

Welcome to *Faith Bible Church!*

May 9, 2021

Order of Service:

Opening Hymn: *Virginia Grosskurth*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:9-18

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music: *Dana Marcukaitis*

Message: *God Wouldn't Let Daniel Retire* (Daniel 10:1-21)

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

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A blessed Mother's Day to all our moms! "Hear the instruction of thy father, *and forsake not the law of thy mother*: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck" (Proverbs 1:8,9).

Our Spring Picnic will be June 6th! We have a permit for our usual forest preserve, so mark your calendar!

Extra copies of the April *Berean Searchlight* are available, featuring Virginia, Ariane, Mai and Sue Klepper on Page 4!

Our offering box is located just left of the kitchen door.

Pick up today's cross reference sheet & silence your phone

Daniel 9:25-27 *The Trouble With Jerusalem*

The "troublesome times" Gabriel tells Daniel would befall Jerusalem (v.25) came when the Jews tried to obey the command to restore Jerusalem (Neh.2:1-6; 4:1-3,10; 6:1-3). Gabriel also told Daniel it would take 7 weeks of years to restore it, then 62 more weeks of years until his Messiah came. After that, Messiah would be "cut off" (v.26) or *killed* (cf. Isa. 53:8), *5 days after*, to be precise (Mt.26:2 cf. Jo.12:1,12,13).

But Gabriel *added* that He wouldn't be killed "for Himself," i.e., because of any wrong *He'd* done. He was cut off *for the sins of Isaiah's people* (Isa.53:8). We now know He was *also* cut off *for us Gentiles*. But that's not something Isaiah knew, or Daniel, *or even the Lord Himself* (Mt.20:28) because it wasn't testified until Paul (1Tim.2:5,6).

Then Antichrist's "people" were supposed to destroy the city and temple (26), *and would have* if the mystery hadn't interrupted this prophecy. His people would have been *the Assyrians*, since he'll be born in an Assyrian city (Neh.1:11). But if other nations rush to help Jerusalem, as they would to-day, he'll need help. And he'll have it—*those 10 kings who will side with him* (Rev.17:12). Their kingdoms are the Gentiles the Lord said would destroy it (Lu.21:24cf.Rev.11:2).

Unto the end of that war "desolations are determined." The word *desolate* means *empty* (cf.Isa.5:9). Antichrist will empty Jerusalem of the Jews who are supposed to live there.

But Gabriel wants Tribulation Jews who'll be reading this to know that Antichrist will start out by looking like a *friend* to Israel (Dan.9:27). "*The covenant*" he'll confirm with Israel will be the one where God vows to curse those who curse Israel (Gen.12:1-3). It will be known that he'll have the military might to enforce this, so this covenant will bring peace to Israel, though it is not a "peace treaty," as many teach.

Isaiah predicts that Tribulation Jews will be saying that this covenant with death and hell (Isa.28:15-18), i.e., with the Antichrist (Rev.6:8), will protect them from a coming scourge. And the scourge they'll be thinking of *is the Antichrist*. You see, they'll think *he's* their Christ, the Christ who will protect them from the Antichrist. They'll fall for it because they expect their Christ will confirm the covenant (Isa.42:1-6; 49:8).

But Isaiah says Antichrist will “disannul” the covenant, and Daniel 9:27 adds it will be in the midst of the 70th week, the final 7 years before the kingdom (v.24). Notice the 70th week doesn't begin until “after” some things happen between the 69th and 70th week. Why would God put a gap in the 70 week prophecy? Two reasons. First, to help Israel.

After they crucified the Lord, God wanted to cut Israel down, but He talked Him into giving them *one more year* (after His three-year ministry) to change their minds and receive Him (Lu.13:6-9). He made that request when He prayed, “Father, forgive them.” The Father *did*, but the year ended when they stoned Stephen. But Daniel's timetable of 69 weeks worked out *to the very day* He rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. In a timetable *that precise*, there was no room for another year in there if God *hadn't* put a gap in the prophecy!

But with that gap, God could put all the years He wanted in there! And He put 2,000 years in the gap to help us Gentiles *with the dispensation of grace!* This age is a mystery (Eph.3:2,3), an *unprophesied* gap in the midst of the *prophesied* gap. We know that up to a generation may pass after the Rapture before the 70th week begins because the Lord told His generation they'd live to see it (Mt.24:15-34), and only one year of that generation passed so far.

Why would Antichrist cause the sacrifices that he started up to “cease”? After he declares himself God (IIThes.2:3,4), he'll set up an idolatrous new system of worship of himself instead of Judaism (Rev.13:14). The

overspreading of abom-inations refers to the cherubim that “spread” their wings “over” the mercy seat (Ex.37:1-9). How will Antichrist make them an abomination? *God* is supposed to sit there (Ps.99:1). If someone who is *not* God sits there, that makes it desolate (empty) of the One who's *supposed* to sit there, and when that someone is Antichrist, *it's an abomination*. But the desolation God has determined will fall on him.

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Thornton Harrison, Dave Stewart

Morning Service: 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Ricky Kurth

Junior Church: 10:45 a.m.

Myrtle Harrison

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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