

# THE CORNERSTONE

February 2018

**SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2018**

**DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (9:45AM)**



## Shahram Hadian

### **CHRISTIAN PASTOR AND FORMER MUSLIM WILL:**

*Share his testimony of leaving Islam and becoming a Christian*

*Identify "**Chrislamic**" practices that are infiltrating and corrupting missional practices and the Great Commission itself*

*Refute corrupted "**Chrislamic**" practices such as "contextualization," "insider movement," "common path," "bridge building to Muslims," and "reconciliation between Christians & Muslims"*

*Detail "Christian" schools & churches who are dangerously traveling down this "**Chrislamic**" path*

*Discuss ways to equip the next generation in apologetics and boldly defend Biblical Christian Faith*

*And much more...*





## Missions for the Month



Teaching God's Word in Grenoble, France

**Jim & Lydia Munn**

Weekly Report

The following are excerpts from recent weekly reports from the Munns.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our friends, family and partners-in-ministry. Thank you all for praying for the ministry here in France each week, and thank you to those of you who are also financial partners with us. We praise God for you!

A church in Texas asked us recently for a brief description of our current ministries here in France. I'll share it with you, too:

Jim and Lydia teach Bible courses in churches and informal groups in the southeast of France, centered in the city of Grenoble. Lydia also teaches Sunday School and trains/mentors new teachers. She occasionally has opportunities to speak to large groups of women. Jim also teaches small groups of believers in homes, and occasionally "Discovery Groups" for unbelievers. He occasionally preaches in Alps-region churches on Sundays or at church week-ends. Both are discipling from one to three individuals most of the time.

The Grenoble, France area of \*about\* 400,000 people has an Evangelical Alliance of 16 churches. About 1% of the population attends an evangelical church. That's a great improvement over 50 years ago... but there sure is more room for growth!

### FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK, AND THE WEEKS AHEAD:

- (1) For Jim contacting new churches to present his Progress of Redemption course, that some would respond positively to begin next Fall. I have an appointment for February 4 in Villefontaine to do a PowerPoint presentation of the course in a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, after a potluck meal at noon. The date is yet to be confirmed, though.
- (2) For Lydia preparing Sunday School lessons with a "Progress" through-the-Bible perspective, for all the teachers of the junior high class in our French home church.
- (3) For Ingrid, a talented woman that Lydia is training to teach Sunday School.
- (4) For Vera, an older lady that Lydia sees regularly, who attends our worship services and Antirust group (senior citizens), but does not yet understand the gospel of grace.
- (5) For Philipp (a research physicist) and Philip (a law student), two young men that Jim is mentoring weekly.
- (6) For our Home Group, which meets every Thursday.
- (7) For Jim's distribution of "Jesus film" DVD's on the streets of Grenoble.
- (8) For Jim continuing to teach in 3 churches in the first half of 2018. In the 4th church where he was teaching, the 30-session course ended on December 16.
- (9) For Jim planning and preparing a preaching series for our home church in 2 Corinthians. He will not be the only preacher in the series.

Grateful for your prayers,

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Andy Woods—

## DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 16

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. We then turned our attention to a textual analysis of Daniel 9:24-27 and began to break the prophecy down into ten manageable facts. I also proposed that as the reader tracks with me through the presentation of these ten facts, concepts, or ideas, he would develop a very clear understanding of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks. In turn, he would be rewarded by the Holy Spirit with greater confidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word, and he would also obtain a blueprint or timeline through which he would be able to understand how all end time events predicted in the Bible will ultimately come to pass.

We then 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. As previously noted, this prophecy has nothing to do with the present age of the Church. We then noted a *second* feature, which is the notion that the prophecy consists of a 490-year stop watch. We then noted our *third* feature, which is the idea that each year of Daniel's 490-year stopwatch consists of 360 days. We then introduced our *fourth* feature, which is the idea that at the end of Daniel's 490-year period Israel will be politically and spiritually restored. Our *fifth* fact pertains to the notion that Daniel's 490-year stop watch began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. Our *sixth* fact indicated that exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33). In other words, the first 69 weeks of the prophecy were fulfilled to the exact day. *Seventh*, in between the conclusion of the first 69 weeks of the prophecy but before the elapsing of the prophecy's 70<sup>th</sup> week, there exists a gap of an unspecified duration of time. *Eighth*, the unelapsed portion of the Seventy Weeks prophecy comprises the future Tribulation period. Our *ninth* fact is that Daniel 9:27 provides a thumb nail sketch of the Tribulation period. This verse alerts us to the length, beginning point, middle point, and termination of the future Tribulation period. We are now prepared to examine our *tenth* and final fact.

### Fact # 10: A Relationship Exists Between Daniel 9:27 and Revelation 6–19

#### SIMILAR DESCRIPTIONS

Our *tenth* fact is simply this: a relationship exists between Daniel 9:27 and Revelation 6–19. There are great similarities between Daniel 9:27 and Revelation chapters 6–19 because both sections of Scripture describe the exact same future time. For example, both sections speak of a rebuilt temple. Daniel 9:27 speaks of a future temple that the Antichrist will desecrate midway through the Tribulation period. Revelation also alludes to a third temple in Revelation 11:1-2. Moreover, both refer to the division of the seven-year Tribulation period into two equal three-and-a-half year parts. Daniel 9:27 reveals a future seven-year period that is divided into two equal three-and-one-half year periods marked by the Antichrist's desecration of the Temple. In Revelation, John uses different phrases, such as forty-two months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5) or 1,260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6) or a time, times, and half a time (Rev. 12:14) to focus on the different halves of this same seven-year Tribulation period. In other words, Daniel in the sixth century B.C. saw a seven-year period divided into two equal halves and John saw the same thing in the first century A.D.



Both sections of Scripture also speak of a coming man of sin or Antichrist. As discussed earlier in this series, the Antichrist is identified as the "he" at the beginning of Daniel 9:27. He is also called "the beast" in Revelation 13:1-10. In addition, both sections of Scripture predict the destruction of the Antichrist. Daniel 9:27 mentions this when it indicates that the end will be poured out on the desolator. We similarly learn of the Antichrist's destruction in Revelation 19:20. Both sections of Scripture also reveal the Second Coming of Christ. According to Daniel 9:27, the event which will end the seven-year countdown will be the personal return of Jesus Christ to overthrow the Antichrist. This event is described as the end being poured out on the desolator. The personal return of Jesus Christ to the earth is also described in Revelation 19. So, you will notice that both sections of Scripture speak of not only the destruction of the antichrist, but also the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

Daniel 9:27 is the thumbnail sketch of the Tribulation period, which gives us its starting point, middle point, ending point, and duration. However, John, in the Book of the Revelation, guided by the Holy Spirit, comes along and adds additional details. He takes the framework, or foundation initially given to Daniel, and simply adds more details to it. John frequently provides more details concerning things that will happen during the Tribulation period, things that Daniel does not mention, such as the Seal Judgments, which will happen very early on, and then the Trumpet Judgments, and finally the bowl judgments that will take place in the Tribulation period's second half. It is almost as if Daniel 9:27 is giving us the movie in black and white and then John comes along later and builds upon the same structure without altering it but simply adds color or more details to it. Therefore, to gain a comprehensive understanding of God's end time program one must read Revelation 6–19 and Daniel 9:27 in harmony with one another. Daniel 9:27 provides the framework and internal structure, while Revelation chapters 6–19 provides the walls and the roof.

## SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION?

Many people say that they do not believe in a coming seven-year Tribulation period because they do not see these seven years of future Tribulation specifically spelled out in the Book of Revelation. Partial Preterist Hank Hanegraaff criticizes Dispensationalist Tim LaHaye's doctrine of a future seven-year Tribulation period for this very reason, when he states:

Furthermore, search as you may, you will not find a *seven-year* tribulation in the biblical text. In fact, the future seven-year tribulation trumpeted by LaHaye is conspicuous by its absence in the whole Scripture. He provides, however, precious little by way of evidence. He pretends a single pretext from the prophecy of Daniel, and from Revelation he produces no proof text at all. Instead, he simply pontificates that John's Revelation divides the great tribulation into "into two periods of three-and-one-half years or 1260 days, a total of seven years."... It is foolhardy at best to subtract from, add to, or divide "the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place" (Revelation 1:1). Nowhere does the Revelation of Jesus divide the tribulation into "two periods of three and one-half years each or 1260 days each." And if one were to add together John's references to three and one-half years, forty-two months, or 1260 days, that would greatly exceed the number seven.

Although it is true that the Book of Revelation does not specifically mention these seven years of Tribulation, as indicated above, it does depict two three-and-a-half year segments. However, it becomes unnecessary to have these seven years specifically spelled out in the Book of Revelation when it is first understood that they have already been revealed in the Book of Daniel. John in Revelation is simply adding details that are already well established in the Book of Daniel. John's intention in writing was not to re-lay the foundation already established by Daniel back in the sixth century B.C. It is a faulty presupposition to expect the Book of Revelation simply to repeat what the Book of Daniel already reveals. Such repetition would be nothing more than an exercise in meaningless redundancy. Rather, the expectation of John is that the reader already possesses a working



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- Share his testimony of converting to Christianity from Islam
- Expose the growing deception of interfaith dialogue
- Reveal the unholy connection between interfaith groups & the Muslim Brotherhood
- Explain how interfaith, ecumenical "dialogue" is compromising the Gospel & our national security
- Answer why Christians should not be celebrating Ramadan
- Blow the lid off the lie that "Islam is an Abrahamic faith"
- Arm Christians to Biblically share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Muslims
- And more...

*This will be an abbreviated presentation. The full presentation will be available on DVD.*

**Sunday, March 11th 11am Service**  
**Sugar Land Bible Church**  
**401 Matlage Way | Sugar Land, TX 77478**

**A free will offering will be taken for The TIL Project Ministry**



**Shahram Hadian** travels around the U.S. speaking the "Truth in Love" about critical issues facing our nation. A Christian pastor and former Muslim, he was born in Iran and came to America at the age of 7 to escape an oppressive Islamic regime. He is a proud US citizen. He committed his life to Jesus Christ in 1999. Shahram has served his community as a pastor, police officer, teacher and coach and was a candidate for WA State Governor in 2012. Shahram speaks to various groups around North America, including legislators, law enforcement, civic groups, churches, and concerned citizens.

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knowledge of the Book of Daniel as they read the Apocalypse.

## PRE-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE?

In addition, it is also worth noting that when one reads the Book of Revelation the word "church" or *ekklesia*, is mentioned 19 times in Revelation chapters 1–3. Then, when reading the section of the book dealing with the future (Rev. 4–22), the word "church" disappears completely and does not reappear until John signs off at the end of the book where he records Christ's command to preach these things in the "churches" (Rev. 22:16). Now, why would the word "church" not be found in Revelation 6–19? Will it not be on the earth during this time of future Tribulation? Recall fact number 1 in our study of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy. There, we indicated that the entire prophecy is a prophecy for Daniel's people and Daniel's city (Dan. 9:24b), which would be Israel and Jerusalem. God's focus during this time, when you harmonize it with what God revealed to Daniel, is the nation of Israel and not the church. Therefore, it should not be surprising to discover the absence of the church in Revelation 6–19, which represents merely an expansion of Daniel 9:27 or the final seven years of Daniel's 490-year clock.

Harmonizing passages in this manner furnishes evidence for the doctrine of the pre-tribulational rapture of the church. The church is not mentioned in Revelation 6–19 since God will be focused on the final seven years of Israel's stopwatch. Consequently, the church will be in heaven when these events take place. Such harmonization helps explain why Revelation looks so Jewish in nature when it discusses the future Tribulation Period (Rev. 7; 11; 12). Therefore, understanding Daniel 9:27 as the framework and internal structure and Revelation 6–19 as the walls and the roof furnishes not only an argument for the pre-tribulational rapture, but it also further solidifies the notion that John under the Holy Spirit's direction is taking the same material given in Daniel and simply adding more color or details to it.

(To Be Continued...)

Hank Hanegraaff, *The Apocalypse Code: Find out What the Bible Really Says About the End Times and Why It Matters* (Nashville, TN: Nelson, 2007), 61.

## SLBC Ladies Spring Friendship Luncheon

Luncheon Date: April 21, 2018

Speaker will be : Kirsten Dupuy

Scripture: Joshua 1:9

Be Strong and Courageous...For the LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go"

Sign-up Sheets will be in the Foyer

Ladies Your help is needed in several positions

Our Ladies Luncheon Coordinator is Elizabeth Sellers; along with  
team volunteers.





# SLBC Events for the Winter Quarter

## Sunday School For:

Adults: Ecclesiology—Doctrine of the Church : Pastor Woods in the Sanctuary

The Seven Churches of Revelation:

Bob Graper in the Fellowship Room

Youth Group with Gabe Morris in the Upstairs Youth Room.

Children's Sunday School:

Downstairs

Children's Director: KC Cunningham

Sidney Reichardt: Junior Church

Men's and Women's Bible Studies meet

on Tuesdays;

Women's Bible lesson taught by Betty Cooke

Morning at 9:00 am

Evening at 7:00 pm

Men's Bible lesson taught by David Sandlin

Evenings at 8:00 pm

## Wednesday Evening Services

Meal at 6:00 pm

Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

Youth— upstairs

Children—downstairs