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A1577 ~ The Future Revealed to Daniel.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

In the Scriptures, God has given us over 7,000 promises, many of which are a great support for us in times of trouble. These promises are both comforting and energizing to our life of faith.

When the prophet Jeremiah saw the deportation of the important citizens of Jerusalem to Babylon, he predicted their return to rebuild Jerusalem. In Chapter 46 of the book of Jeremiah, he recorded God's promise to the people. God said: "People of Israel, do not be terrified. I will rescue you from that faraway land, from the land where you are prisoners. You will come back home and live in peace."

Daniel knew of this promise of God. In the 1st year of the reign of King Darius, Daniel had worked out the number of years until the return to their own land. Daniel set himself to pray and plead with God to forgive the sins of the people of Israel. In Chapter 9, of his book of Daniel, Daniel detailed the past history of the nation and confessed to God how the people had not kept His commands. While Daniel was praying, an angel was sent to him to instruct him and make him understand future things.

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The Seventy Weeks of Daniel's prophecy have given much interest in recent times. The first period of 7 weeks, symbolic of 49 years started in 457 BC, with the decree by Cyrus King of Babylon allowing the Jews to return to their land and rebuild their city of Jerusalem. Not all the Jewish people living in Babylon returned to Judah straight away though. Daniel himself was too old to travel back and settle in his homeland again. He's thought to be at least 92 years old by this time.

The following 62 weeks or 434 years takes the calendar to the time of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the Lord Jesus died for the sins of the world at the age of 33, the Church Age began. The 70th week of Daniel has not yet happened for the Jewish people. The prophecies in the last book of the Bible, Revelation chapters 6 to 19, are parallel to Daniel's 70th week. And what a terrible time it will be for the Jewish people!

The "prince who is to come", also known as the Antichrist, will make a covenant with the Jews to protect them for seven years. After three and a half years, he will break this covenant and usher in a terrible time of trouble for the world. The final three-and-a-half-year period will end with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at Jerusalem, to defeat His enemies and establish God's kingdom on earth.

The Church Age must be complete before the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy for the Jews can start.

However, all people, Jews and Gentiles, who are trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation from sin and living their lives for Him each day, will be called out of their daily affairs to meet the Lord Jesus in the air. In the 1st book of Thessalonians, Chapter 4, it says: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

This rising up to meet Christ on His return is known as the ‘Rapture’, even though this word doesn’t appear in the Scriptures. The Lord Jesus taught in Matthew, Chapter 25: “Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man (that’s Jesus) is coming.”

A little earlier in this teaching, the Lord Jesus told His hearers to be ready, for He would come at an hour when He was not expected.

Early in His ministry, the Lord Jesus taught the parable of the broad and narrow ways as listed in Matthew, Chapter 7. “Go in through the narrow gate, because the gate to hell is wide and the road that leads to it is easy, and there are many who travel it.

But the gate to life is narrow and the way that leads to it is hard, and there are few people who find it.”

Have you ever considered if you are on the narrow road leading to heaven or are still on the wide road leading to hell? In New Testament times, there were three groups of people: Jews, Church people and Gentile nations. Many Jews accepted Jesus as their redeemer from sin and became part of the Church. In time, many Gentiles (that is, ‘non-Jews’) also invited the Lord Jesus to be the ruler of their lives and they joined the Church as well. The Church is for Christ’s Kingdom. Those on the narrow road leading to heaven cannot carry a lot of worldly baggage with them. There isn’t room!

Remember the end of Nebuchadnezzar’s vision? The smiting stone hitting the feet of the statue was the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus. When His righteous kingdom is established on earth, no one will be able to overthrow it. It will be the eternal kingdom. If you’re still on the wide road leading to hell, get off while you can! There will be no chance to get off when your destination is reached.

A deaf old man close to dying was afraid of doing so. A pastor shouted his best to the man: "Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father but by Me." Then he gave the old man an example: Suppose you owed \$100 at the store and I went and paid it for you, and gave you the receipt. What would be outstanding that you needed to do?

"I suppose to thank you for it," said the old man.

"Yes. Now we are all in debt. We are all sinners."

"Oh, yes, we are all sinners alright."

And God said, "The soul that sins it shall die."

"Yes."

"We could not pay the debt ourselves, but the Lord Jesus came and paid it for us. He took our place and died for us."

"Yes."

"And God has given us the receipt. He raised Christ from the dead and showed that He was satisfied."

"Yes."

"Well, now that Christ has paid the debt for us, what is there left for us to do?"

The old man said after a pause: "I suppose to thank Him for it."

"And have you ever done that?" "No." "Well what about doing it now?"

The white-haired old man bowed his head and thanked God for sending His eternal Son into the world to die for him, to pay his debt completely and so set him free!

Are you on the narrow road today? The Lord Jesus loves you and wants you to be with Him in heaven. But the decision to get off the wide road taking you to hell is yours.

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