The Way to the Major Antagonist (Pt 4):
A History of Trying to Make Sense

DANIEL 9:24-27 REVISITED AGAIN
24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

25 So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." (Dan. 9:24-27 NAU)
The Paradigm of Daniel's 70 Weeks

(The Version from the Text of the Hebrew Bible, and the Historical Understanding until 2nd Century A.D.)

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Realized in A.D.70 by the Romans

Covenant Broken; Abomination of Desolation

Desolation | War

By the People of the Prince to Come

By the Prince to Come in a Covenant with Many

Final Destruction

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3.5 "Years" = 42 "Months" = 1260 Days

Revealed in Revelation in A.D.96

1 Prophetic Year = 360 Days
483 Prophetic Years = 476 Tropical Years

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Bending Literal Interpretations

- From the Writing of the Book of Daniel (c. 530 B.C.) until after the Second Jewish (Bar Kohkba) Revolt, the Jews Always Had
  
  - Literal Interpretation:
    - Real History of the Gentile Empires (Not Shrinking Persian to <50 Years).
    - Calculation from Any Possible (even Fictitious) Termini a Quo.
    - Using the Length of 483 Tropical Years (until Bar Kohkba).
  
  - Real Chronomessianism:
    - Counting the Dates of Any Possible Termini ad Quem.
    - Expecting the Messiah Prince to Come at Any Turn of History.
    - Twisting the Scripture if Necessary (e.g. OG LXX for the Hasmoneans).
Bending Literal Interpretations

- The Translators of OG LXX Twisted the Scripture to Make the Fulfillment in **173 B.C.**, Near the Defrocking (175 B.C.) and Murder (170 B.C.) of Onias III, the Last Legitimate High Priest, So That the Maccabees/Hasmoneans Could Be the Messiah. They Received both High Priesthood and Kingship, Illegally, and Began to Build an Empire (164-37 B.C.).

- **Herod the Great** Began Ruling over Judea in **37 B.C.**, One of the Potential Terminus ad Quem from Darius’ Decree to Continue Rebuilding the Temple. He Began to Renovate the 2nd Temple from 20 B.C.

- **Jesus Christ** Was Killed in **A.D.33**, Short of A.D.40 by 7 Years. The Disciples Recognized Him as the True Messiah because They Saw the Resurrected Jesus.
Herod Agrippa I Began Ruling over Judah in A.D.40 [A.D.41]. He Was Regarded by the Jews as the Messiah. So He Purged the Minim ("Heretics" = Christians) by Killing James and Jailing Peter. He Accepted People Calling Him God, but Died for It.

Many False Messiahs Appeared during the “Centuries of Expectation” (200 B.C.–A.D.200): e.g. Theudas, and Judas the Galilean (Acts 5:36-38). It Developed into the Zealots who Led the 1st Jewish Revolt (A.D.66-73), during Which the Temple Fell (A.D.70). They Thought that if They Could Survive the 7-Year “Tribulation,” God Would Intervene, and They Would Become the Messiah. They Did Not Live through A.D.73.

Josephus, as a Prisoner, Pointed to Vespasian, the Roman General, as the Messiah (a World Leader Arising from Judah), and It Was “Proven True,” He Became the Emperor in A.D.69.
Pharisaic Rabbis Designed a Schematic Prophecy after A.D.70:

- The Fall of the 1st Temple Was Set at Exactly 490 Years before the Fall of the 2nd Temple (in the 5th Month [Ab] of the Tishri-Year A.D.69T [but in A.D.70]), in \( 490 - 69T + 1 = 422T \) B.C.

- The “Decree by Cyrus, Returning to Judea, and Building the City” Were Set as One Event Exactly 70 Years Later, in \( 422T - 70 = 352T \).

- The Messiah Should Appear at \( 69 \times 7 = 483 \text{ Years} \) after the “Return” [This Proves Literal Interpretation till the 2nd Century], Resulting in \( 483 - 352T + 1 = 132T \).

- Simon Bar Kohkba Claimed to Be the Messiah in A.D.132-135 B.C., the 2nd Jewish Revolt. Rabbi Akiba Died in Faith on Bar Kohkba.
Bending Literal Interpretations

- In *Seder Olam* ("The Chronology of the World", by Rabbi Yose ben Halaphta, c.A.D.150):
  - The "Return" (√) was 483 Years before (√) A.D.132 (√) [in 352T] (√).
  - The "Exile" (√) was 70 Years Earlier (√) [in 422T] (√).
  - The 1st Temple Was Founded 410 Years Earlier (√) [in 832T] (√).
  - The Exodus Was 480 Years Earlier (√) [in 1312T] (√).
  - The Call of Abraham Was 430 Years Earlier (√) [in 1742T] (√).
  - The Creation Was 2019 Years Earlier (√) [≈ in 3761T] (√) [Tishri 1=Mon]
- The Faith on Bar Kohkba (or the Rejection of Jesus) Was Hidden in the Rabbinical Chronology. [A.D. 2017T = A.M. 5777].
The Seven Expected Dates for the Messiah

Decree 1
536 B.C.

Decree 2
459 B.C.

Decree 3
444 B.C.

Seleucid Era
312 B.C.

Onias III murdered
173 B.C.

Maccabean Era
7 + 70 + 62 = 139 years

Maccabean, Hasmonean, Herodian; Zealots

Christian Era
444 B.C.

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Decree 3

Jesus’ Prediction (Matt 24:34): The 2nd Temple Falls in 1 Generation (40 years)
The “Messianic Jews” Expectation: Jesus Comes Back in 1 Generation - Tribulation
The Zealots’ Response for the “Failure to Return”: Beat Rome & Become the Messiah
Josephus’ Interpretation: Caesar Vespasian Arose from Judea in A.D. 66

Fall of the 2nd Temple
A.D. 33

First Jewish Revolt
A.D. 66

Fall of Massada
A.D. 73

2nd Jewish Revolt (Bar Kohkba)
A.D. 135

483 years

Rabbinical

422 B.C.

“Exile”

490 years

483 years

“2nd Temple”

A.D. 69

132 B.C.

“1st Return”

420 years

“Decree 1”

“Fall of the 1st Temple”

“1st Return”

70 years

Biblical Apparent

“Who Is the Messiah?”

Self-made Messiah

Divine Messiah

Imperial Messiah

False Messiah
Abandoning Literalism

- After Jesus (A.D. 29-33) and Bar Kohkba (A.D. 132-135), neither the Christians, nor the Jews, Continued Literal Interpretation of Daniel 9:24-27.

- Jesus Died in A.D. 33, Short of the Expected A.D. 40 by 7 Years. The 360-Day Prophetic Year Was Not Revealed until A.D. 96. The Disciples Recognized Jesus as the True Messiah by Trusting the Apostle’s Experience of Seeing the Resurrected Christ (>500 People, 1 Cor 15:6). But the Faith Was Only Given by God to Believers.

- The Jews Had Several Potential Messiahs: (1) Hasmoneans, (2) Herod the Great; (3) Herod Agrippa I; (4) the Zealots; (5) Emperor Vespasian; and (6) Bar Kohkba. They All Failed to “Bring Everlasting Righteousness,” and None Were “Cut-off” at the Prophesied Time.
The Author of the Epistle of Barnabas (c.150, Chap 16) Believed that the Temple and the City Should Remain Desolate, but the Church Is Now the True Spiritual Temple.

This is the Beginning of the Development of the “Traditional Messianic Interpretation”, which is Held by Most of the Amillennial & Postmillennial Evangelical Believers Today.

The Basic Idea Is the Spiritual Nature of the Temple (the City of God and the Kingdom of God) during the Church Era.

The Desolation of the Physical Temple and City Is a Testimony that the OT Way Is Over.

This Is the Seed for Idealist Position of Interpreting Daniel and Revelation (Abstract War of Good vs. Evil), and Amillennialism (Church = Temple/City/Kingdom of God = Millennium).
The Paradigm of Daniel's 70 Weeks
(Development of the Traditional Messianic Interpretation)

Dispensational Interpretation

Literal Contextual

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3.5

Gap

Barnabas' Interpretation (c.A.D.150)

Symbolic Metaphorical

Decrees for Rebuilding (536, 459, 444 B.C.)

Temple & City Rebuilt (534-515, 444-395 B.C.)

Antiochus's Desecration (167-164 B.C.)

Jesus' Life (5 B.C. -- A.D.33)

Titus' Destruction of the Temple (A.D.70)

Hadrian's Conquest of Jerusalem (A.D.135)

74 65

"49"

"434"

(The Physical Temple Will Remain Destroyed, but the Spiritual Temple Will Exist Forever as the Church)

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Hippolytus (c. 200) Believed that Jesus Christ Is both “Messiah the Prince” and the “Prince to Come”. His Redemption Made the Sacrifices Unnecessary and Forever Stopped.

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The Focus on the Accomplishment of Christ’s 1st Advent Was Moved to the Expectation of Christ’s 2nd Advent.

This Is the Seed for the Historicism Position in Interpreting Daniel and Revelation (Realized in Church History; Pope Is the Antichrist), and Postmillennialism (Church Build the Kingdom).
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Semi-Literal Semi-Symbolic

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21 Years into Daniel's Exile (605-21=584 B.C.)
Zerubbabel (534 B.C.)
Ezra (458 B.C.)
Nehemiah (444 B.C.)

7 * 7

21 + 49 = 70

458 + 33 - 1 = 490

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Christ's 2nd Coming

Cyrus (536 B.C.)
Antiochus (167 B.C.)
Jesus (A.D. 33)
Titus (A.D. 70)
Temple = Church Rebuilt through Preaching the Word
Present

Antichrist = Pope Almost Destroys the True Church

568
2000+

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Realized Eschatology

- When Constantine Believed in Christ (A.D.312), Christianity Gradually Became the State Church (Theodotian 451). Christians Believed that the Kingdom of God Had Arrived as the Roman Empire.

- However, When the Western Roman Empire Fell to Barbarians, Believers Questioned How Can the Kingdom of God Fall?

- Augustine in His City of God (c.400) Introduced Amillennialism: The Kingdom of God Is the Roman Catholic Church, Not the Empire. The Empire May Fall, the Church Remains Forever.

- Those Who Still Believe that the Roman Empire/Caesar Are God’s Agent Became the Eastern Orthodox.
The Reformers Were Called to Reform the Soteriology (Theology of Salvation and Sanctification). They Inherited the Eschatology (Theology of the End Time) from the Catholic Church, i.e. Amillennialism, Only Changing the Church/ Kingdom to Their Own Denomination.

In 19th Century, the Church Was Sharply Divided into the Evangelical and the Liberal.

- Evangelicals Developed the Apostles’ Premillennial Eschatology as Dispensationalism: Futurism in Interpreting Daniel and Revelation.

- Liberals Developed the Preterist Position in Interpreting Daniel and Revelation (Fulfilled at A.D.70) the Academic Picked up Porphyry’s Idea (c.300) of Antiochians Interpretation (Fulfilled in 167-164 B.C.).
The Paradigm of Daniel's 70 Weeks
(Development of the Preterist Interpretations)

- The Standard Interpretation
- Literal Contextual
- Premillennial Dispensational
- The Apostolic 1-Generation Interpretation
- Literal Simplistic
- Both Preterist and Premillennial, even Dispensational. Only the early Apostles.
- Porphyry's Antiochian Interpretation (c.A.D.270)
- Semi-Literal Semi-Symbolic
- Modern Academic Accepted Position

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- 444 B.C.
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**Artaxerxes to Nehemiah (444 B.C.)**
- 444 B.C.

**Jerusalem City Completely Rebuilt (c.395 B.C.)**
- 395 B.C.

**Jesus' Death, Resurrection, & Ascension**
- 476
- **483**

**"1 Generation"**
- 40

**Herod Agrippa I over Judea**
- A.D.33

**1st Jewish Revolt Began**
- A.D.40

**2nd Temple Fell**
- A.D.66

**Masada Fell**
- A.D.70

**Temple Cleaned by Maccabeans (164 B.C.)**
- A.D.73

**Jeremiah's Word of 70-year Exile (605 B.C.)**
- 71-90

**Zerubbabel & Jeshua Rebuilt the Temple (534-515 B.C.)**
- 345-364

**Onias III Murdered by Antiochus IV (170 B.C.)**
- 3.5

**Temple Desecrated by Antiochus IV (167 B.C.)**
- 3.5

**Semi-Symbolic**

**Semi-Literal**

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Scotland Yard’s Involvement

- Sir Robert Anderson was the Chief Investigator of Scotland Yard in London. He discovered (The Coming Prince, c.1900) that
  - The Prophetic Year = 360 Days, and
  - 483 Prophetic Years = 476 Tropical Years.
- Starting from the Decree of Artaxerxes I to Nehemiah (Which He Thought as 445 B.C.), He Reached A.D.32, Which He Proposed as the Year of Glory for Christ. [But Like Dates Are A.D.30 or 33]
- Harold Hoehner (Chronological Aspects of Christ, 1977) Found that Nehemiah Used Tishri-Year, so the Edict Was in 444 B.C., Not 445. And the Terminus ad Quem Was A.D.33. [He Thought that the Exact Terminus ad Quem Was at the Triumphal Entry].
Our Conclusion

- Daniel’s 70 Weeks Are the Greatest Prophecy, as a “Bridge over Troubled Water”, Bridging OT and NT.
- The Understanding of It Took the Whole Humanity Millennia to Do Research, Like the Progress of Science.
- We Have Found that the Astronomical Retro-Calculation Validates the Prophecy, and Explained the “Cutting-off” of the Messiah as the Ascension, Not the Triumphant Entry, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, or the Pentecost.
- We Know More because We Stand on the Shoulders of Giants. Do Not Be Proud, Look Forward Intensely at the Ever-Nearing Second Coming of Christ.