

The Last Week of Daniel : Now!

The Last Days of the Church – Part 1

Preface

As a minister of Christ, I feel that the Lord has giving me an insight into what the church will be going thru in the last few years of the church. Many have taken their hand to give an explanation of how this is to be played out in our lives. It has been probably 20 years since I have read or listened to any interpretation of the last days. I do not read religious books and very seldom use the Greek or Hebrew dictionary to better understand a passage except, with names of people or places.

I did not study this out, but rather it came to me around 1997 when seeking the Lord. But at that time was unable to put it all together. And then again when seeking the Lord in 2011, he brought it back to me and added some further understanding. My understanding is not from any denomination or any preacher that I might have heard expound on the subject in my days of serving the Lord. But it would not surprise me if what I understand agrees in part with another preacher's or denomination's theology. Anyone that preaches Jesus Christ has a part of his light and his light will illuminate some part of the scriptures to that individual, even though they may not be able to put it together correctly with other scriptures.

In this article there are five messages, they are

- The Last Week of Daniel
- Change In The Ministry
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There could be other scriptures, explanations and even a better structure to this message, but as I am writing this, the Lord has directed me in what order to present this. I have tried to add scriptures to save time in searching out the scriptures as you read.

Because of the way or sequence in which the Lord gave this to me and the order he had me to write it in, you will need to read all Five Parts of it to get the full understanding of what is being said. It would be expected that one might need to reread parts or all of this, to get the understanding of it. Thank you for taking the time to read this and may God bless you through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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THE LAST WEEK OF DANIEL

The Last Week from Daniel

Let us start with reading this passage: *Daniel 9:25-27 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. 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. 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.*

There may be many ways that one may try to understand the beginning and the timing of the 70 weeks, where each day represents a year, for a total of 490 years. But there should not be any doubt in our mind, that God established who this commandment to restore would come through.

Isa 44:28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

We see the fulfilling of this prophecy in 536BC, ...*Ezr 1:2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.*

The problem with the mind here is that it is more than 566 years between the commandment by Cyrus and the beginning of the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The answer is this, when God spoke and said it would be a 7 week period, a 62 week period and a final 1 week period. He never said that these three periods would be consecutive nor was it ever his desire to let us know the time of Christ's first coming or his second coming. God only gave enough information so we could know the seasons and be watchful in prayer, that he would not catch us unaware.

For that reason, he sent John the Baptist to prepare the way before him, and stir and awaken the saints of that time to look for the kingdom of God. John preached that the kingdom was at hand, and if the people did not believe John's message, then they probably were going to miss Jesus' message, ...since they were not of his fold or the seed of God.

It says in Daniel that after threescore and two weeks that the Messiah would be cut off. Later in the passage he says he will confirm the covenant for many for one week. You should see that it makes no difference if you think this passage applies to natural Israel or to spiritual Israel, or both. I would like to take the remainder of this message to explain as the Lord has let me see the last week.

The Church : Spiritual Israel has Mirrored Natural Israel

As we are approaching the last days of the Church age, we see that the church has followed in the footsteps of natural Israel in all its abomination, idolatry, rebellion and disobedient to God. Just as in Jeremiah's time and in Jesus' time, the actions of the people of Israel brought about a natural punishment and destruction of the nation of Israel. There was a ceasing of the daily sacrifice because of these abominations and even the vengeance of God on the disobedient and rebellious nation of Israel. At each of those times he forewarned his people before it happened, so those who were following his voice or light in that day, would not have to suffer the blunt of the Israel's punishment. Although they were a part of the nation, they were not a part of its evil ways.

We are now praying and longing for Jesus to return. But, if he were to return to today's Church, which is now the Israel of God according to Jesus and Paul, he would find it in torn and tattered garments which have been defiled by worldly lust, false doctrine, false spirits, corrupt ministries, etc. For that reason he would end up having to destroy his people because of his holiness and the church's uncleanness and unrighteousness. That does not mean that there are not clean, true to the word saints in the church, the Israel of God. I am speaking of the church as a whole, which was also the case with Israel as a whole, which is our example, in both O.T. and N.T. times.

An Overview of the Last Week of the Endtime

For a general overview, the last week or 7 years is broke up into two parts according to... *Daniel 9:27...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...*

The 1st 3 ½ years is a ministry of Christ, that will be like Moses, Elijah and Jesus combined. It is 3 ½ years of warning or wake up call for God's people who have turned from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pressure will be put on the church to repent and turn to God from the error of their ways. This is a true revival we have longed for in the church.

The 2nd half of this week is to stop the true daily sacrifices of worship toward God through Christ, and allow the spirit of Satan to come in to his temples, which were once God's temples. This will allow the son or sons of perdition to be revealed, bringing life to the beast image.

In this final week, the Messiah, confirms the covenant...

Daniel 9:26 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week...

This is not a new covenant like in Jesus' time, but rather Christ is confirming or bearing a second witness of the prior covenant that Jesus gave to Israel at his first coming. This Israel is now made up of Jews and Gentiles as was revealed by Jesus and preached by the Apostles. That the people of God from both Jews and Gentiles, are the seed of Abraham thru faith in Jesus Christ, to make up the church, the Israel of God.

A Call to Awaken the Church

To get a foundation of the better part of what is being done during this 3 ½ years, read also Revelation chapters 8-11.

There are more passages that apply to this period but the objective is not to tie down every passage that relates with the period, but rather to speak in a broad sweep of what will happen. Then, ministers and saints will be watchful in prayer as we see the day approaching.

The purpose of the first 3 ½ years of this time period is for the ministry to stir the hearts of the people and awaken them from their sleep, slumber and drunkenness. This will allow them to hear the word of the Lord for their life and make themselves ready for the coming of the Lord. The Lord will bring sorrows and plagues upon the church to get them to repent at his word. During this time, it is not to destroy the church or to bring the wrath of God on it or the world; but rather to preserve, clean up, make ready and bring repentance in the church.

The church has three parts:

- Those that have made themselves ready,
- Those that are defiled in some manner,
- Those that have tasted the heavenly gift and have become disobedient or rebellious bringing forth corruption.

These three groups of people have always been in the church. But in the last days, how you heed and obey the word of God will separate you into these parts, which will determine your blessing or suffering during the last 3 ½ years.

This can be seen in the scriptures in...

Zech 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined,

and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Christ Confirming His Covenant

Let's take a look at different passages which show us how Jesus is going to confirm his covenant during this period.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.

Again in..

Lu 21:27-28 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

It is seen in..

Re 10:1-3 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

This can also be seen in the two witnesses of..

Re 11:1-3 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

At first reading of all these passages you may be thinking of multiple ministries of people bringing about the work in this time period. I would like to explain that there will be many ministers during this time, just as there were in Moses' and Jesus' time. But there was only one ministry that was a full representation of Christ in that testimony.

Let me better explain. There are three ministrations from the Ark of the Testimony or Covenant;.. that which was, that which is and that which is to come. We see the first ministry of Christ in the time of Moses bringing his people out of Egypt and giving them a word or law of God so they could have a relationship with God going forward. We see the second perfect ministry of Christ in Jesus the Son of God when he brought deliverance from sin and redemption to mankind thru his blood that was shed. We see the third ministry of Christ that is to come, described in the above passages as a vessel or body that he has prepared to speak thru to prepare his people for the last exodus, the redemption

of the body. The vessel is not Jesus Christ, no more than Moses was Christ, but the message is Christ speaking with the same power and authority as he spoke thru Moses.

The Ministry of the Two Witnesses

This can be found in Revelation 11 and Zechariah 4 when he talks about the two olive trees which he also refers to as anointed ones or sons of oil. It is seen again when he put the cherubim's at the gate of the Garden of Eden to keep the way. We even see a natural example of the two cherubim's facing each other, with God speaking from between the cherubim's on the Ark of the Covenant. One cherubim represents Moses and the other represents the Son of man to come, which is the third ministration from the Ark of the Testimony referred to in the prior paragraph. Jesus is the one that speaks from between the two cherubim's on the Ark of the Covenant and gives life to these ministries. Now just as Moses' testimony pointed to Jesus Christ and redemption thru him, so will the testimony of the Son of man, point to Jesus Christ.

Now let's go back to the two witnesses in Revelation 11, some may have concluded that this is two separate people, or ministries, but Jesus said in..

John 8:17-18 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

This same reference to him and the Father is seen over and over in the gospels as Jesus being a witness and the Father in him being a witness and doing the works. In the same similitude we should see a vessel like unto the Son of man that has been prepared by the Holy Ghost for Christ to speak thru, just like Moses was prepared from the tribe of Levi.

Thereby having two witnesses or prophets, just like Jesus and the Father where two witnesses and here in this Son of man, we have a brother in the Lord and Spirit of Christ as the two witnesses.

The aspect of the ministry that is seen here is similar to that of Elijah and Moses. It is not the person of Elijah or Moses to be manifested, but rather the nature, character and anointing of that particular ministry. This is according to the power of God which was given to them as seen in..

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

The ministry of Elijah and Moses was never to hurt the church or Israel, but was to free them, and turn them from ungodliness so they could worship God.

As mentioned earlier, this ministry of the two witnesses is not to destroy the church or to bring the wrath of God on the church. Their ministry is not as the 7 vials of the wrath of God which fall on the disobedient. The ministry of these two

witnesses is to preserve, clean up, make ready and bring repentance to the body of Christ.

The Church Divided in Three Parts

The church has always had these three parts, but the division of these parts is done, for the judgment that effects each part differently during these last days. I will refer these parts as:

- Firstfruits - those that have made themselves ready,
- Defiled - those that have defiled themselves in some manner, and
- Rebellious - those who have tasted the heavenly gift and have become disobedient.

- **Firstfruits : Gold**

Are clean living saints, holding firmly to the Word of God and have been watchful in prayer and keeping that which they have received in God, ...that no man takes their crown.

Re 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

God has sealed these from the wind and tribulation which are to come in the last 3 ½ years.

Re 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Re 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Yet, I do not want to imply that the Firstfruits group do not feel the effects or suffer to some extent during this time. We saw that all of Israel in Goshen felt the effects of suffering during the first three plagues on Egypt. It is the same as the Hebrew children who were carried into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Those young men suffered some pain and trial of faith, before God began to preserve them in Babylon. And those that heard the words of Jesus Christ and obeyed him also escaped or at least lived to become slaves at the time of Titus, when God destroyed Jerusalem.

- **Defiled : Silver**

This group is in the most critical shape at this time, for they are the ones who have defiled their garments. These were not watchful and committed idolatry and abominations with the world or its religious system. Nevertheless God's mercy desires to bring them unto himself thru much tribulation and trials. God does not want to cut them off or separate them from himself forever. God is

sending them this ministry during the first 3 ½ years to purge and refine them as silver and gold so that they might be able to escape the wrath to come.

Mal 3:2-3 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Yes, we have seen this in part but it will increase during this first 3 ½ years. We see another illustration in Zechariah where one part is cut off from God; another part dies just as we are to die or to be crucified with him; and another part God takes thru the fire.

Zech 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

- **Rebellious : Brass**

The Rebellious is like the..

Rev 3:17-18 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

They are not only defiled, but have allowed corruption to consume or control the vessel to a much greater level. These do not repent when God reproves or corrects them now nor during this time of trouble. A good example of this is Judas, who at one time was part of the ministry, but in time turns back unto perdition.

The Purpose of the Two Witnesses

The purpose of the two witnesses is to...

- Measure the temple, the altar and they that worship in it. Rev 11:1
- Bring about a demonstration of God's power, to excite the saints and the ministry to get serious about God again.
- Bring natural and spiritual afflictions in the church so it will turn back to God.

- To fight against those people, who say they are Christ like, but are not.
Re 2:9 ...I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.
- To forewarn of the great tribulation ahead, to those who have not repented and are not making themselves ready.

The Word of God has always been our measure of the temple and altar in our life. But this ministry of the anointing is measuring us to the Word that was giving to us by Jesus and the Apostles. This is not the work of man but of the Spirit of Christ comparing us to the stature of Jesus Christ.

The 1st Four Trumpets : Touching Four Principle Areas

During these years of awakening in the church, there will be pressure upon the church, which can be seen in the first four trumpets in...

Rev 8:7-12 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood. And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

These trumpets come upon the church in the form of plagues, afflictions, tribulations and troubles. The trumpets apply pressure from both God and from the world upon the church; both spiritually and naturally.

The first 4 Trumpets each target one of the four areas of the core principles or doctrines of Jesus Christ that we are to follow and adhere to. The Lord is going to judge, correct or punishes us in some manner if we have not fulfilled his purpose or if we have become defiled in these four areas. We see the two witnesses are to bring plagues, sufferings, trials and inconveniences so that the church might cry out to God for help and change. This is God's attempt to save and preserve as many that have come into the church, before he has to purge out all the unclean people in it.

Let me explain briefly. All of the doctrine that we are to live and obey that pertains to our hope of eternal life and receive our reward in heaven, can be found in these four areas.

- **The Word of God** - to know, live and obey it.

- **The Outer Man** - to crucify it, bury it, keep it under subjection, to live in honor and sanctification and put off the works of the flesh.
- **The Inner Man** - to be born again, put on the new man and its fruit, let it rule the outer man, come unto the fullness of the stature of Christ and putting on the whole armor of God.
- **Follow the Spirit** - the spirit of the Lord to lead and guide us into all truth and from the false.

Each of the trumpets in the same order speaks either spiritually or naturally of judgments, pressures, afflictions and chastening corresponding to the four areas identified above. The purpose is that the saints might repent, be washed and put on clean garments.

A biblical pattern of the relationship of these four areas may be easily seen in the four rivers that flowed from the one river in the Garden of Eden. This pattern is seen by also looking at the message and spirit of, ...the first 4 books of the OT, ...the first 4 books of the NT, ...the first 4 books of the Prophets, ...the 4 faces of the cherubim's, ...and the 4 beast before the throne in heaven. For example: the 4th face of a cherubim is an eagle which is also the fourth beast in heaven. This Eagle represents the revelation, light or leadership of the spirit in our life as we journey with God. This same spirit flows out of the books of Numbers, Daniel and John. The Lord has me explain this better, a little later in the message.

The Voice of the Seventh Angel Sounding

In the following passage we see a representation of Christ,

Rev 10:1-2 clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open.

Remember it says in...

Re 5:4-5 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

I believe we could conclude that the seals have been loosed from the book, for revelation could not be brought forth until they were removed. The angel told Daniel in..

Dan 12:4 ..., shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end....

We could also say that there is still a mystery of our full redemption that has not yet been revealed or else we would be walking in that state of immortality and the church would know the meaning of the 7 thunders. But the time is not yet. The angel said in..

Re 10:7 In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

This voice was never given to the angel of the 7th church. Nor was this voice given to the angel of the 7th seal, and neither was this voice given to the angel of the 7th vial. But there is a voice given to the 7th trumpet...

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

This voice of the seventh angel is: the same voice that proclaims the revelation of the seven thunders, the same voice of the two witnesses, the same voice of the Son of Man that is to come and the same voice of Christ confirming his covenant.

In Revelation 10 we have a message of the seven thunders which is to be revealed to the church from the little book which was opened and given to John to eat. The parallel here is this book and message was given to one of the brethren, and secondly, the book is the same book that only Jesus can open.

Peter said in ...

2Pe 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith is the only one that can open any of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and the full meaning of them. The voice of a thunder in the Old Testament scriptures is often accompanied with a battle to discomfort the enemy, or cause a trembling amongst God's people.

Here we have a message that has not been heard yet by the church. It is not a new message, but simply the revelation of the scriptures which we already have, but do not understand. Remember when Jesus came, the majority of his doctrine came from the law and the prophets. And when the true light in Christ shined upon those scriptures, they took on a whole new meaning without destroying the old.

In like manner the revelation of the seven thunders is hidden in the Bible we now have. We just need the light of God to shine upon it as the noon day to reveal it to us. That is the purpose of this ministry found in Revelation chapters 10 & 11, during the 1st part of the last week of Daniel.

Summary

We have the fulfilling of the Lord bringing forth a shout, with the voice of a mighty one, and with the trumpets sounding. The covenant that was once delivered by Jesus Christ is confirmed again unto the saints by the Spirit of Christ thru this last

messenger referred to as the Son of man, which is the ministry of the two witnesses.

This message and ministry should bring about a purifying of God's elect who have a heart to do so. This gives those that have defiled their garments a second chance, a space of time to clean their life up and prepare their garments for the Lord. Also, the Lord reaches out one last time to the rebellious, giving them an opportunity to forsake their corrupt ways. Another purpose is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. This preparing is to warn God's people of the coming tribulation that will shortly come upon the whole world. The followers of Jesus Christ will also be shown that they can be protected and preserved during the times ahead, just as written in the scriptures.

Isa 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

Rev 7:14 ... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Mat 24:21-22 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

During this time of preparation, ministers that have an ear to hear the message of that hour, and will preach what they should have been preaching all along. They will now concern themselves with preaching the whole counsel of God.

Before this time, they concerned themselves with building their ministries and their churches, making their ministries attractive to all the people in their churches who really didn't have a heart to change from their ungodly ways, but who did have money to put in the offerings to help further their ministry.

Blessed is he that has an ear to hear what the spirit has to say to the church.

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