

Book of Daniel

Class for Nov 5, 2023

Daniel – Chapter 9

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Oct 8, 2023* - *Daniel Chapter 5 – The writing on the wall*
- ✓ *Oct 15, 2023* - *Daniel Chapter 6 – Daniel in the Lions Den*
- ✓ *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 9 – Prayer and 70 sevens*
- *Nov 12, 2023.* - *Daniel Chapter 10*
- *Nov 19, 2023.* - *Daniel Chapter 11 A*
- *Nov 23, 2023.* - *Thanksgiving*
- *Nov 26, 2023.* - *Daniel Ch 11 B*

Comments before we start...

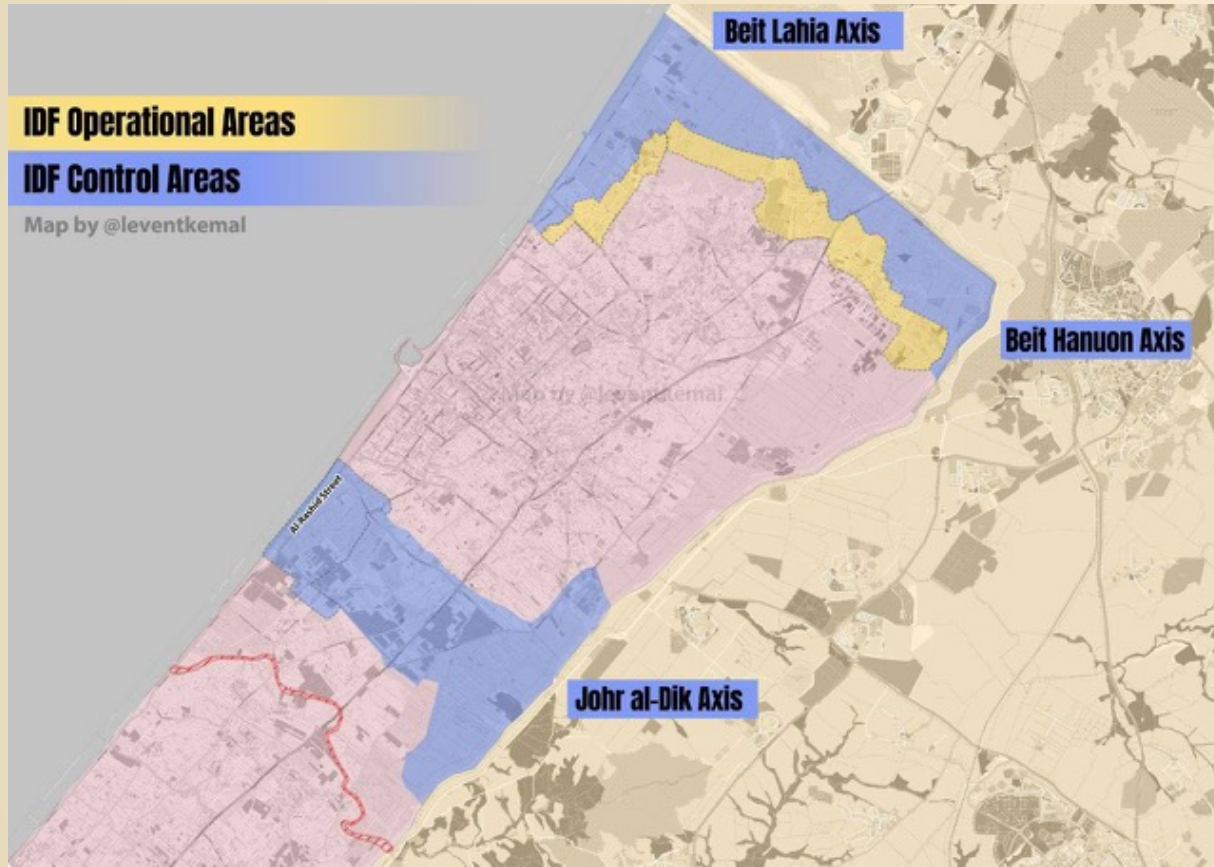
- Today I want to address the Israel situation again before we start Chapter 9 of Daniel
- The Ground offensive has forcefully begun in Israel. Israel is sensitive to the hostages and is trying to save/rescue many every day. *The US has pressured Israel to “pause”*
- We are seeing more and more support 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
- War in Ukraine sets wider armor path for Russia to move into Israel

Map of Gaza Forces



- **Blue areas** are the circled area of the northern part of Gaza
- Bounded by forces, Israel's territory, and the Mediterranean Sea. Both IDF soldiers, IDF Navy, and Special Operators are on watch.
- Slowly with deliberate care, Israel is destroying above-ground targets and sealing tunnels. **Yellow area**
- Final actions are awaiting the release of all the hostages.

Of Longer-Term Concern

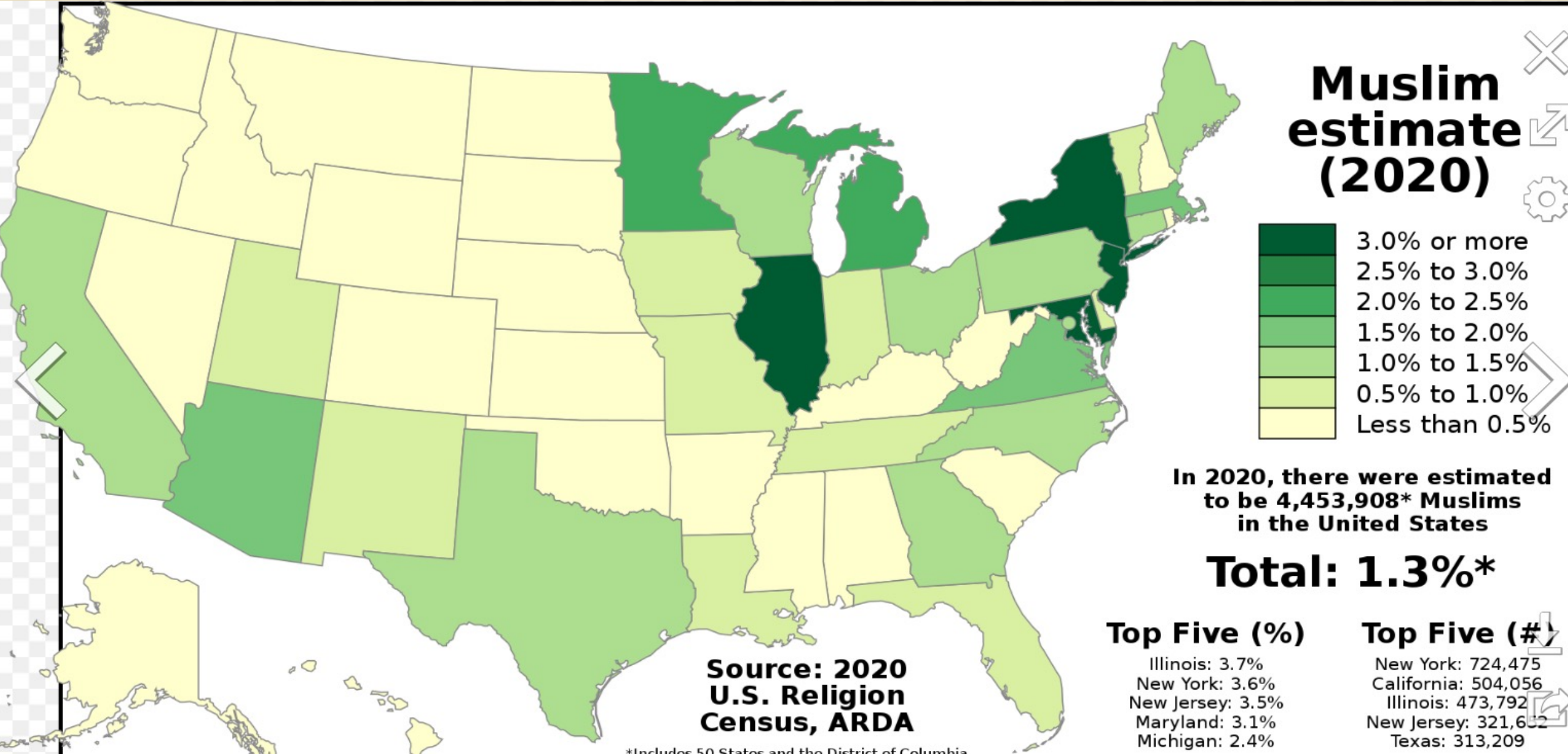
Europe's largest Muslim populations

The 10 countries with the largest Muslim populations in the EU



- These are the European Countries with the largest Muslim populations that came there through unfettered immigration, and lack of Border restrictions within the EU.
- Conflicts are already sharp in Germany, UK, France, and Belgium
- By comparison, the US has 1.3%
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2020 Muslims in the USA



Quick Review of Chapter 8

- Daniel sees himself in a vision where he is in Susa, at the citadel of Susa, next to the Ulai Canal/River
- He sees a mighty Ram with two horns racing around to defeat all foes. One horn is growing bigger than the other.
- Then he sees a shaggy goat with a single large horn dramatically and swiftly come from the west to destroy and trample the Ram. The goat enlarged the conquered area of the Ram.
- At the height of the Goats power, his horn was broken off and was replaced by 4 smaller horns with less power than the original horn
- Daniel is confused but the Gabriel comes to tell him what it all means.
- The goat and Ram are the Greek Empire and the Babylonian Empire and the large horn on the Goat is Alexander the Great, but the 4 horns that come up are his generals that come after Alexander the Great dies at 32 years old
- The vision also shows Antiochus Epiphanes as the descendant of the Seleucid King that conquers Israel and Jerusalem and wars against Gods people but is destroyed in the end. He is a type of an Antichrist, but not the one we will begin to see in Ch 9

Daniel Ch 9:1-3 Daniel Prays to God

9 In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—

*2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the **word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet**, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last **seventy years**.*

*3 **So** I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes*

Q: Do you know anyone who is a great “pray-er”?

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

Prayer contains

- ***Pleading with Him-*** Long somber prayer
- ***Prayer and Petition-*** Praying, and asking, and confessing
- ***Fasting*** – Fasting to clear other thoughts from his mind
- ***Sackcloth-*** Humbleness and unworthiness
- ***Ashes-*** Sorrow and repentance
- If I asked you who you know who is a great “prayer” you could come up with a name probably. This is a gift that some have, and we can recognize it. Daniel was one of those people.

Daniel Ch 9:4-6 Confession

*⁴ I prayed to the Lord **my God** and **confessed**:*

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

*⁵ **we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away** from your commands and laws.*

*⁶ **We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.***

Daniel Ch 9:7-11 Acknowledgment of Sin

⁷ *“Lord, you are **righteous**, but **this day we are covered with shame**—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, **in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.***

⁸ *We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you.*

⁹ *The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;*

¹⁰ *we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.*

¹¹ ***All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you***

Daniel Ch 9:12-14 Promises of Judgment fulfilled

¹² You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem.

¹³ Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.

*¹⁴ The Lord **did not hesitate to bring the disaster** on us, for the Lord our God is righteous in everything he does; **yet we have not obeyed him.***

Daniel Ch 9:15-19 Petition for Action

*15 “**Now, Lord** our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong.*

*16 Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, **turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill.** Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people **an object of scorn to all those around us.***

*17 “**Now, our God, hear** the prayers and petitions of your servant. **For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.***

*18 **Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name.** We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy.*

*19 **Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”***

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, 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?
- 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.*

*In Daniels 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 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 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.

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.

Next Week

- *Read Daniel **Chapter 10**, the next Apocalyptic chapter in Daniel*
- *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.*
- *We want righteous judgment, but we will be taken away before that time occurs. I believe we are close.*