

<Introduction>

“Seven year covenant of destruction” by Jeremiah

—Christians will make a covenant with the anti-Christ for seven years—

Today, I would like us to have a look at the title, “seven years covenant”. Daniel tells us that the country of the beast or the anti-Christ will make a strong covenant of destruction with many Christians during the tribulation in End Times as below.

Daniel 9:27 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.

We believe that the one week which also means seven years covenant is closely related to the Christians and their eternal life. It is definitely not talking about a seven year peace agreement in East Asia as many people like to believe.

Rather, it is more serious and seems to prophesize that there will be seven years period when Christians cancel the covenant of eternal life with Christ and make a covenant with anti-Christ. Let’s take a close look at this. The scripture from Daniel is part of the prophesy about 70 weeks of Daniel. We are going to take a look from Daniel 9:24-30 and think about the covenant with anti-Christ which happens in End Times.

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

The Bible prophesizes that the day will come in End Times when Christians who made the covenant of eternal life with Christ will surprisingly make a covenant (of destruction) with the anti-Christ.

Why on earth is such day going to come? The Bible says that the day actually will not come suddenly, but as a part of the 70 weeks of Daniel.

<Seven is the number for revenge>

70 weeks seems to have some hidden meanings. It could be translated as 70 weeks, but it originally means “7 of 70”. There is a scripture which describes about “7 of 70”.

Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

This scripture uses “7 of 70” (7 times 70). Because it is described in the same way as 70 weeks, we can see that these are related. Here, it talks about that we should forgive brothers up to 7 times 70 (7 of 70), not just 7 times. But you can also understand that if your brothers keep sinning beyond the limit, it is possible that there comes the consequence of the sin. In fact, Daniel tells us that the people kept sinning beyond the 70 weeks of God’s love and forgiveness and God’s wrath came upon them consequently.

Number 7 is related to “revenge”. Genesis 4:24 says **“If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold”**. So, once we understand this aspect of number 7, we can see why it is written that the anti-Christ is going to make a strong covenant for 7 years. It cannot be 6 or 8 years. It has got to be 7 years.

Through the fact that anti-Christ is going to make a strong covenant for 7 years with rebellious Christians, we can understand that this disaster is caused as the result of God’s revenge against rebellious churches and Christians. Let’s keep reading Daniel.

Daniel 9:25 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.

Here, we see that God’s perseverance, kindness, and help will last for 70 weeks. This means God gave His Grace to already destroyed Jerusalem and commanded through the king of other nation to “build Jerusalem again”. That is how Jerusalem has been rebuilt. Not only that, they were even given the Messiah who has been wanted for long

time. Indeed, God stayed patient, poured His love, and worked behind the scene for 70 years to help His people leave their sins and come back to Him.

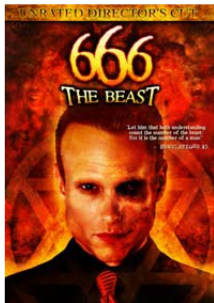
<The wrath of God will come upon>

Daniel 9:26 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.

But, how did his people respond to such considerations of God? Did they repent of their sins and changed the way they live?

The answer is found in **“Messiah be cut off”**.

Not only did they not repent, but rather they continued to sin and went against God to eventually arrest the Son of God and crucified Him.



The 7 year covenant of destruction will be made with an anti-Christ

Now, we need to know that God's love and patience which used to forgive 7 times 70 have changed. And it is almost the end of 70th week.

What happened was God's love and patience went over the limit when His only Son was killed, and since then God's incredible wrath for revenge came upon rebellious people.

“the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”

In fact, God's revenge came upon the rebellious people. This means that **"the people of the prince that shall come"** which are Roman army **"destroyed the city and the sanctuary"** which means Jerusalem and its sanctuary were destroyed in A.D 70; 40 years after Christ's death.

As a result, Jerusalem was destroyed by Rome and its people were killed to the last one. This explains to us that extreme wrath of God did come upon the sinful people.

Now, the event above is something that happened on the day Lord came for the first time. But we shouldn't forget that this prophesy of 70 weeks has double meanings.

This prophesy became reality when Christ came to the earth for the first time and will happen again when He returns. We can then understand that the same thing will be repeated.

This means

1. The people of the Old Testament failed to repent by the end of the 70th week. They even killed anointed Jesus and ended up incurring the terrible wrath of God.
2. In the same way, Christians and churches in the New Testament will not repent and change their lives before the 70th week despite God's repeated warnings. They also grieve the Holy Spirit in churches and receive God's strong wrath as a result.

As you can see, the same pattern will be repeated. Not to mention that it is the Christian and churches which receive the wrath of God when their rebellious attitude reaches the worst point. There is no way that the Jews will be suddenly chosen on the day and take the punishment for them. We shouldn't believe the lie that this dispensation preaches.

Now, what happened when the Lord came for the first time is a historical event, so by leaning it properly, we can roughly assume what could happen in End Times. This is because these two events will clearly happen in the same pattern.

Then, how do these prophesy become reality in End Times? Let's think about it.

“Anointed one will be cut off”

Let's remember the history from the beginning of the church era to the end of it is blessed by God's anointed oil and Holy Spirit's help and grace. However, the churches will become rebellious and rebel against Holy Spirit as it is written in the scriptures below.

2 Thessalonians 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

This part describes the day when the Holy Spirit is rejected. Holy Spirit is indeed going to be taken out of the church and driven out. Also, there is another scripture which describes Jesus being rejected as we can see from scriptures below.

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

This part describes how Jesus was kicked out of the door at the church of Laodikeia. The scriptures like this help us understand that the rebellious churches in End Times will cut off the anointed one (i.e. Holy Spirit)

“the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”

Now, this will be repeated again in End Times. When Jesus came to the earth for the first time, it was the Roman soldiers who destroyed Jerusalem and sanctuary. It will be repeated when He returns but it seems to become reality through parables. According to the Lord, the temple rather means the body of Christ (church) than the building. Please remember the scripture below.

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

2:20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou

rear it up in three days?

2:21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

As you can see here, the temple means rather the body of Christ than a building, so the destruction of the temple in End Times suggests that the body of Christ is going to be destroyed instead of a building.

When we think about **“the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”** from this point of view, we can see that the time will come when the foundation of Christian churches will be destroyed by anti-Christ and the country of beast.

“the end thereof shall be with a flood”

The rebellious churches in End Times will reject the Holy Spirit, and as the result, they will become dominated by the flood of demons. The revival movements happening around Pentecostal churches at the moment are the classic examples. People like Benny Hinn and Rodney Howard are the ones that can cause the flood of demons.

“unto the end of the war desolations are determined”

This explains that the war lasts until the end at the churches, the attacks will never cease, and there comes complete lost and destruction in the end. Jerusalem was completely destroyed and people were killed to the last one. This will be repeated in the churches in End Times. The rebellious churches will lose the battle, and get destroyed therefore no one will have the eternal life. This is already pre-determined.

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When looking at **“he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”**, we need to know the meaning of the covenant in this context. This word originally comes from the word which was used in relation to the eternal covenant made between Abraham and

God.

Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

This covenant indicates the covenant which is made with God about the eternal life and inheritance of eternity. Abraham is the father of all Israelites as well as us in the New Testament era. So, the covenant he made is closely related to us as well. Indeed, it is fair to say that we are also made the eternal covenant with God through Abraham.

And, the covenant of one week (seven years) in Daniel is made to stay against the covenant Abraham made. To be precise, anyone who will make the covenant with anti-Christ and the country of beast will quite likely lose the covenant with God completely. The covenant of one week is targeted to Christians to steal the precious things they have which is the eternal life and cancel the eternal covenant with God.

Also, it says **“he shall confirm the covenant with many”**. This means that many Christians will agree to the covenant which is to abandon the eternal life God is offering. Therefore, as I have been insisting, the righteous Christians should not stay at the rebellious churches and move to the underground churches.

“in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease”

In the midst of the week means 3.5 days, and this represents 3 and a half years of tribulation period. Then, the offerings and sacrifices given to God from the churches are going to be ceased.

They are bread and oil which also represent message about the salvation found in Christ which is preached at the churches. The message will vanish from the churches.

“for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate”

This describes that anti-Christ will turn up at God’s temple and steal the seat for Christ.

We need to know that the Bible implies that the terrible day will come to the future churches. There will be seven years when Christians are encouraged to make a covenant of destruction with anti-Christ. We have to get the necessary preparations done for the day.



The day of destruction of the temple will be repeated.

<Sukkot (ver.2)> by E3

I shared my testimony about Sukkot around 3 years ago, but I felt that God told me to share about it again this time. Hope you would find this inspirational.

Also, during the service on one Saturday this March, Ps. Jeremiah gave us a message about it from 1 Kings, so I would like to share that with you as below.

1 Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

James also mentions about “there shall not be dew nor rain these years”.

James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

Three years and six months is the length of Tribulation. Therefore, “**it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months**” means the same as “**there shall not be dew nor rain these years**”. Also, “dew” and “rain” are parables for the “Holy Spirit”, so it means the work of Holy Spirit will cease.

As 2 Thessalonians says “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way”, we need to get the concept of Holy Spirit getting “kicked out”.

In relation to this, Revelation says Christ will be kicked out of the door at the church of Laodikeia. This explains that Holy Spirit will be kicked out of the churches in the end of the world.

One of the biggest issues arising as the consequence of Holy Spirit ceasing its work is found in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in the U.S. This guarantees the tax exemption to the churches which listen to the government, but this is going to be “dew”. The churches will be taken over by the government, pastors who refuse to listen to the government will be kicked out, and people who would accept homosexuality will be appointed as pastors instead. This is how the Holy Spirit will be thrown out.

What happens when Holy Spirit stops working is that the work of Holy Spirit will dry up. Therefore, God would want us to prepare for this. It is important for us to think how we can maintain our life as Christians.

1 Kings 17:2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

17:3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

17:4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

17:5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

Moses and Elijah are related to “Two prophets”. Moses changed the water to blood and Elijah let the fire pour onto the earth. Cherith has a meaning of “Separation”. So, “dwelt by the brook Cherith” describes that he made himself separated from the church which became like Egypt and went to live by the river. What this implies is that as long as you are involved in the work of prophet, God will provide the “river” even if there is no rain from the sky.

1 Kings 17:7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

17:8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

17:9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

“Zarephath” means “blast furnace” and this is related to “furnace” in Daniel. This is where Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were thrown into because they refused to worship “the golden idol” built by Nebuchadnezzar. This event is related to how we will be categorized by getting tested for our faith through Tribulations. So, “a widow in Zarephath” means a widow who goes through Tribulation. This widow makes “husband in heaven” as a true husband, and this is parable of Christians and churches that wait upon the returning Christ.

1 Kings 17:10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

1 Kings 17:11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

17:12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

17:13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

17:14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

This is written as the secret of the kingdom of heaven. When you decide to be a “widow” and go into the “underground church”, you may come across the situation where there is

no proper message to preach. But what you have to do then is to bring the “bread” (i.e. message) to Elijah, just like Revelation tells us to focus on giving “prophecy” and “warning”. Then the church will be nurtured as the result and there will be abundant messages and the work of Holy Spirit.

So, this was the message given to us. From this, I guess God’s will is largely going to be seen in the life and work of the underground churches in End Times. As we follow this, like Ps. Jeremiah shared, I think we wouldn’t be in short of bread or oil and our eternal life will be saved. If you thought this sounds true, I urge you to put it into practice. I thank God again who spoke something really important.

Amen.



This widow was able to escape draught of bread and oil since she followed Elijah’s words.