Seventy Weeks of Daniel

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Good morning, everyone. As always, I'm pleased and encouraged that you've taken your time to set aside to hear what I believe God has given me to share with our people today - in our generation.

As a result of some emails that I received this week, I want to take a few minutes again and remind you why my perspective on the Word is so different from most others. It's not because of anything special or any special revelations - because quite frankly - I don't believe there is Biblical support for such claims. But I absolutely believe that perspective - is a major factor on how we understand things that are presented to us.

I am a man, who, very early in life, and I am talking about the age of 16 particularly, made a conscious decision to "Come out from among them - and I believed it then - as I do today - to come out from among the governments of men - and follow Christ." I admit to you that at age 16 I did not fully understand what I was doing. You could say this was blind faith - you could call it naive faith if you want to. But I was young.

I believed at that time that the United States government was not following the Scriptures and that in many ways - obedience to the U.S. government meant that one had to disobey the Scriptures. Let me give you an example.

Progressing a little further in my life, I don't know, maybe 18, 19 or 20, I don't know, it was such a long time ago. But I saw a 1040 tax form. As I looked at the form, following it all the way to the bottom, when I got to the bottom of the form, it said something to the effect of, "I swear that the above information is" and I was stopped in my tracks.

Immediately the words of Jesus - and at that time - I only knew Him as Jesus Christ - but His Words went off like a nuclear explosion inside my head, Matthew 5:33

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

- [34] But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:
- [35] Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.
- [36] Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

[37] But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Then the words of James followed those. James was a man who walked with Christ. Talked with Christ. Ate with Christ. Saw His miracles. Saw His death, saw His burial and saw His resurrection from the dead. He was probably there when He saw Him ascending into Heaven with the angel's promise that He would return to them in the same manner in which they saw Him go (thought I'd throw that in there for free).

Now this James would go on and write one of the books of the New Testament. And in chapter 5, this is what James says, verse 12.

But above all things, my brethren,

Ok. This is going to be really good. James is concluding his book and tells us - of all the things I have learned about Christ - above all things - this is the most important thing that I have learned -

swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Really? That's the most important thing James learned and wanted to pass on to his writers as to his account of the life and teachings of the greatest teacher ever to walk on this earth?

Why? It is because an oath is deemed as a pledge of loyalty and an invocation to the God of Heaven in support of the declaration.

Where your oaths are - are where your loyalties will be.

I believe the principle from these two passages is a solemn warning to the people of God to be careful that they never make promises, pledges, agreements, covenants, etc., with anyone or anything other than the Kingdom of Christ for fear that those oaths would lead them astray - lead them away from the Kingdom and the King.

Since the days of my youth, when this was so impactful and ingrained into me, I've had people try to tell me that I have misapplied or misunderstand these oath chapters of Matthew and James. Well, I'll tell you this, for sure, I believe that my life experiences will stand that I have been kept from danger because I have practiced a "No oath"

policy in my life.

There is no doubt in my mind that the 1040 document and other government documents have since been altered to say - "Swear or affirm" - instead of just "Swear." To me, whether it says "Swear" or whether it says "Affirm" I believe it's saying the same thing. The follower of Christ should run as far and as fast as can be from anyone or anything who is trying to get them to "Swear an oath" or to "pledge allegiance" to anyone or anything that is not the Kingdom of Christ or to the King.

Here is an another example of someone's perspective which will cause them to see the Scriptures differently from others. I believe there is a principle in Scripture that is very real and many people have missed it because they have not experienced what it means to live by faith. Romans 1:17 says

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Do you see it? The righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith. In other words, when we take a step of faith. God reveals His righteousness - which is simply right doing - to us. If we never take steps of faith - then what does that say for us?

One day God told Abraham to get up and go. "Where?" "I didn't say where - I said 'Get up and go." So, Abraham got up and went. Then what happened. God told Him where.

In my early 20s, I heard a preacher preach on the Lord's prayer. And as he spoke of "Give us this day our daily bread" the preacher made what I believe now - to be a passing remark. He said, "I believe that Christ was teaching His disciples to be" - and the term this preacher used was - "self-employed." Briefly he commented about the relationship between a man and his quote unquote "employer." In many ways, it almost comes down to a master / slave type situation. Today, in most U.S. corporations, a man gets sick pay. He builds up a certain amount of time, and in case he gets sick, if he has the time, he still gets paid. Now, I'm not preaching against this, don't get me wrong.

I'm saying that for me - in my naive innocence very early on in my life - I felt like the Scriptures - the Words of Christ - were teaching me not to be in a "slave / master" type situation - because it might rob me of the blessings of living by faith. The corporation - one may argue - provides "guaranteed money."

Again, I'm telling you these are principles that I took to myself and applied them to me because that's what I thought I was hearing from the Word of God. You take this or leave it - I'm just trying to tell you how a man's perspective of life - can influence his understanding of not just the Word of God - but of everything else around him.

Now, I am going to make another statement - and I hope that everyone applies it - not just me. There is something that I hear - and I hear more than I care to - and it nearly makes me want to scream. I hear quote unquote "Christian women" who work outside the home - refer to men who are not their husbands - as "my boss." It's bad enough to hear a quote unquote "Christian man" refer to a man other than Jesus Christ as His "boss" - but to hear a woman call another man - her "boss" just blows my mind. And not even bat an eye in saying it.

That same quote unquote "Christian woman" would probably go ballistic herself if someone referred to her own husband as her "boss" - but not only does she use the words "her boss" in relation to a man who is not her husband - but if he is a kind "boss" - there might even be some endearment in the words. Amazing. Ephesians 5:24 says that the wife is supposed to be subject to her own husband - not another man.

So, in my own marriage, this is why my wife does not work outside the home. Well, how can you make ends meet with only one of you working? Simple. You live within your means. No debt. Well how can you drive a nice car? You may not be able to drive a nice car if the only way you can get one is to borrow money for it.

The borrower is servant to the lender. No man can serve two masters. So for me, in my naivete of my youth - debt was never an option for me. So, what I'm telling you is that someone who has gone through life - without ever being in debt - is going to have a different perspective - a different viewpoint - on not just the Scripture - but on a lot of things - compared to the man who has lived his whole life going from one form of debt to another.

Another example. When I was in Bible college, we were not necessarily told to go to banks to borrow money for quote unquote "church projects" - though we were never told not to go to banks - but we were told how to sell "church bonds" and things of that nature - which is - of course - bottomline - debt.

So when a quote unquote "preacher" comes upon a verse like, say, Romans 13:8

[8] Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

When he himself, has led his so-called "church" into debt, what does he do? He either preaches that this simple truth means something entirely different, or he just skips it altogether. So, because the quote unquote "preacher" has taken the quote unquote "church" into the bondage of debt - how can that preacher tell his listeners the truth of the Word of God as it relates to debt.

I heard a preacher once say that debt was ok as long as you can handle it. Well, then booze is also ok as long as you can handle that, I guess.

I have believed for many years - even going back before the age of 16 where I started in this message - but I have believed for many years that governments - not just the U.S. - but governments are in place to war against the Kingdom of Christ. For instance, I shared with you very on in the Matthew 24 series that when I was about 5 years old or so, I heard a quote unquote "preacher" say that the jews in the middle east were God's chosen people. Then I heard that "preacher" say that it was "illegal" to preach in the name of Jesus in the middle east in the 1960s. That had an impact on my life from that point forward.

I shared with you how that early on in my life - in the 1960s and 1970s I used to listen to a preacher named Lester Roloff who was constantly in a fight with the state of Texas over his homes for wayward boys and girls. They jailed him. They persecuted him. Same thing for Everett Ramsey from Nebraska. I was seeing government as a persecutor of the Kingdom of God.

Now, right, wrong, or indifferent, if this is my perspective, you can see how I would view the Scriptures differently - compared to say - a quote unquote "preacher" who was always a flag-waving American, maybe he is a military veteran - maybe his father was the town banker - or maybe the sheriff of the county.

What is most interesting about this is that two entirely different viewpoints or perspectives of the Scriptures are going to be developed from the life choices of these two men. And, the viewpoints of Scripture are actually diametrically opposed to one another. One is right. One is wrong. They both can't be right - because they are opposites of each other. We've got a pretty big problem.

Take Romans 13 for instance. The quote unquote "preacher" who is a flag-waving U.S.

citizen - proud military man - pro U.S. CONstitution - he reads Romans 13 and determines that - because of his perspective - Romans 13 is demanding that all people - including followers of Christ - submit themselves to all the laws of the U.S. And not only that, even if those laws are bad - we are still to submit because God has ordained that government to be in place over the people - and even if that government is evil - it is to be obeyed. And further, according to Romans 13:2 - this is a matter of salvation - because if you do not submit to and obey the U.S. government - you bring to yourself damnation. So - your salvation depends on it.

But, on the other side of the coin, the preacher who believes that the Kingdom of God is in place today. Christ is King right now. He alone, according to I Timothy 6:15 is the only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The preacher who preaches that Romans 13 is teaching men and women boys and girls how to be Governed under the Laws of God in the New Covenant and that I Peter 2 is specifically dealing with the commonwealth of Israel - the peculiar people, the holy nation, the people of God who were once not a people but are now the people of God and that nation - has a King - and it is that King that they are to Submit to - and only that King - because not only is He King of kings and Lord of lords - but He is the LAST of the Kings that God allows for His creation.

And, then, according to Romans 13, if we do not submit ourselves to His Government - then we receive to ourselves damnation.

Friends, I'm telling you today, that what you believe about Bible prophecy - makes all the difference in the world. I'm telling you that your salvation depends on what you believe about Bible prophecy.

Listen to me very carefully, please, Bible prophecy - if unfulfilled - means that men's governments are allowed to be in place today - and God has ordained it to be so - and men are obligated to submit to earthly governments - whether they be Godly or ungodly.

If Bible prophecy - HAS BEEN fulfilled - then it means that the Kingdom of God and it's King - King Jesus - King Yeshua - is in place today - and that King and that Kingdom is the only God ordained Government that He allows for His creation - it can't be both ways.

If Christ and His Kingdom are not in place today - then what we are led to conclude is that God has laid aside His Laws and has commanded men to lay aside His Laws - and in place of the Laws of God - are the statutes of men - and God has put those statutes

ABOVE His very own and compels men to submit to those statutes.

Now, if you don't think that is the logical conclusion by which most people in the world operate today - then I don't know what plane you live on. Because everywhere I see, no matter in the U.S. or abroad - the only quote unquote "rule of law" are the CONstitutions and / or laws of each country and no where is it being preached that the Laws of God are superior to man's laws and that Yahweh has never laid aside His Laws.

And the reason for this, is because "churchianity" is the prevailing quote unquote "authority on God" - and the prevailing teaching is that the Kingdom of God and His King is not for today - because the prophecies in the Scripture are yet to be fulfilled. And for this reason, I am telling you today that the religion called "churchianity" is a religion that was never based on Christ - but it is a religion that has evolved and changed and mutated over hundreds of years to where it is something that resembles nothing whatsoever of the faith of Abraham, and delivered to the saints of the first century.

For goodness sake, the quote unquote "churches" in America are government created corporations. They are presumed to be incorporated for the benefit of the public - and they must obey the laws of its creator.

Christianity on the other hand, is not public in any way shape or form. Christianity is as private as private can be - and one enters Christianity ONLY through a private, personal relationship with the King. And the King creates a new man and that new man understands that they must obey the Laws of their Creator - and their Creator only.

"Churchianity" is a creation of the state. It's quote unquote "preachers" are politicians encouraging the masses to follow public policy. The quote unquote "preachers" are lawyers who argue for the laws of the state and against the Laws of God. They have spent their entire operations on twisting the Word of God into convincing men and women boys and girls that the Laws of God have been done away with.

As a result, look around, look what you have. You have a godless society that believes that the state is god. They believe the state is obligated to take care of them, protect them, provide for them - the state is now god. That's what "churchianity" was created for and that's exactly what it has done.

"Churchianity" loves to preach the cross of Jesus in compelling men and women boys and girls to join their organization. "Churchianity" loves to preach Christmas where

helpless baby Jesus is lying in a manger. But I'm telling you today that Christianity preaches the Almighty, Conquering, Reigning King Jesus / King Yeshua who demands that every knee bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord - right now. He's not a coming King. His Kingdom is not future. His Kingdom is now and not only is He King of kings and Lord of lords - but He is the LAST of the Kings that God allows for His creation. And above all, His people - those who claim Him to be King - should be at the forefront of creation living this understanding and teaching that all men everywhere need to be repent, because God hath made this Jesus, both Lord and King.

Going back to the concept of perspective for a minute. I've made this statement before and will make it continually, the Lord said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness..." If you have adopted the understanding that the Kingdom of God - listen now - in any shape or form - is in the future - and not for today - then I am telling you that you need to reevaluate. Go back to Genesis 1:1 and reevaluate every single thing you ever thought you knew about the Scriptures and make sure that what you believe - lines up with the Word of God.

If the events that occurred in the first century - in your mind - are not the most important events to ever occur in the history of mankind - then you need to go back and reevaluate every single thing you ever thought you understood about the Scriptures.

If you have read the Words of Christ - when He said - to His disciples - over 2,000 years ago - "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till ALL these things be fulfilled...." If you have read the Words of Christ from Luke 21:22, "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled...." I'm telling you that if you have listened to some quote unquote "preacher" tell you that Christ meant something different than what He plainly said TO HIS DISCIPLES - man to man - face to face - then I'm telling you that you really need to consider reevaluating everything you have ever thought you knew about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

I'm telling you, from time to time, when I hear people say to me, "Well, ALL doesn't really mean All?" Or, Christ meant that the people who were seeing those things, it was those people - thousands of years into the future - that's what He was talking about. Well, friends, I'm telling you that in order to make those statements, one must add to the Words of Christ in order to make them say those things. And that's a fearful place to enter.

Last week, we were looking at Daniel 9 and I'd like you to turn back there with me again

this morning. We'll begin again in verse 24 and we'll read until the end of the chapter.

- [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.
- [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.

My wife's testimony of her conversion is pretty interesting. As you know, I've had this non-mainstream belief system for a long long time. In my early adulthood, I wanted to be married just like every other man wanted a wife. But, my problem was, as soon as I started sharing my beliefs - women would run fast. Until I met Teresa. My wife was not raised in quote unquote "church." She did not have preconceived ideas about the Scripture. So, to make a long - but still very interesting short - when she was shown the clear teachings of the Scripture and the Words of Christ - she embraced them. When we read such passages as Matthew 24, she got it - and I mean instantly.

I was so amazed at this and would sometimes tell her what "churchianity" taught and she would respond that she simply couldn't understand how someone could see these things differently. To which, I certainly agree. And I said that to say this, many times when I am trying to teach Fulfilled Bible Prophecy to people - on a one on one basis - when they start to tell me what they believe and why - I have to take them back to the Scriptures and then tell them what the quote unquote "preacher" they were listening to was actually saying to them - in order to get them to see the error.

And the same is said about this Daniel 9 passage. Do you see anywhere in these 4 verses that would make you think that thousands of years separates the 70 weeks of verse 24? But that's exactly what the quote unquote "preacher" does with this passage.

And the biggest reason why it occurs - again - is because of perspective.

Most modern day quote unquote "preachers" in churchianity preach that the Kingdom of Christ is in the future. It is not for today. So when they speak of verse 24 - they somehow find thousands of years in that one verse. They say they can see the cross in there - as far as making reconciliation for iniquity - but then when it comes to Anointing the Most Holy - to which I think we would probably both agree that this means crowning Christ as King - they will insert thousands of years between the cross and the crown. But the plain truth is - you have to add to the Words of the prophecy to find thousands of years between the cross and the crown.

We have looked at so many passages of Scripture in previous messages - beginning with John the Baptist - continuing with Christ - where the overwhelming theme of the Gospels is - "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." We've seen so many passages of Scripture that heralded the birth of Christ as He Who is born King of the Jews. Nathaniel said, This is the King of Israel. Christ Himself said when asked if He was the Christ - John 4:25-26

[25] The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

[26] Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

There are not thousands of years between the cross and the crown. You have to add to the words of Daniel to get thousands of years between the cross and the crown in Daniel 9 and you have to completely deny the clear teachings of the Gospels to say that His Kingdom was not meant to at hand - as in - plain sight of those people in the first century to Whom He was sent.

Seventy weeks were determined upon the people and the city. One of those things that was to take place was to finish the transgression.

This finishing the transgression was the culmination of the rebellion that I believe was summed up in I Samuel 8. Samuel had made his sons judges of Israel. But his sons were not fit to be judges. The people then, rightly went to Samuel and complained about the judges. But the problem was they didn't demand judges with the qualifications that Yahweh had prescribed to Moses - they wanted to dismantle the whole system of judges that God wanted - and they desired a king like all the other nations.

So Samuel told them that if they did this, a whole list of things was going to happen to

them. A king was going to take their land. A king was going to take their children. A king was going to take all the best things from them and give them to whoever he wanted to give them. It was not going to be a pretty sight. But the people said, "We don't care. Give us a king like all the other nations." Samuel was upset. He went to Yahweh about it, and Yahweh told him that the people had not rejected Samuel, but they had rejected Him.

This is what was said:

And Yahweh said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

If you have your Bibles open, please underline, highlight, whatever you need to do, to make this phrase stand out so that you will never forget it -

"but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."

Verse 8.

- [8] According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.
- [9] Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

And thus, the history of the children of Israel with their kings began.

Throughout this history, one prophet after another was raised up to show the people and their kings, their sins and transgressions. For the most part of their history, rebellion was the norm, judgement and captivity the result.

We now find ourselves in Daniel 9 and Daniel had had enough of it. He was pleading with Yahweh to forgive - to heal - not just Judah and Jerusalem - but all of Israel. Verse 3.

- [3] And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- [4] And I prayed unto Yahweh my God, and made my confession, and said, O

Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

- [5] We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
- [6] Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- [7] O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
- [8] O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
- [9] To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
- [10] Neither have we obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
- [11] Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
- [12] And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
- [13] As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before Yahweh our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
- [14] Therefore hath Yahweh watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
- [15] And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- [16] O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.
- [17] Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his

supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

- [18] O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.
- [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.
- [20] And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh 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.

Then we come to verse 24 and the angel tells Daniel when his prayer was going to be answered. Four hundred and ninety more years were going to need to take place.

Why 490 more? Because there was a time - predestined - preordained before the foundation of the world - when the Son of God would be revealed in the flesh to His creation. And that revelation would be the greatest event in the history of mankind. The time and place of that revelation would be the greatest ever in history of mankind - and I will say that it not only WAS the greatest point in time in history of mankind - but there will never be another point in time that has more importance.

If we could only understand that all of creation - everything and every purpose that God created mankind for - was for the events that would occur in that first century - in the people, time and place to which He sent His Son, then we could begin to grasp where we fit in this grand scheme of things - what our responsibility is to the events of that first century then - we might begin to see the awesome power and workings of God in our world - as opposed to what seems to be His back turned against us.

Friends, I know what I just said and what I meant to say - I sure hope it was understandable because there sure was a lot there.

Now look with me to Matthew 23 again - as we have looked at many times before. With all that said, we need to read the entire chapter again. Please listen to this scathing rebuke upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago - approximately 490 years from the prophecy of Daniel.

[1] Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

He wasn't letting any of them off the hook, not even His disciples. Which, remember, at this time, included Judas.

- [2] Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:
- [3] All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.
- [4] For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- [5] But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,
- [6] And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- [7] And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.
- [8] But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.
- [9] And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.
- [10] Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- [11] But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- [12] And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.
- [13] But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
- [14] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.
- [15] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.
- [16] Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a

debtor!

- [17] Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?
- [18] And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.
- [19] Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?
- [20] Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon.
- [21] And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.
- [22] And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.
- [23] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.
- [24] Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
- [25] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.
- [26] Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.
- [27] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
- [28] Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
- [29] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,
- [30] And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
- [31] Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.
- [32] Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

Here is the third fulfillment of Daniel 9:24. "To finish the transgression." This national transgression of rejecting and killing the prophets was coming to an end. This national trespass of rejecting Yahweh as King over His people and His creation was coming to an

end. "Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers."

- [33] Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
- [34] Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:
- [35] That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.
- [36] Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

Here it is again. ALL these things shall come upon this generation.

[35] That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

The blood of every single righteous man that was shed in the Old Covenant world at the hands of these people was going to be required of that generation. Yes, the killing of Abel was horrible in the sight of God. Yes, the rejection of Moses and Samuel was a horrible thing in the sight of God. The rejection and persecution of Jeremiah was a horrible thing in the sight of God. But friends, nothing, nothing was worse than what these people did to the Son of God. The murder of the Son of God - and I will say that then the subsequent murder of those following shortly after Christ - like Stephen for instance - was the last that the Father was going to allow before He put a end to it.

- [37] O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
- [38] Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
- [39] For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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[14] For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

[15] Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:[16] Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

To fill up their sins alway, for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost. It simply can't get any more than this.

The national transgression of Israel was the rejection of Yahweh as their King.

As Christ was performing so many miracles and had developed a sizable following, many were demanding that He go ahead and set up His Kingdom right then. It still wasn't time. He offered a parable in Luke 19 - which was a prophecy - of sorts - of the final rejection - the finishing of the transgression. Verse 9,

- [9] And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- [10] For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- [11] And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.
- [12] He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
- [13] And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.
- [14] But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

We now find ourselves again back at I Samuel 8 and I believe here we see what was revealed in the hearts of those men who went to Samuel to demand a king like all the other nations. They used Samuel's sons as scapegoats and not legitimate complaints. They pointed out the errors in Samuel's sons as a means to really say that God's way was faulty. They had determined that their choice - a king like all the other nations - was a superior method of government than what Yahweh wanted for His people. In their hearts, they hated Yahweh - and that's why they wanted a king like all the other nations.

Yahweh had sent His in fulfillment of the 70 weeks of Daniel - at exactly the right time - exactly the right place - and these people killed His Son. They killed the King of kings

and Lord of lords. Thus, the final transgression of Daniel 9:24 finds its fulfillment in the first century.

In closing today, I want you to remember that we do not see thousands of years between the fulfillment of the final transgression and the Anointing of the Holy One.

We are not talking about Fulfilled Bible Prophecy because it is a unique scheme or twist at looking at the Scripture - we are talking about Fulfilled Bible Prophecy because it's conclusion is that the Kingdom of Christ was established at AD70 - and since that time - it has been the unexcusable responsibility of every living, breathing, creature to conform to His Kingdom and His King. The first century was the most important century in the history of mankind. It brought an end to the Old Covenant world - and ushered in the New Covenant World - where Christ and Christ alone is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Understanding Fulfilled Bible Prophecy makes all the difference in the world. A man's salvation depends on what he believes about Bible Prophecy and the conclusions that are made as a result. I'm telling you today, friends, if He's not your King, He's not your Saviour.

Churchianity will tell you that He can be Saviour and not Lord. But in Christianity, you cannot separate Lord from Saviour.