of six hours (Day) by which Man's, whose number is six, work-rest patterns are governed (Diurnal - Circadian)
 - Earth's solar orbit longer than twelve lunar orbits depicting need for man to constantly adjust in this current Creation
 - Seven depicts salvation; Christ (1) + Man (6) = Oneness with God (7) – New Creation has no separation from God; Unity (1:17-18; 17; 20:22; 16:21-22; 22:1-3)
- There is one final number to understand for our lesson
 - 10 – Completion: Man (6) + Physical system (4) with Trinity (3) + Divine Completion (7) complement each other in salvation; 10 * any number magnifies that number

Significance of the *Land Sabbaths*: Jubilee of Redemption

- Cycle of seven-periods points to God's work of redemption; purpose of Creation
 - Just as each week had a day to reflect on God's work of salvation; God designated a similar seven-year cycle for the land; it was to lie uncultivated
- Seven cycles of *land Sabbaths* were designated Jubilee (יובל, yobel); horn blasts on 10th day of 7th month; Day of Atonement
 - Debts to be forgiven – Kingdom Prayer (Le 11:2)
 - Land to be returned to families – Heritage to be maintained (Le 25:23-26)
 - Indentured slaves to be freed – Jews were not to own Jews (Le 25:39-40)
 - Fifty-year cycle ([5-not complete] magnified by [10-completion]) foreshadowed the coming of Messiah who frees His people from sin and slavery to Antichrist (Festival of Booths [15th or 3 sets of 5 — Millennium Kingdom] (Le 23:33-34)

Their Hearts Reflected Their Sin: Rejected *Land Sabbaths*

- Neither King David nor any successors observed *land Sabbaths*, they remained in the world; yet God remained faithful to His people (Ps 132:13)
 - In His mercy God sent prophets to warn them beginning with Moses about their fallow hearts; prepared by God but uncultivated by themselves; Rejected seeds of God's word (Parable of the Sower) (Le 8:27-33; Ps 78:40; Is 43:4-6; Mt 13:1-23; Mt 23:28-30)
 - When Jews returned from Captivity and compiled the Chronicles, they admitted their fathers' sins; this revealed their own sins (Is 38:17; 2Ch 34:27; Nehemiah 9:23; 2Ch 34)
- Jews **rejected 70** (Seven magnified) sets of 7 (years) cycles = 490 years or 9 Jubilees of forgiveness. (Pattern of Shavuot) (Ps 78:37-40; 11:25-26)
 - God gave the land rest (Shiloh) from them; then allowed them to return for Christ
 - When Peter asked about forgiving someone 7 times, Christ replied 70 * 7 possibly remembering His forgiveness of them compared to their coming killing of Him (70*7 twice rejected; Duality highlighted their unforgiving hearts) (Mt 18:21-35)

Gentiles Have Entered His Rest: Till Shiloh Comes for His People (Is 49:10; Ro 11:11-25)

- Jews rejected His rest at Shiloh's Tabernacle; instead, their hearts remained rooted in worldly covetousness, idolatry, like Ours (Is 43:4; Ch 33; Is 43:4)
 - This is true as a national entity; however, God has always saved individuals throughout all time periods as His witnesses; mirrors coming Tribulation (Is 19:7-10; Ro 11:11-25)
- Jewish Seventh month festivals dictate Dispensationalism Eschatology
 - Festival of Trumpets: 1st Day – Rapture of Church and Calling forth His True Jews
 - Day of Atonement: 10th Day – Mourning Christ's death by Jews; Law required eighth day for male circumcision; Tribulation then Repentance (Le 17:11-12; Mt 23:28-30)
 - Festival of Tabernacles (Succoth): Rest (Shiloh), given by Christ in Millennium Kingdom (Shiloh; Babylonian Captivity and end of Great Tribulation) (Le 14:16-19)
- Pentecost, Shavuot, mirrors Jubilee: Fifty days (7 days * 7+1) after Barley offering, humble Christ (Passover), two leavened loaves offered (Church) mirroring giving of New Covenant (Holy Spirit) (1Co 12:13; Ac 2:1-4; 1Co 13)