

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." **Deut.** 13:1-3

1. GOD'S DESIRE TO REVEAL. Vs. 20-23

"Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in prayer..." vs. 20-21a

*Imparted to a man seeking the Lord.

"For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself." 1 Sam. 12:22

"Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass." Josh. 21:45

"My covenant I will not violate, nor will I alter the utterance of My lips." Ps. 89:34

"He has remembered His covenant forever...the covenant which he made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac. Then He confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance,' when they were only a few men in number, very few, and strangers in it." Ps. 105:6-12

- *Imparted through the angel Gabriel.
- "...then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering." vs. 21b
- *Imparted in brevity yet requires discipline and study to understand it.
- "And he gave me instruction and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding." vs. 22

*Imparted to God's beloved servant.

"At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision." vs. 23

2. GOD'S DECREE FOR ISRAEL. Vs. 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." This prophecy is focused upon the Jewish people and the temple. "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city..."

This prophecy is divided by sevens. "Seventy weeks have been decreed..."

This prophecy has a start date.
"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree..."
vs. 25

A. FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION.

"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, and her salvation like a torch that is burning." Isa. 62:1

"It will no longer be said to you, 'Forsaken,' Nor to your land will it any longer be said, 'Desolate'; but you will be called, 'My delight is in her,' and your land, 'Married'; for the Lord delights in you, and to Him your land will be married...And as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you." Isa. 62:4-6

B. MAKE AN END OF SIN.

"The sting of death is sin...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:56-57

"...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of man, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." Heb. 9:27-28

C. ATONE FOR INIQUITY.

D. USHER IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us...there will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this." Isa. 9:6-7

"But with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked." Isa. 11:4

"Behold, a king will reign righteously, and princes will rule justly. And each will be like a refuge from the wind, and a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry country, like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land." Isa. 32:1-2

E. SEAL UP VISION AND PROPHECY.

"And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one." Zech. 14:9



F. THE MOST HOLY PLACE WILL BE ANOINTED.

"And He said to me, 'Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the corpses of their kings when they die." Ezek. 43:7

APPLICATION FOR ME:

God's Word is True.

God has a desire for your future.

"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Ps. 139:16 (NLT)

"...each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment." Heb. 9:27



"As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years...soon it is gone and we fly away." Ps. 90:10

"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom." Ps. 90:12



God has provided for your deliverance from sin and death.

"How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" Heb. 9:14 (NIV)

