

Apologetics -3.2- Prophecy pt 2

Transcription

It is great to have you back in the class today and we're hoping that today when you look at the Bible you will be able to say with confidence I know God wrote this book now our study is going to be a very simple study on how to prove mathematically that God wrote the Bible, we are going to show that no other book in the world has had prophecy full-filled exactly except the Bible. So you think to yourself if man can't prophecy and be exact in their prophecy, like many people talk about Nostradamus and other prophets that had very vague prophesies. We have mathematical prophesies that go down to the day then you know only someone outside of time could have written them, in other words somebody who had the ability to stand up and rise above time go down to the end of time and land, analyze, and record what He had seen over all of time. Now the only time traveler we really know is the one who is the time creator, and His name is God. He has created time and space. So we are blessed that He actually had a man write down and He gave the message to Gabriel. God gave the message to Gabriel and this angel went and appeared to a man named Daniel, hundreds of years before the time of Christ and said "Daniel I am going to give you the exact date of the appearing of the Messiah." And it was full-filled to the day because the time traveler the one who controls all of time. He is called Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent. Which means He is present everywhere, He has all power, and He is all through time. Isn't that neat? So today we are going to see how you will be able to go to Daniel chapter 9 and starting at verse 20 you will be able to read passages to people and say to them, let's do the math, and you will be able to prove to them that Jesus appeared the day He prophesied He would appear,

because don't forget Jesus is God, He was part of this prophecy process. And that He also showed that He is God. That is part of our study as well and it proves that this book which you hold in your hand is more than a religious article. It is literally the personal writings of God Himself. And we are going to prove it mathematically today as part 2 the mathematical process, so I hope you enjoy it. And for all of you are here in class with me tonight, since a prophetic week is seven years so a prophetic day equals one year. Now I am going to see if y'all can remember look up away from your notes. Can you remember where we are going to go to when we do the mathematical prophecies, what book of the Bible do we go to? Okay, the book of Daniel. Do y'all remember what chapter we are going to? Chapter Nine. Do you remember what verse we are going to start at? Twenty. Now for all of you who are out there I want you to take your Bibles and circle verse twenty, circle verse twenty four, circle verse twenty five of Daniel chapter nine cause that is where you are going to put your cheat notes. Now second of all I want you to write in the margin of your Bibles right there next to verse 24 I want you to write the number one seven three comma eight eight zero days because that's the literal translation of how many days there are in 69 prophetic weeks, so every one of you put that there because that is the number of physical days like we experience as human beings that are in those 69 weeks of prophecy. Now we mentioned last week one of the weeks is missing. Because it's about 70 weeks it's a story about 70 weeks yet we only hear about 69 why? I'll tell you why, because those 7 weeks are part of a separate time in prophecy that we are going to see later as well. So all of you that are here tonight we are in Daniel chapter 9 and we're in verse 20 and 23, 24, 25. We are in that area, we are studying about the 70 weeks but the first group we are taking care of is the 69 weeks and that math's out to how

many days? 173,880. Okay, do that is from the time of when a king writes an edict or a declaration to rebuild Jerusalem, are y'all with me? Now does anybody remember who or what book of the Bible that that edict is also recorded in? It's the book of Nehemiah. So what I want y'all to write underneath those days put a little line underneath it and write Neh period two colon one (Neh.2:1). You see in the Bible we have recorded the event. Nehemiah is a wonderful Godly man. He is called the cup bearer, and this may not be a very fun job but if you think about it, he is the cup bearer for the king. So it means he is one of the most trusted men in all the king's court. But Artezerxes has a lot of enemies and so Artezerxes knows one of the ways to kill him is with spears, arrows, and poison, so he has a cup bearer he can trust that the job of this guy besides giving him input and wisdom is to taste his food to make sure it is not poisoned. It doesn't seem like a very good job to me but that's what his job is. But he is also very close to the king, remember he is not allowed to speak to the king unless he is spoken to. Now did you hear that? He is not even allowed to talk to the king without permission. And one day, chapter 2 verse 1 shows a story of how Nehemiah goes into the king's court and he is doing his duties and the king looks at him and notices that he is very downcast, which means he is very sad, but the king loves this man and he knows he is a good man so he says "Nehemiah what is the problem? Why do you look so downcast?" And this happens in 444 B.C. and Nehemiah says "I weep for Israel; I weep for Jerusalem, which is my home country." And don't forget Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abendnego, all these great Jews are away from Israel because there was a time when they were conquered; the Syrians conquered Israel, the Babylonians conquered Israel, and whenever the Jews were conquered their brightest young men were taken away to foreign courts and taught the

language and customs of the foreign courts as a method, a political method to stay linked to the countries that the Assyrians had conquered for example. So it is kind of a political alliance that they would do. Now generations have gone on and now we have Nehemiah in Artaxerxes court in 444 B.C. and he is sad, and the king says “What can I do?” And he says “You know what I would like to do? I would love the king to go to Jerusalem and rebuild it, I want to see my land come back to life because evil men have taken over.”

And in 444 B.C. an edict is declared saying you can go. Now I am telling you, you are wondering how do we know that? Just because the Bible says it, that would be self fulfilling prophecy, perhaps. In other words maybe the Bible could be manipulated to that date. Well first of all the reason that that can't happen is because the Bible was in Jewish hands for centuries before Christian hands. Because it was written for Jews, are you all with me? And Jews frankly don't want to see Jesus as the Messiah, they don't want to see, they don't to admit He is the Messiah, so they are not going to do anything as far as re writing their books that would help out Christians, are y'all with me? But the second reason we know this is because about 40 years ago, the tablets that Artaxerxes wrote on and don't forget when our decree was made it would be written down so when his messengers went out they made decrees in cities, so that the world would know Nehemiah is my guy don't mess with him when he goes through Jerusalem. And so they would send decrees all throughout the land and so these decrees were not stolen they would actually cut them and make cuneiform tablets or at times they would imprint them upon clay which would be fired, it would be a permanent unburnable record and they would actually take them to some of the major cities and they would stick them in these cities so people knew that was the declaration. Also Nehemiah was given papers so when

he traveled from his home to Jerusalem he would have physical papers proving I am here on the king's orders. And we are studying the word of God tonight because we are on the king's orders. Because don't forget the Bible says study, get to know and understand this book, Amen? And that's why y'all are watching this class because you need to understand God's word and understand it in a personal way. So here we have Nehemiah, he goes back to his city, and those edicts, two of them exist today. Now what's miraculous about this is, unbelieving archeologists dug up in the Middle East 2 tablets, 2 of the tablets probably 50 may have been made, 2 tablets which are dated from Nicene 444 B.C. Which is actually March 5 or the 3rd in 444 B.C. It actually goes across the March- April calendar. So we know that those tablets on the exact date that the Bible says exist and non believers have them in secular museums and they were found by secular archeologists so we know that this is not a hoax. So today we have physical evidence, now this is what happened we have the weeks, we have the prophecy, which is going to be kind of interesting, we have the 173,880 days and I thought I have a shot here of those edicts but if I don't I will get them to you next week. No I don't. Okay, so let's take a look now in Daniel chapter 9 and we have a couple questions tonight from the class and if you have questions we are going to be printing on the bottom of our study tonight a location that you can write an email if you are able to or an address that you can send a letter if you want to ask any question that deal with this Bible study. You can email to me and I will personally answer those questions for you or I will have somebody within this ministry that answers those questions, okay? That email is halotv@sbcglobal.net. So here we are in chapter 9 and it says that there are 62 "7"'s now if you look at verse 25, let's read this and understand this. "From the issue of the decree to restore and rebuild

Jerusalem until the anointed one that means Messiah, Jesus, Christos the ruler comes, there will be 7 sevens and 62 sevens. That is how we get our 69 weeks. It will be rebuilt with a street and trench but it will be in times of trouble. Now it is prophesied that Jesus will come at a time we know both when there is trouble as well as the rebuilding that is going to occur at a time when there's trouble. And let me just tell you something, the ultimate purpose of what we are teaching you is because your lives are going to have times of trouble, maybe political trouble, maybe personal trouble, maybe emotional trouble, maybe spiritual trouble. But the bottom line is Jesus always begins His work in you at times of trouble. And I know because I have had times of trouble. I got to tell you the truth, all of us at one time or another have been ground down next to nothing but I will tell you, that's where God's work often begins. So I want you to be encouraged this is more than an intellectual study, one more time this is a study about the rebirth we have in Christ Jesus, and the constant filtering, refining, and perfecting that we have in Christ. Never forget He is still on schedule. Now I want all of you to kind of just remember that concept tonight, God is still on schedule. Which means He is not surprised by anything that happens, I'll tell you the truth I have been surprised by a lot in my life, but God is not surprised, Amen? Now we had a question from someone in this class about the angel Gabriel and in your Russian Bibles we can take a look at the word that is translated there, but it goes on, later on and talks about how Daniel had a vision and how the angel Gabriel appeared to him. We have two places that he actually says that in these passages and we had a question from one of our people here in the class on who was Gabriel so, that is a good question, all throughout the scriptures we see Gabriel as an archangel and Gabriel is one of three archangels that we know about. Does anybody know who the

other archangels were? Michael, very good and who else? Lucifer. And of course Lucifer was the one who hovered, okay Lucifer what you need to understand about Lucifer is of course the word Luz comes from the Latin derivative for light. And he was an angel of brilliant light. He was beautiful in fact he even appears as an angel of light. That is why it is so easy to be deceived by Lucifer. The second thing is though his job which we can see in Ezekiel in the Old Testament was to hover over the throne, so you had Gabriel on one side, you have Michael on the other side, and Lucifer would hover over the throne. Now we don't have time tonight but you can look in ancient carvings all over Assyria and Babylon which is Iraq and Iran today, you can see images of angelic creature that hovers over kings in the Middle East. It hovers, it's a winged cherub there are thousands of these incidences where it hovers over kings these kings followed demonic presences there is no doubt what so ever that when Satan fell and came to the earth as the prince of the power of the air, he made contact obviously with these civilizations and became the covering, the demonic covering to give these people power. So we can study that sometime, but it is a wonder thing as well as paintings in the Middle East and those of you who have seen my video on Atlantis can see that there are paintings all through the pyramids and everything else which show serpents, snakes with wings, wings like the cherubs had but snakes like Satan became. So, you know there is a lot of historical proof as to the Bible story that you see here that we don't have time to cover. But Lucifer is that third archangel, so we have these three angels; one of these angels though is Gabreilo, Gabriel and he delivers messages, he is the messenger. The word for angel in Greek and I don't know how close it is to Russian but it is angelos and angel means in Greek a messenger. So it means one who delivers. Okay? So the angel Gabriel came and delivered this to

him, now the question was- why is he called a man? Well if y'all will remember in the Bible when Abraham and Sara and the problems with Lot in Sodom and Gomorrah were occurring some men came and spoke with Sara. They said "Sara you are going to have a baby." And she laughed. And she said "Yeah right, I am about 100 years old, I am a little too old to have a baby and these men then said "No, it is decreed that you are going to have a baby." And of course she laughed and they changed her name and everything else. Well then they went on to Sodom and Gomorrah and they are identified clearly as angels. So angels have the ability and we are going to do a study on the key word angels, but angels have the ability to appear in human form. And to obviously disappear, so they have the ability to go from the invisible world to the visible world and when they come to the visible world they appear as human beings. So that is why that word is there because that is an application of how he saw this angel, he didn't see a glowing, ghostly, fire he actually saw an individual in his vision which looked like a human being that was communicating with him. That is the answer to that question, okay now to answer another question; B.C. and now archeologists are using a different terminology simply because they don't like to recognize Christ, but B.C. is talking about before the time of Christ and the dot that B.C. starts is the birth of Christ and A.D. starts after the that time. Now are there anymore questions? Now is there anything else you can come up with here that you may not understand about what Daniel is prophesying and how he writes it down, is there anybody who has a question about that? Because now of course we go to the New Testament and we see the coming of Jesus and He does come on a donkey on the foal of an ass. But don't forget it is not just the birth of Christ we are talking about mathematically, we are talking about in 33 A.D. the appearing of the king. Now do y'all

remember when Jesus appeared as king? Now He was born of course the wise men came and they gave Him gifts, but it was not a big public appearing that was a private appearing. Then He lived 33 years, 30 of them He almost lived in obscurity as we see in scripture, 3 and one half years He lives preaching and teaching the kingdom. Which frankly is not taught enough, Jesus was teaching about the kingdom those 3 and one half years, so here He comes to the time right before His crucifixion when the whole city says, “This is the Messiah. This is the King.” And Jesus comes down on what we know as Palm Sunday and He comes down and He is just literally praised and loved and He is adored and they have palms and they throw their cloaks in front of Him. Jesus is the most popular guy in town and He is being called the king. That is the date that is 173,880 days after the date that the edict of Artaxerxes was written. Now we know that because the Romans kept very good historical records. So we have no doubt what so ever in our dating process that is the day that comes out to 173,880 and you may say “Yeah, but what if there were several Messiahs that we did not hear about at the time?” For those of you watching, the reason that we know Jesus is the Messiah that full-filled it is because the Bible also prophesied and don’t forget not Christians, Jews, before the time of Christ, centuries before the time of Christ prophesied the lineage that He would come from which is the lineage of David, Jesus came from the lineage of David. That He would born of a virgin and He was born of a virgin and you can’t debate that as a historical incident, it also identifies where He would be born, He would be born in Bethlehem. We know that that is a historical reference because we know that the Romans kept very good records and when Jesus was and Mary and Joseph were called to go back to the home of their birth they went back to Bethlehem. That was where Jesus was born. So there are over 100

prophesies that we can show historically, which identify that only one man in Jerusalem that date could have fit the profile of the Messiah and His name was Jesus. So see the math and we don't have time for all the math but the math clearly connotes and identifies for you and me that Jesus is the one prophesied in this prophecy, it's in Daniel chapter 9 starting at verses 20 and it prophesies a total of how many weeks? 69 and we'll talk about the other week, which we will talk about later which deals with the prophecy and there is a huge debate between Christian circles, just to let you know and it is never something to divide over, I want to encourage all of you. That deals with that 70th week, what is that 70th week? What are those 7 days? It is called the Tribulation and of course in the middle of it, by the way for those of you who wonder about the 360 day year it is in the book of Revelation as well as in your notes, the book of Revelation identifies years as 360 days long and how do we know that? Because we know that it's 1,260 days that are prophesied for that time period. So when you look in the book of Revelation you can clearly see and it's on the notes which you can get by the way absolutely no charge at all, it shows how a number of days in Revelation interpret into years. So we know that 360 days in a year as far as the Bible is concerned, prophetically. So we are looking now at the time of Jesus' coming, so now we go back to Daniel chapter 9 like you all just said, he prophesies one day there will be a king, do y'all remember the king's name? Artaxerxes. Just think of him as an artist, he is a big painter, he paints this great big edict, yeah Artaxerxes, okay? He writes an edict what year is it? 444 B.C.. Jesus rides into Jerusalem and physically full-fills that prophecy. There is even more history to prove Jesus, Josephus is one of the scholars who lived at the time of Christ, who wrote about Christ, so we are going to prove the historic proof of Jesus and we are also going to make a comparison between

Jesus and Mohammed. You will enjoy this because of course Islam, as you may have friends that are Islamic or Muslim, we are going to show just a comparison between. Did you know that Mohammed wrote in the Koran, he was respectful towards Jesus, did you know that he believed that Jesus was a prophet? Did you know that he spoke very highly of Jesus? And so what is the difference between Islam and Christianity? They believe in one God, we believe in one God, just like the Jews believe in one God. It's called monotheism. But what is the difference between the two faiths? Well I am hoping that when you come back next week, it'll encourage you and inspire you to be able to see the difference between the Christian faith and we're not talking about the religion but the true relationship with Jesus Christ and Islam. And we are going to be making comparisons with many religions during our time of study. So make sure that you come back next week because it is going to bless your socks off. You are just going to be totally blessed when you see who Jesus really is and maybe you know about Him intellectually, you know about God today, you know about Jesus but you may not know Jesus. I am going to pray right now if you want a supernatural relationship with Him, bow your head and say "Dear Father I believe Jesus is Lord, I believe He paid for my sins, I believe He rose from the dead, I believe Jesus is coming again, and that He now lives inside of me. And I will be saved for eternity because I know Him, personally. I pray these things, now a new person. In Jesus name, Amen." And God bless you, we'll see you next week.