



Book of Daniel

Class for Nov 12, 2023

Daniel – Chapters 9B & 10

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Oct 22, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 7 – Overview of the Gentile Kings*
- ✓ *Oct 29, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 8 – Kingdoms 2 & 3*
- ✓ *Nov 5, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 9A – Prayer*
- ✓ *Nov 12, 2023. - Daniel Chapter 9B/10 - 70 Sevens*
- *Nov 19, 2023. - Daniel Chapter 11 – The 4th Vision*
- *Nov 23, 2023. - **Thanksgiving***
- *Nov 26, 2023. - Daniel Ch 12 and wrap up*
- *Dec 3, 2023 - New study (2 weeks)*

Comments before we start...

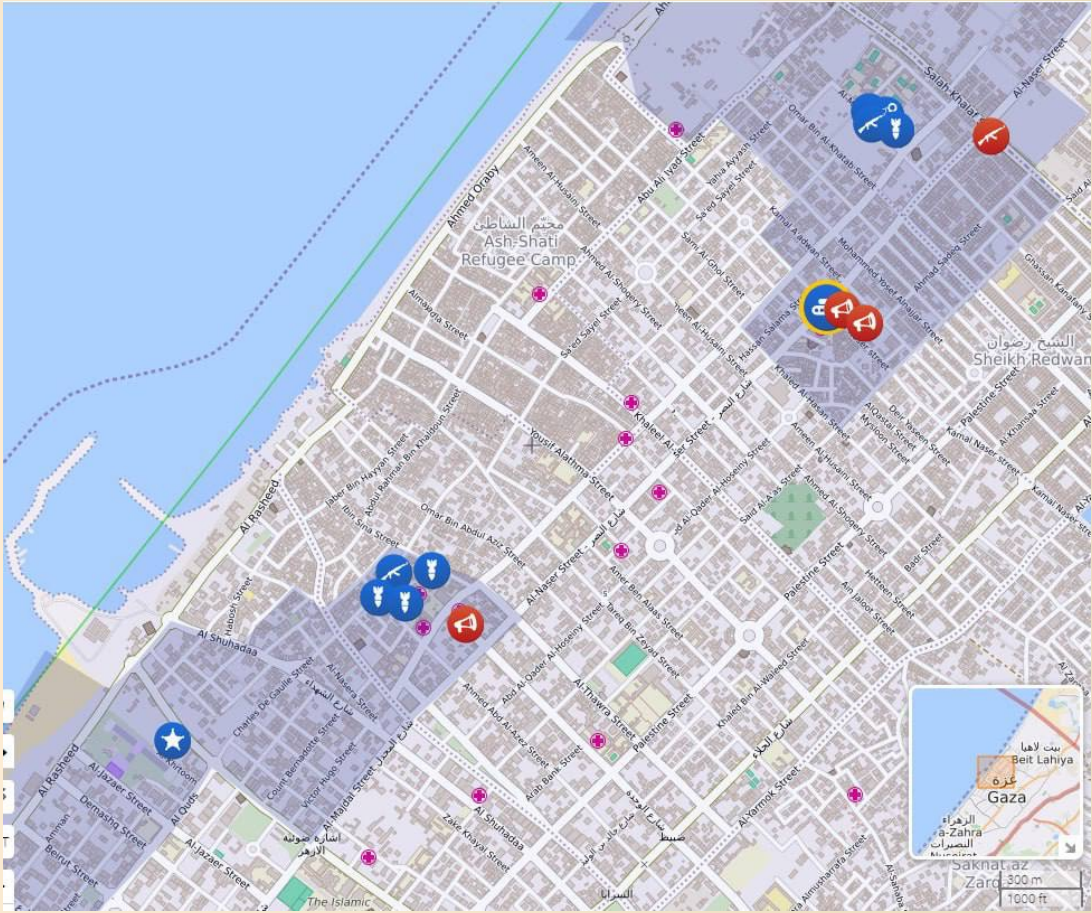
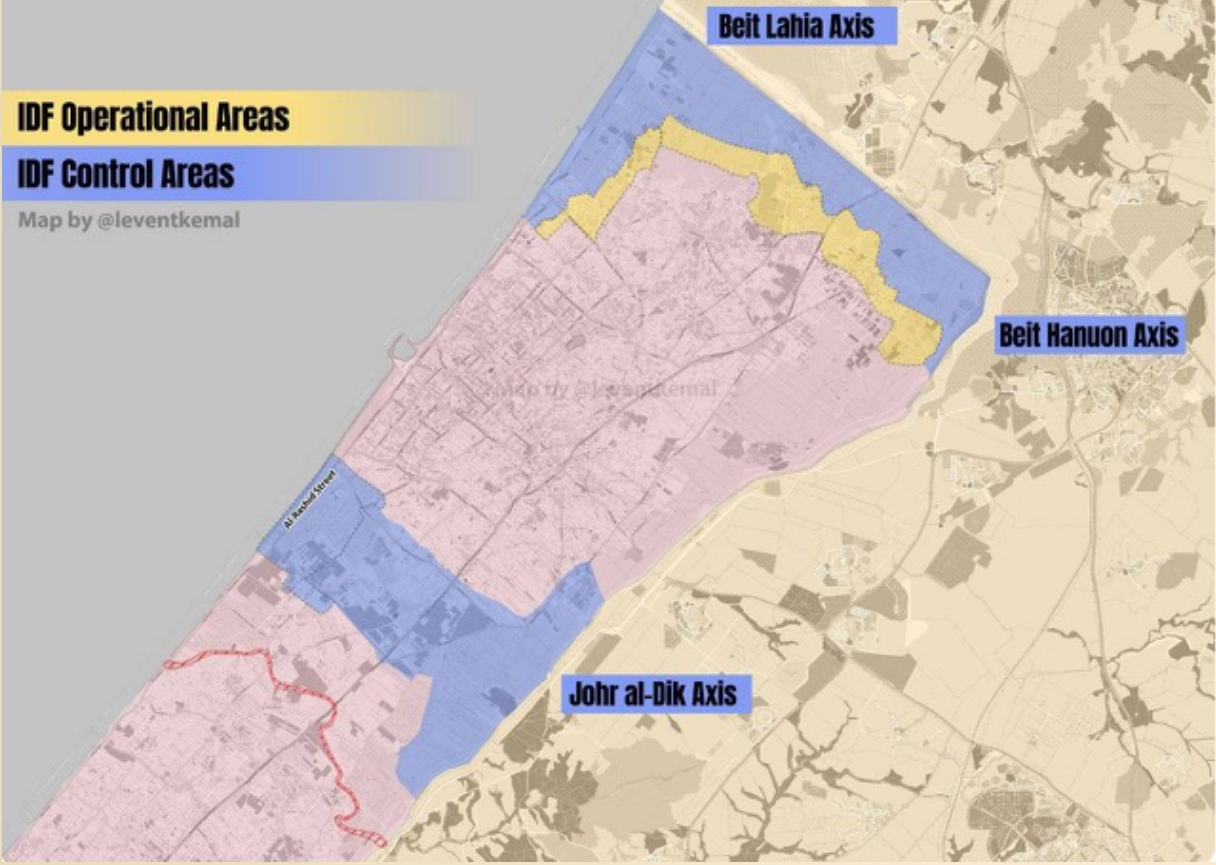
- Today I want to address the Israel situation again before we start Chapter 9 of Daniel
- The Ground offensive has forcefully begun in Israel. Israel is sensitive to the hostages and is trying to save/rescue many every day. *The US has pressured Israel to “pause”*
- We are seeing more and more support for Hamas in the world court of opinion. The UN, the WHO, and Muslim power blocks all over the world are screaming. IN the US, there is increasing hostility among Muslims and sympathizers
- Missiles, mortars, and anti-tank rounds are continuing to arrive in Israel from Syria, and Lebanon. Most countries have removed personnel from Lebanon and Syria for fear the Israelis will attack stronger than just “hit back”
 - Hezbollah claims 2 IDF divisions are busy with them and not in Gaza
 - Iran, Turkey, and Yemen have declared war on Israel either by declaration or actions/warnings.
 - Russia and NoKo and China are rattling sabers of war
- Antisemitism in the West, including America is beginning to rise...mostly from Muslims and colleges, but will government be far behind? Protests are increasing, but both opposition and support of Israel are Increasing. This is a very divisive situation in the US in families, universities, friends, and churches
- Fake News is mounting. Iran is threatening Israel with “revenge”.
- Unexpected benefits:
 - Jews worldwide are seeing Antisemitism **and increasingly coming “home” to Israel**
 - In many ways, the Antisemites are “outing” themselves very publicly
 - Unity in Israel of bickering factions

Map of wider conflict



- Threats from all directions
- Yemen, Iran, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, and Gaza
- Wider threat later from Russia, China, Libya, China, The Stans
- Serious NATO issues rising with Turkey's belligerence. Article 5?
- US stepping into conflict to defend US bases and troops

Map of Gaza Forces



One final thought from Scripture

As antisemitism continues to increase across the world, our understanding of two passages from the prophecy of Zechariah becomes clearer.

Jerusalem's Enemies to Be Destroyed

12 A prophecy: The word of the Lord concerning Israel.

2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.

3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

8 On that day the Lord will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord going before them.

9 On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

Quick Review of Chapter 9A

- *Daniel has been in captivity 67 years*
- *He has been reading the prophet Jeremiah, who reveals the captivity will last for 70 years*
- *So, he prays earnestly to the Lord **pleaded with him in prayer and petition, In fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.***
- *His Prayer confesses the sins of his people in abandoning the Lord, ignoring His commands, and ignoring and flaunting His judgments.*
- *He declares the Lord righteous in all His ways, His judgments, and His punishment to his people.*
- *He asks for God's mercy, not because of the Jews, but because of His great name and reputation in the land.*
- *He pleads for his people to get another chance to restore the city and the temple of the Lord.*
- *Daniel's prayer is a model prayer for confession of sin and petition for mercy from God.*

Daniel Ch 9:20-23 All of a sudden, Gabriel comes...

***20** While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill—*

***21** while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.*

***22** He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.*

***23** As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:*

Daniel Ch 9:24-27. *The Vision: Seventy Sevens will come*

24 “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

25 “**Know and understand this:** From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’

It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench (tunnel), but in times of trouble.

26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

What did we just learn?

*Seventy and 7 are important numbers in the Bible. In this vision explanation, Gabriel tells Daniel that 70 7's is **decreed** (set time) for the Jews and Jerusalem to do several things:*

- *Finish transgressions*
- *Put an end to sin*
- *Atone for wickedness*
- *Bring everlasting righteousness*
- *Seal up the prophecy and vision*
- *Anoint the most Holy Place*
- *So, there will be a time when all these things will be done. **It is clear that they are NOT done as we speak, so this speaks of a future time...but there is something else...***

Verse 28 *Know and Understand this...*

- There is another time frame set here:
- From the time the word goes out
- There will be Seven 7s and Sixty-two 7's until the Anointed One or Messiah comes
- What does this mean?
- When was the time when the “Word went out”
- What do the Weeks mean?
- What does it mean to separate into 7 7s, then 62 7s?
- Why is it important?

A Look back to see what it means...

Daniel 9:25

²⁵ *“Know and understand this: From the time the **word goes out** to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler (means prince or king), comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.*

- *The first 7 7’s is the actual time it took (49 years) to rebuild the temple*
- *In Daniel’s prophecy, we see that the time for the Messiah was set at 7+62 or **69 weeks of years**. This is 483 years. With 360 days to a Jewish year, this is 173,880 days. From this prophecy we see that beginning **at a time when the word goes out**, we count forward and should see the Messiah appear.*
- *Now how can we find the date of “sending” out the word?*

Neh Ch 2. Artaxerxes sends Neh. to Jerusalem

*2 In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of **King Artaxerxes**, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, ² so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but **sadness of heart.**”*

I was very much afraid,

*³ but I said to the king, “**May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?**”*

*⁴ The king said to me, “**What is it you want?**”*

Then I prayed to the God of heaven,

*⁵ and I answered the king, “**If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.**”*

*⁶ Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” **It pleased the king to send me; so, I set a time.***

Luckily there is History of this event

*The date of this “sending” is calculated to be **March 16, 445 BC***

*Adding the number of days we know from Daniel, brings us to **April 6, 32 AD***

*When you look at a calendar, this date is the **Sunday before the Passover of the year of Jesus’ crucifixion. **Interesting for sure.*****

*So, the **Palm Sunday Entry into Jerusalem is the public announcement of the Messiah's arrival***

We saw and discussed this when we studied this in Matthew

Dan Ch 9:26 One more thing...

²⁶ *After the sixty-two 'sevens,' **the Anointed One will be put to death** and will have nothing.*

*The **people of the ruler** who will come **will destroy the city and the sanctuary.***

The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

At the end of the 63 weeks of years, the Messiah will be put to death and the People of the (future) ruler (Rome) will destroy the temple and the city. This happened in 70 AD, but war will continue until the end...and it is all in God's calendar and has been decreed.

This leaves one week of years in the prophecy

Notice that the first 69 weeks of years are together in the Angels announcement but the final 1 Week of years is separate and not continuous.

This final week is called “Daniels 70th Week” and has not occurred yet.

Some Common Questions

- *Who is this ruler to come? The final “little horn” or the Antichrist*
- *When does it start?*
- *Are we close to it?*
- *What does it mean?*

Dan 9:28 *Finally, a future glimpse*

²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'** In the **middle of the 'seven'** he will **put an end to sacrifice and offering.

*And at the temple, he will set up an **abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.***

This future ruler (Antichrist) will confirm or sign a covenant (peace treaty) with many for 7 years. In the middle of the time (3.5 years) he will commit an abomination that causes desolation until he is stopped by the judgment that God has decreed for him. Note there must be a temple for him to desecrate. Also, Israel must be in the land.

Daniel Ch 10:1-6 An Angel Appears

10 *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true, and it concerned a great war (conflict). The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.*

2 *At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks.*

3 *I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.*

4 *On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris,*

5 *I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.*

6 *His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.*

Daniel Ch 10:7-11 The Angel Speaks

⁷ I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves.

⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.

⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

¹⁰ A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

¹¹ He said, “Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you.”

And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

Daniel Ch 10:12-14 Why the Angel has come

***12** Then he continued, “Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.*

***13** But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.*

***14** Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”*

Daniel Ch 10:15-17 Daniel responds

¹⁵ While he was saying this to me, I bowed with my face toward the ground and was speechless.

*¹⁶ Then one who looked like a man **touched my lips**, and **I opened my mouth and began to speak**. I said to the one standing before me, “I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I feel very weak.*

*¹⁷ **How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.”***

Daniel Ch 10:18-21 *Daniel is Strengthened*

*¹⁸ Again the one who looked like a man **touch**ed me and gave me strength.*

*¹⁹ **“Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed,”** he said.
“Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”*

*When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, **“Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength.”***

*²⁰ So he said, **“Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;***

*²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in **the Book of Truth.***

(No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Daniel Ch 11:1 The End of the Introduction

10:21 (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

***11**¹ And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him.)*

Chapter 10** is an introduction to the final and 4th vision of Daniel. We will begin the final chapters next week and see the future which spans the time of Darius (539 BC) to Antiochus Epiphanes' death in 164BC, and skips the time in between to **cover the tribulation and the Millennial Kingdom.

*This part at the end is called the **70th Week of Daniel***

Next Week

- *Read Daniel **Chapters 11 & 12**, the final Vision*
- *Pray for Israel, our country, and all the leaders*
- *Pray for our state, counties, and leaders*
- *Pray for our church, the Pastors, and the leaders, and that the congregation will be faithful to the mission of the church*
- *Pray that the Pastors sermons are a catalyst for conversions*
- *Continue to pray for each other and the weekly prayer requests that Martha faithfully sends out.*
- *The Signs of the times are everywhere. Pay attention to the Pastor's sermon series...He is preparing us by giving us encouragement that the Lord is in Control and His will is being done.*