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Daniel 9:24

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.

† Daniel's prophecy sets the divine timeline for redemption. The seventy weeks mark a complete 490 year prophetic period,

ending with the arrival of the Messiah and the fulfillment of God's covenant plan.

† Every element listed, the end of sin, the sealing of prophecy, and the bringing in of everlasting righteousness, was fulfilled in Christ and confirmed in the first century.

† "To seal up vision and prophecy" means to complete and close the prophetic revelation. No future prophecies remain beyond this appointed time.

† The anointing of the Most Holy signifies Christ's finished work and the establishment of His eternal kingdom, the true temple not made with hands.

Daniel 9:25-26

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. 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.

† The prophecy precisely points to the coming of Christ. He is the "Messiah the Prince" who was cut off during the seventieth week, bringing salvation by His death.

† The destruction of the city and sanctuary refers to Jerusalem's fall in AD 70, when the old covenant system came to a complete end.

† This destruction marked the close of prophetic time, the final act in God's redemptive plan foretold by Daniel.

† Christ's cutting off was not failure but fulfillment, He confirmed the covenant and sealed redemption forever.

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the

adoption as sons.

† Paul calls the arrival of Christ "the fullness of time," showing that all prophetic expectation had reached its appointed climax.

† The phrase means time itself had matured, the waiting period of law, prophets, and promises had ended.

† Redemption of those under the Law signified the completion of Israel's covenant story and the birth of the new creation.

† Adoption as sons reveals that believers now live in the eternal age, no longer awaiting fulfillment, but living in it.

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

† Jesus declared the time fulfilled at the very start of His ministry. He wasn't announcing something distant, but something already unfolding.

† "The time is fulfilled" means the prophetic clock had reached zero. The kingdom was not future, but imminent and arriving through Him.

† The call to repent and believe was an invitation to enter the new covenant before the old passed away.

† Those who heard and believed entered the kingdom that would remain forever.

Ephesians 1:9-10

He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him, with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

† The "fullness of the times" refers to God's completed plan to unite heaven and earth through Christ.

† The phrase "summing up of all things" shows the total completion of redemption, nothing left waiting.

† The old age of separation was finished, replaced by the eternal administration of grace.

† In this fulfilled order, heaven and earth are one realm under the reign of Christ, never to be divided again.

Hebrews 9:26

But now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

† The "consummation of the ages" means the close of all prophetic time. It was not the end of the world, but the end of the old covenant age.

† Jesus appeared once, not in repetition, because His sacrifice brought finality to the redemptive timeline.

† Time as marked by the Law ended when the eternal kingdom began.

† This consummation was not delay or pause, but complete transformation.

How it applies to us today

† We live beyond prophetic time. The age of fulfillment has no countdown, no delay, and no expiration.

† Christ ended the timeline of shadows and began the age of unending light.

† Every promise of God found its yes and amen in Him, there is nothing left to wait for.

† The fullness of time means eternal life is now our present reality, not a future hope.

† Understanding that time was fulfilled gives peace, assurance, and purpose, we live in what the prophets longed to see.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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