

Living In Light Of The End

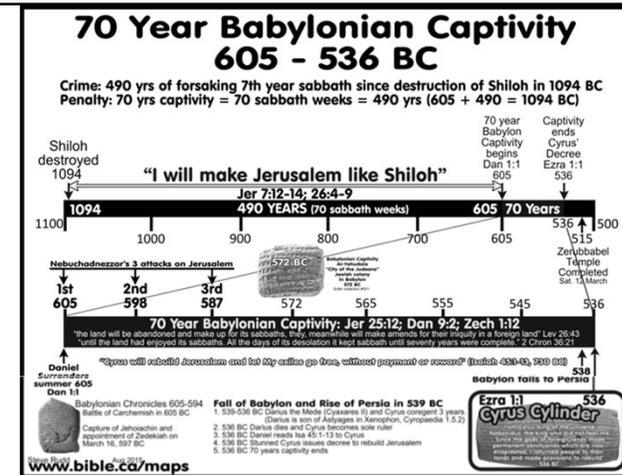
How Prophecy Should Motivate Us To Pray

The Context Of The Prophet

- Daniel has now been in Babylon for almost 70 yrs and is now probably about 86 yrs old
- Darius is 8th King, in 2 empires and during that time Daniel remained true to His LORD and testified of Him.
- He was known as a man in whom the spirit of the Gods was found and as a man of wisdom, insight to solve problems and interpret other's dreams and visions
- He has had 5 God encounters regarding the future or miraculous life saving. Chp.2,4,5,7,8 and 3 life saving God encounters, 1,3,6. These were not everyday events.

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- Dan.9:1,2
- In the first yr of Darius, 539,
- Daniel was taken in exile in 605. Jeremiah started in 641 and finished writing after the destruction of the temple in 586. So, sometime after the last exile in 586, Daniel acquired a copy of the scroll of Jeremiah.
- Jeremiah is a book of warning after warning from God
- Daniel reads God's words. "I perceived the number of years that must pass..." Jer.25:11-13



Discovery Of The Prophecy

- Daniel sees that they are only a few short years away from 70 years. Work of the Spirit to open our eyes
- Daniel Believes -2 and Acts on his belief 3.
- He seeks God in prayer
 - With Fasting - 3
 - With Confession; personal and national – 4
 - The righteousness of God 7,9 “To the Lord..” their sinfulness as a nation, and rightness of punishment 11- 14
 - Petition – Hear 16 -17, Have Mercy– 18, See and Act - 19

The Maranatha Lifestyle

1. It is an anticipation of and longing for the coming of Christ
 - “Maranatha” was the heart cry of the early church. O Come Lord.
 - 2nd last sentence in Bible. Rev.22:20 – “He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
2. It is developing a prayer life of adoration, confession, repentance and reconciliation before God. Daniel

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3. It is anticipation of an eternal inheritance. 1Pet.1:3-7
 - All our works will be tested by fire. 1Cor.3:10-15
 - A satisfaction with “just getting in” is not from God. The concept of rewards fills the NT.
4. It is a longing to hear the, “Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the Joy of your Master. Matt.25:14-30 – Equal reward for equal effort
5. It is the desire to see sin abolished the Lord Glorified in all the earth – Dan.9:17; 7:25-27; Rev.5:11-14