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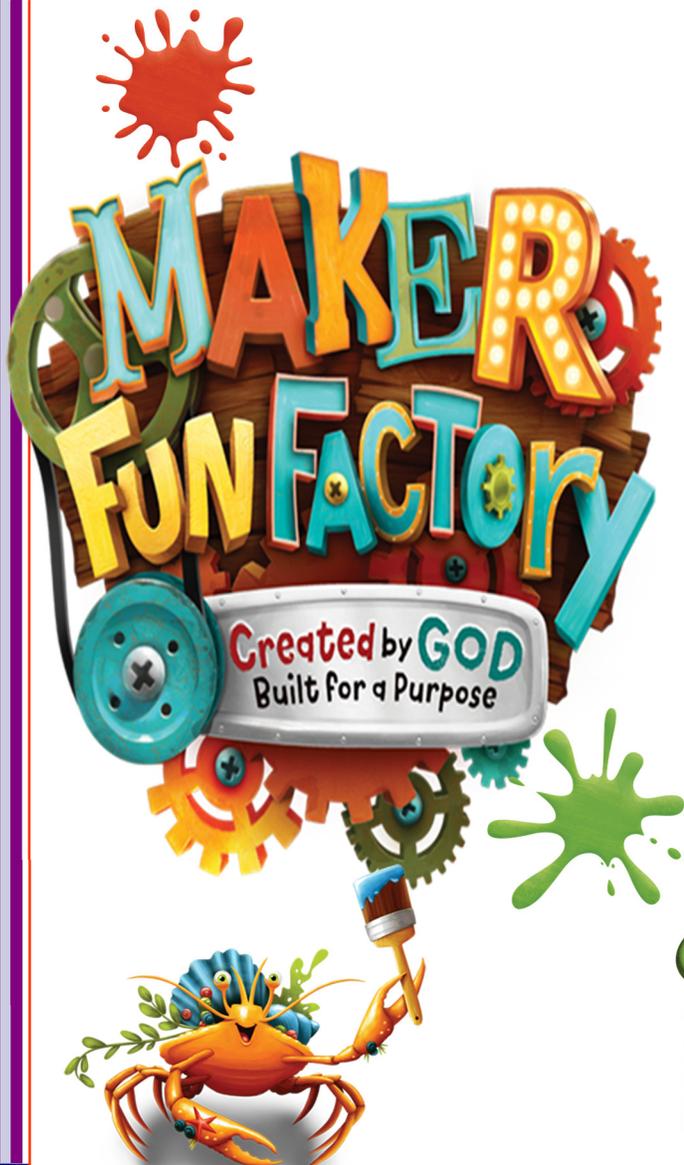


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May 2017

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Jim and Lvdia Munn



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Our giftedness and training is to teach the Bible. But we are also committed to evangelism and to meeting with young Christians, encouraging them in their growth and walk with God. Would you pray with us for these three young men?



Vincent is a believer in our church, who asked Jim to join him doing some student dorm outreach. Here are three students that we met recently. The

names* below have been changed, and the photos are just for illustration.

Yonas* from West Africa. When Vincent and Jim met Yonas in his dorm room, he was interested in owning a Bible, in spite of his Muslim background. We bought him one, and Jim gave him the first lesson of a simple course in the Gospel of Luke. Yonas has also expressed interest in attending a church service. Thanks for praying!



Would you also pray for **Madouma***, also from West Africa and also a Muslim? When Vincent gave him a French/Arabic New Testament, Madouma didn't seem to want to talk to us any more – he wanted to read his New Testament!

Philippe is a law student from Syria, still learning French after his arrival here a year ago. He and his mother trusted in Christ, from a Muslim background, seven years ago, in Syria. Jim meets with him weekly for Bible reading, discussion and prayer. This guy is "pure gold".

Scripture for the Month:

1 Thess. 5:8 -11

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

The Cornerstone Newsletter deadline for News articles is the 19th of each month.

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DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 7

Andy Woods—Pastor

In this series of articles, we are exploring a very important Bible prophecy, which is generally referred to as Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, found in Daniel 9:24-27. In the first installment, we explained the background of the giving of this prophecy. With this background information in mind, we then turned our attention to a textual analysis of Daniel 9:24-27. We began to break the prophecy down into ten manageable facts. As the reader tracks with me through the presentation of these ten facts, concepts, or ideas, he will develop a very clear understanding of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks. In turn, he will be rewarded by the Holy Spirit with greater confidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word, and he will also obtain a blueprint or timeline through which he can understand how all end time events predicted in the Bible will ultimately come to pass.

In our second installment, we noted our *first* fact, which is the idea that the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks concerns the nation of Israel in general and the City of Jerusalem in particular. As previously noted, this prophecy has nothing to do with the present age of the Church. In fact, the Church was a mystery, which is an unknown spiritual reality (Eph. 3:3-6), at the time the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks was given. In our third installment, we noted a *second* feature, which is the notion that the prophecy consists of a 490-year stop watch. In our fourth installment, we noted our *third* feature, which is the idea that each year of Daniel's 490-year stopwatch consists of 360 days. In our fifth installment, we noted our *fourth* feature, which is the idea that at the end of Daniel's 490-year period Israel will be politically and spiritually restored. In our sixth installment, we noted our *fifth* fact, which pertains to the notion that Daniel's 490-year stop watch began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. We are now prepared to present our *sixth* fact.

Fact # 6: 483 Years Elapsed Between Artaxerxes' Decree and the Messiah's Coming (Dan 9:25b)

That takes us to fact number 6, which is exactly 483 years will elapse in between the decree of Artaxerxes and when the Messiah will show up. Daniel 9:25 says: "So you are to know and to discern that from the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks."

AN EXACT FULFILLMENT

As discussed under fact number 5, the decree mentioned here to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was issued by Artaxerxes on March 5, 444 B.C. and the issuing of this decree is recorded in Nehemiah 2. Daniel 9:25 also indicates that between the decree of Artaxerxes and the coming of the Messiah there would be seven sevens plus sixty-two sevens for a total of sixty-nine sevens. When discussing fact number 2 we noted that a "seven" represents a unit of seven years. Thus, in between the decree of Artaxerxes and the coming of the Messiah there would be seven sevens, or forty-nine years, plus sixty-two sevens, or 434 years, for a grand total of sixty-nine sevens, or 483 years. In other words, according to Daniel 9:25, exactly 483 years will take place between the decree of Artaxerxes of Nehemiah 2 and the coming of the Messiah.

We also noted when discussing fact number 3 that Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks (Dan. 9:24-27) utilizes a yearly calendar consisting of 360 days per year. Therefore, if there are 483 years between the decree of Artaxerxes and the coming of the Messiah and if each year consists of 360 days, by multiplying 483 years times 360 days, we can ascertain that there will be exactly 173,880 days between the decree of Artaxerxes and the first coming of Jesus Christ. Interestingly, Christ is referred to here as the Jewish Prince since, according to Daniel 9:26, He would not be made king by the Jews at His First Advent. Rather, He was destined to be rejected by them (John 1:11). Thus, Daniel 9:25 refers to Him as merely as "the Prince" who is to come rather than as a king. This Messianic Prince will show up exactly 173,880 days after the decree of Artaxerxes.

When did Jesus publicly present His Messianic credentials to the nation? What was the specific point in time where the Jewish prince sought to be enthroned by the Hebrew nation as their King? The answer is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday represents the time in history when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as some of the people there were chanting a Messianic Psalm (Ps. 118:26; Matt. 21:9). Thus, Palm Sunday represents the time in history when He presented His Messianic credentials to the nation of Israel. Thus, what Daniel 9:25 predicts is that exactly 173,880 days would elapse between the decree of Artaxerxes of Nehemiah 2 and Palm Sunday.

The big question is simply this: are there exactly 173,880 days in between the decree of Artaxerxes and Palm Sunday? Dr. Harold Hoehner (1935–2009), a tremendous scholar, wrote a book entitled *The Chronological Aspects of the Life of*



Christ where he determined that this prophecy was fulfilled to the exact day. Here, Hoehner demonstrated that there are exactly 173,880 days between March 5, 444 B.C., which is the date of Artaxerxes' decree of Nehemiah 2, and March 30, A.D. 33, which is the date of Palm Sunday. According to Dr. Hoehner, Palm Sunday occurred on March 30 A.D. 33. He, in his book, historically documents the day that Christ died. He then backs up on the calendar from Friday to Sunday to determine that March 30, A.D. 33, is indeed the day of Palm Sunday.

Are there really 173,880 days between the two events of Artaxerxes' decree and Palm Sunday? In between 444 B.C. and A.D. 33 there are a total of 477 years. However, one year must be subtracted from this figure since the time between 1 B.C. and 1 A.D. only counts as one year rather than two years. This brings the total down to 476 years. Then, you take that number, 476 years, and multiply that by 365 days. This 365-day number is used because there are 365 days in a Gentile calendar. At this point, we are using the 365 day Gentile calendar because we are examining the time between the following two dates on the Gentile calendar: Artaxerxes' decree of Nehemiah 2, which took place on March 5, 444 B.C., and Hoehner's date for Palm Sunday, which is March 30, 33 A.D. When we multiply 476 years times 365 days, we arrive at the total 173,740 days.

This total is a bit short of the 173,880 days needed to demonstrate that Daniel 9:25 was fulfilled to the exact day. However, we also have to factor in an additional 25 days. These additional 25 days must be added in because they represent the days between March 5 and March 30. Recall that the decree of Artaxerxes and Palm Sunday both occurred in March. The former was on March 5 and the latter was on March 30. There are 25 days between these two dates in March. When 25 days is added to our existing total, which is 173,740 days, we arrive at the sum 173,765 days. Once again, this total remains shy of the needed 173,880 days. However, we also must add an additional 115 days to take into consideration leap years. When these 115 days are added to our existing total, 173,765 days, we arrive at 173,880 days. Thus, Hoehner's calculations demonstrate that Daniel 9:25 was fulfilled to the exact day!

Sir Robert Anderson (1841–1918) was the first individual who sought to demonstrate the precision of Daniel 9:25. Anderson was a brilliant criminal investigator who worked for Scotland Yard. He was instrumental in resolving the infamous Jack the Ripper case. Anderson, a committed Christian and author of numerous biblically based works, was the first to demonstrate that the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks has a potential of working out to the exact day. He similarly demonstrated that there are exactly 173,880 days between the decree of Artaxerxes, which he believed took place on March 14, 445 B.C., and Palm Sunday, which Anderson pinpointed as having transpired on April 6, 32 A.D. Notice that Anderson's dates concerning the beginning and ending of the prophecy found in Daniel 9:25 are a bit different than Hoehner's dates. This discrepancy is explainable by the fact that Hoehner felt there was extra-biblical data available in his time that was not available in Sir Robert Anderson's time concerning Artaxerxes' accession year.

This discrepancy notwithstanding, the important point to consider is that both of these intellectual giants, Dr. Harold Hoehner and Sir Robert Anderson, have demonstrated that Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks had the potential of being fulfilled to the exact day! There are exactly 173,880 days between the decree of Artaxerxes (Neh. 2) and the coming of Jesus Christ to His own nation on Palm Sunday. God is a God of precision and certainty who deals in time with minute details. Such precision should cause us to worship and praise Him all the more.

Based on our study of the Seventy Weeks prophecy, what have we learned thus far? *First*, the prophecy specifically concerns the nation of Israel. *Second*, the prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 covers a 490-year time period. *Third*, each year of this prophecy consists of 360 days. *Fourth*, by the time the prophetic clock reaches its 490-year completion, Israel will be both politically and spiritually restored. *Fifth*, the 490-year prophetic clock began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. *Sixth*, exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when the Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33).

(To Be Continued...)

Harold W. Hoehner, *Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1977), 115-39.

Robert Anderson, *The Coming Prince*, 2nd rev. ed. (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1882; reprint, Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1957).



GUEST SPEAKER - DR. J.B. HIXSON

Wednesday, April 26th
Sunday, April 30th

Dr. Hixson's topics will include the following:

Wednesday: *"10 Unmistakable Signs We May Be in the Last of the Last Days."*

Sunday Sanctuary class: *"Is Grace Worth Fighting For? Defending Grace Graciously?"*

Sunday Main Service: *"One Minute After the Rapture."*

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On Saturday, May 6th,
for our 2017



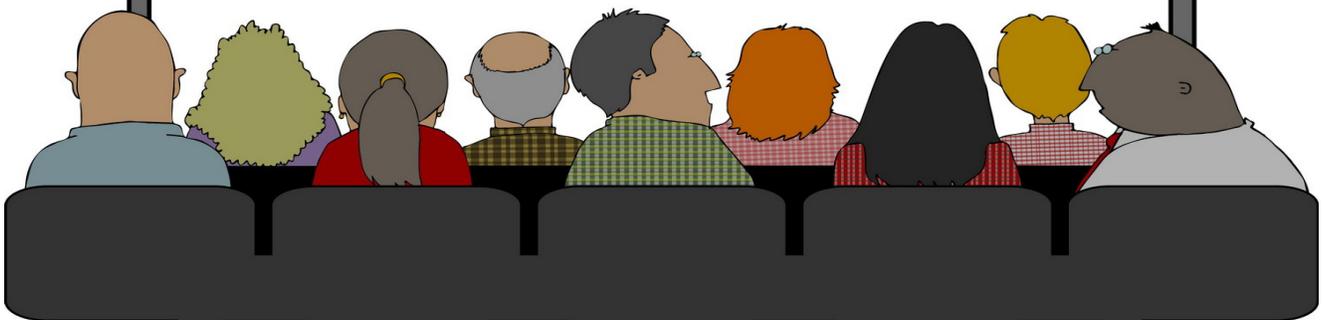
Youth Graduation Party!
We have 3 Young Ladies that will be graduating this year.

Congregational Meeting

May 21, 2017

During Sunday School Hour

9:45—10:45 am





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THE END OF
THE YEAR
MUSICAL PROGRAM!**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM
MAY 24, 2017**

Come see and hear what the children of
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**HAVE BEEN LEARNING ALL YEAR!
ROMANS 12 WILL BE PRESENTED
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AND THE EARLY
CHURCH**





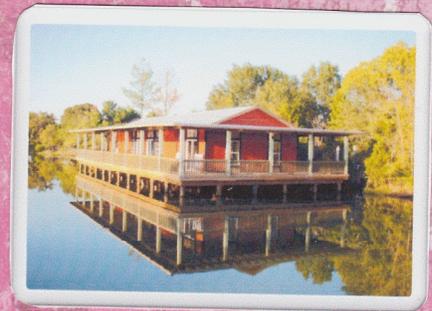
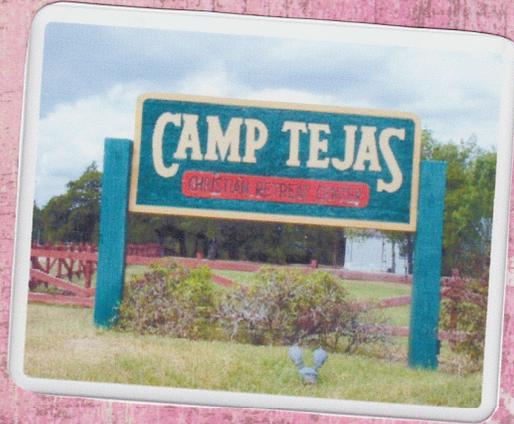
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"Set Your Mind on the Things Above" Col 3:2

--Speaker Betty Cooke

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