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Missions for the Month

Nov. 26 2016 From Debbie's pen:

Thanks so much for your faithful prayers for us. God is good and we are so thankful for His provision of safety, good health, and some good interactions on this past Peru trip. Our time in the high Andes went well as we worked with our team of Peruvian Andes leaders and together followed up on several areas that have received previous training. It was good to evaluate and see for ourselves what the pastors are actually grasping and putting into practice in regard to evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. This also helps us see who we will continue to work with in the future.

From the Andes we went to the jungle town of Yurimaguas where we were specifically following up with 5 pastors that we had visited in February of this year and they asked us to come back for more training. Instead of training as a group we met with each pastor for a few days going with them to different people and modeled for them how to evangelize and disciple. The pastors were very excited about this and said for the first time that they are understanding how some of the principles and practices that we have been training on actually work!

Dec. 2016

From Patrick's pen:

It was a harder trip than most trips, yet the Lord endured me (and my coworker, Mike Burr) through the upper Kashmir of north India, then through three locations of Manipur, NE India, and then three locations of south India.

It was a cold trip (42 degrees inside hotel room) as most locations were at a high altitude, but the design was to come alongside in-country leaders on their "turf" and in their villages.

God is so good, and now we pray for these leaders with whom we have spurred on for years and for their success in His harvest.

Prayer Requests:

- Kathryn (age 21) for a study abroad program in Australia from around Feb. 18 to June 12, 2017. Please pray for safety for travels and safety for everything.
- Sarah is in Arkansas and is growing in the Lord.
- Our next big trip. Debbie will go to Honduras, Bolivia, and then Peru for ministry from Feb. 28 to March 28. I will be with her for the Peru Time, but not the time in Honduras or Bolivia.
- God is good, and we feel that our roots in Jesus are firm and strong, but always our most important request is that we are strong in the Lord and in the power of His might and to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ daily.
- Debbie and I have a ministry trip to India May 22 for which many details are being planned. We will celebrate our anniversary on May 30 on our way home from India.



Pastor's Corner





DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 4

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

Andy Woods–Pastor 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. With these facts submitted, we are now prepared to present our *third* fact.

Fact # 3: Each Year of the Prophecy Comprises a 360 Days

Fact number 3 is that each year of the 490-year prophecy consists of 360 day prophetic years rather than 365-day Gregorian calendar years. As explained with the prior second fact, the prophecy covers a time period of 490 years. We might ask the question, how many days per year are we dealing with in this prophecy? The answer to this question is that we are not dealing with 365-day Gentile calendar years. Rather, we are dealing with 360-day Jewish years. In other words, the Seventy Weeks prophecy consists of a 490-year time-period where each year of the prophecy consists of exactly 360 days. The reader might be asking the question, "why does this matter?" Knowing this information will pay dividends later, especially in our sixth point when we demonstrate that the Seventy Weeks Prophecy specifically predicts Christ's triumphal entry to the exact day.

How can we be confident of that each year of the prophecy consists of 360-day prophetic years? God reveals the concept of the 360-day prophetic year both at the beginning of the Bible and at the end of the Bible. In both of these sections of the Bible, the context deals with divine judgment, which is the same context dealt with in the Seventy Weeks Prophecy.

We first see this 360-day year revealed in the Flood account. Genesis 7:24 mentions the flood in Noah's day and says it lasted 150 days. [Genesis 7:24, "The water prevailed upon the earth <u>one hundred and fifty days</u>."] Genesis 7:11 says the flood began on the seventeenth day of the second month, but Genesis 8:4 says the flood ended on the seventeenth day of the seventh month. [Genesis 7:11, "In the six hundredth year of No-ah's life, in <u>the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month</u>, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the flood gates of the sky were opened." Genesis 8:4, "<u>In the seventh month, on the seventh month</u>, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat."] Scripture authoritatively asserts that the Flood started and stopped on the exact same day of different months.

When we consider the difference in months between Genesis 7:11 and Genesis 8:4 we learn that the flood lasted exactly five months. The flood initiated on the second month and terminated on the same day of the seventh month (7-2=5). Thus, one verse (Gen. 7:24) states the flood lasted 150 days and two other verses (Gen. 7:11; 8:4) indicate that the flood lasted five months. When you divide 150 days by five months you come up with 30 days per month. Since there are 12 months in a year, by multiplying 12 months times 30 days you come up with 360 days per year.

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We see the same situation encountered with the Flood repeated at the end of the Bible in the Book of Revelation. Revelation 11:3 reveals half of the coming Tribulation period consists of 1260 days. Revelation 11:2 then indicates that half of the Tribulation period will consist of 42 months. [Revelation 11:2, "Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for <u>forty-two months</u>." Revelation 11:3, "And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for <u>twelve hundred and sixty days</u>, clothed in sackcloth."] If you divide 1260 days by 42 months, each month consists of 30 says. If you multiply 30 days by 12months (because there are 12 months in a year) the result is 360-day years. Thus, at both at the end and at the beginning of the biblical record, when it comes to the subject of divine judgment, God apparently organizes time in terms of 360-day years. Thus, it is reasonable to conclude that that each year of the 490-year prophecy found in the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks (Dan. 9:24-27) also consists of 360-day years.

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 is in essence dealing with a total 490-year time period. *Third*, each year of this prophecy consists of 360 days.

(To Be Continued...)



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East Fort Bend to Hold It's 8th Annual Empty Bowls April 28, 2017 Time: 6:30 –9:30 PM Location: Safari Texas Ranch Silent Auction Items are Needed*

*This year we are asking each of our supporting Churches to help with the making Up two (2) Silent Auction Baskets. If you are interested in helping out with these please contact your Board Rep. Pat Chandler **at 281-437-8919**. ⁶ Page 6

Fellowship Groups

First Colony East—Adults only Hosts: Eric & Veronica Wasek 2803 Hidden Knoll Court—281-980-3742 **Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:00 pm** Leader: Earl Chandler—Continuing in Philippians

First Colony West—Children Welcome

Hosts: Keith & Judy Kurrus

2803 Pineleaf Dr. 281-242-3031

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 pm

We have concluded our survey of the Minor Prophets, and the group would like to embark on a study of the gospel of Luke next year. As with the study of the Minor Prophets, we plan to have the men in our group prepare and present the material. **These would be Bruce, Andrie, Greg, Earl, and Hans** using the sources available in our church library with the Bible Commentary on Luke by Warren Wiersbe.

Young Couples Fellowship—Children Welcome Host: Meet at SLBC in Fellowship Room Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:30 pm Coordinator: Andrea Merkin, 830-426-0927

Scripture for the Month: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7





