

Daniel 55 – Messiah's Jubilees of Release

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Daniel 9:25-26a

Prologue: Hebrew Parallelism – Duality Sin and Righteousness

Counterbalancing
Processes
Other Verbs
Completed Acts

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| Sin – Decrease | Righteousness – Increase |
| ■ Restrain – Transgression | ■ Spread* – Unending Righteousness |
| ■ Seal – Sin | ■ Seal – Vision <u>and</u> Prophecies |
| ■ Atonement* – Iniquity | ■ Anoint – Holy one (s) Holy Ones (p) |
- This wording may appear differently in your translation; however, these verb choices more closely parallel Hebrew verb forms
- These specific events can be traced through Scripture clarifying otherwise confusing passages to Gentile Christians (Revelations)
- Each verb is linked to each noun forming an unbreakable unit; i.e., restraint is bonded to transgression: Christ's action Restrained Transgression; etc.
- Only created beings, angels and man, sin; Trinity cannot sin (Jd 1:13-17)
- Man, marred by sin, cannot, will not, free self; God provides Himself as sin's sacrifice (Ge 22:6-8; Ro 3:23-26; 6:20-23)

Prologue: Jews Sent Back – Prepare for Messiah

- Jews were not going back to Judah because they learned to love God; Malachi proved they did not change except to exchange idolatry of demons for the demonization of law-works worshipping Satan (Col 2:20-23; 3:5-6)
 - Jews who killed their Anointed One, Messiah, bringing all this to fruition though they rejected Him and induced the Romans also who will eventually be God's instrument of their destruction (A.D. 70; 135) (Re 11:8; 17:16-18)
- Jews sent back to prepare, rebuild, the Second Temple which Christ cleansed at the beginning and end of His ministry referring the Jews back to the Bible; which they ignored (Mt 21:12-16; Jo 2:13-22)
 - Their refusal to accept exegetical, normative, hermeneutical interpretation of Scripture, and thus acknowledge their sin, sealed their judgment (Ro 11:7-10)
 - Their rejection paved the way for Gentile salvation until their recalling (Ro 11:11-12)

Discern: To Know and Discern {Process}

- Gabriel again emphasizes the need to KNOW and to discern or meditate upon the knowing
 - Understanding the Bible is not simply memorization; it is the act of knowing {*qal*} and then meditate {*hiphil*}, discern, via the Spirit how to apply and understand {Ps 4; 1Co 2:14; Hb 5:11-14}
- Issuing of the edict to rebuild; and the confusion begins
 - Cyrus issued his edict in about 535 B.C. {*Era* 1:1-11}
 - However, other kings issued additional edicts as opposition mounted to rebuilding the Temple and Jerusalem from other political sources {Competition to their taxation along the Levant trade routes} {Crony Capitalism: Socialism} {*Abaspsus*; *Era* 4:17-24 (Stop); *Darius*; *Era* 6:1-12 (Start-Temple); *Artaxerxes*; *Era* 7:7-26 (Cont.); *Artaxerxes*; *Ne* 2:1-8 (Allow-Wall)}
- Daniel would only know Cyrus' edict; the others either halted or reinforced the original edict until God's fixed goals accomplished: Temple – Wall

Anointed Leader: Christ

- Gabriel then directs Daniel's attention to an *anointed leader* who is to come; a legitimate leader given authority to act
 - Cyrus was an *anointed leader* by God to conquer to form Persia; does not mean he was saved nor that he knowingly accomplished God's plan {Is 44:24-45:7}
- Gabriel uses *duality* to distinguish between two different leaders
 - Gabriel points to an *anointed leader* who will be sent and will die; he defines this leader, not by name, but by time
 - There is another *leader*, but he rebelled against his *anointing*; he comes of his own accord and those who follow him shall again destroy Jerusalem's wall and Temple: Fallen Day-Star {Lucifer-Latin or Satan: Accuser} {Is 14:12-15; Ez 28:1-10, 14-17}
- Mosaic Temple cultic rituals described the coming *Anointed Leader* emphasized by the religious time periods of Jubilees and land Sabbaths

Septimals – Base Seven: Jubilees for Each Tribe and Christ

- We think in and use the decimal numerical system {Base ₁₀} and any other base system would be incomprehensible since thinking in alternative base number systems developed in the 20th century via computer usage
 - Base₇ Counting: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10
 - Each Land Sabbath would occur on 10₇ year
 - Each Jubilee would occur on 100₇ year {10₇ Land Sabbaths or (7₁₀ * 7₁₀ = 49₁₀)}
- Gabriel continued his Jubilee motif
 - To this 1₇ Jubilee Gabriel adds another 12₇ Jubilees or 441₁₀ total years {490₁₀ – 49₁₀ = 441₁₀}; One Jubilee for each tribe plus one for Christ
 - However, Christ will not finish His Jubilee but withheld a Land Sabbath to bring Gospel Light to the Gentiles, whom the Jews rejected; This last 7₁₀ years is the Great Tribulation to equal the total of 490₁₀ Years or 70₁₀ Weeks or 13₇ Jubilees

Importance of Jubilees: Jerusalem and the Temple

- Gabriel's time is metaphoric and practical but beware of hyperliteralism
 - Many have tried to force the first Jubilee period to represent the rebuilding of Jerusalem, part of Jerusalem the Temple or whatever motif which would prove their interpretation
- Gabriel's description of what is to be rebuilt has been *muddied* by the interpreters
 - Square_{ESV} is translated by others to mean plaza or large, open area which in ancient Jerusalem would correspond to rebuilding the Temple (בֵּית; rehbōb) (Nehemiah)
 - Moats_{ESV} is more difficult since this word only occurs here but probably corresponds to rebuilding the wall (חָרוֹץ; ḥārūṣ) (Ezra)
 - These same structures will be torn down by the people of the Rebellious Leader

Troubled Times: Defined the Past

- Gabriel describes rebuilding of the Temple and the Walls in *troubled times*
 - History of this Creation has been one of Trouble since Satan entered to entice Woman and Man to sin, rebel, against God to become slaves to him and death
- Hebrews embroiled in Trouble since the Abrahamic Covenant that refined the Promise (Covenant) of an *anointed One* to overcome Satan-Sin (Ge 3:15)
 - Jacob's rebellion against Esau followed by his sons' rebellion against his choice of Joseph to succeed him as Patriarch to Moses' plan for killing Egyptians one at a time to free the Hebrews from slavery: All rebellious; thus against God (15a 15:23)
 - Hebrews building the Golden Calf while Moses received Mosaic Law continued during the Judges with Moses' grandson legitimizing idolatry in Dan (Ex 32; Ju 18)
- All this occurred before the first 490₁₀ years, 13₇ ignored Jubilees: Shiloh, Ichabod, to First Temple Destroyed, glory departed (Ez 11:22-25)

Troubled Times: Defines the Present-Future

- Gabriel's description of the next 13 Jubilees makes the first period pale into a summer's rainstorm of inconvenience compared to the Great Tribulation
 - Sloth, indifference and worldly covetousness mired the returnees into ignoring both the Temple and the defense, legitimization, of Jerusalem (Ezra; Nehemiah)
 - Later, Daniel will receive visions of their intertestament rebellion, of which they remain proud even though God condemns them for their indifference (Macc1)
 - Jews join Satan's chosen people to kill their chosen, *anointed* Son of God, hoping to set up their world kingdom only to be destroyed; presages future events (Re 17)
- Christ held back a Land Sabbath, seven years, for Hope: (Mt 25:31-46)
 - Allows the Lost to justify their condemnation of judgment (Our Times) (2Pe 3:3-7)
 - Brings chosen Jews-Gentiles to repentance and ushers in His Millennial Kingdom (Ez 11:14-21; Zc 12:10; 14)