

Personal/Small Group Study Notes

Week of August 8, 2021, A.D.

You Will Serve God or You Will Serve Satan. There is No Middle Ground.

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read Daniel 9:20-23

1. Do you pray? If not, why not? If so, please answer the following questions. To whom specifically do you pray? For whom or for what do you pray? What is the motivation for your prayers? How does your prayer life affect your (a) relationship with God? (b) your relationship with other people?
2. Is a healthy and consistent prayer life (which is led and guided by God the Holy Spirit) necessary for a person to go to heaven? If so, why? If not, why pray?

Read Daniel 9:24

3. The “Seventy sevens” means 490 years. Sixty-nine of those prophetic sevens (483 years) were completed when Jesus was crucified, buried, and resurrected from the dead. Discuss the meaning of each of the phrases (a) to finish transgression, (b) to put an end to sin, (c) to atone for wickedness, (d) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (e) to seal up vision and prophecy, and (f) to anoint the most holy. Which, if any, of those six actions have been fulfilled, how, and by whom? If any of those six actions have not yet been fulfilled, when, how, and by whom will each be fulfilled?

Read Daniel 9:25-27

4. In verse 26, the “ruler who will come” is a reference to “the antichrist”. Verse 27 refers to a seven year peace treaty (“covenant”). The “abomination that causes desolation” will occur in the middle of (i.e. 3 ½ years into) the seven year peace treaty. Based on these verses alone, is it proper to conclude that the seven year peace treaty marks the beginning of “the great tribulation”? Or, does the seven year peace treaty mark the beginning of the reign of the antichrist?

Read Revelation 11:1-7

5. These verses are the first reference to 3 ½ years (i.e. 1,260 days equals 42 months based on the Jewish calendar of 30 days per month) in the book of the Revelation. Based on these verses, does God protect the Jews and his prophets (the “two witnesses”) from harm during the first half of the seventieth week of Daniel? Are these verses consistent with the first sentence of Daniel 9:27?

Read Revelation 11:7-14

6. Are these verses consistent with Daniel 9:27?

Read Revelation 12:1-6

7. Who is (or are) the “woman clothed with the sun”? Who is the “red dragon”? Who are the “third of the stars” in verse 4? Who is the “son” in verse 5? Do these verses represent (a) events which have occurred in the past? (b) events which will occur in the future? or (c) both past and future events?
8. Does verse 6 refer to (a) the first 3 ½ years (i.e. 42 months) of the seventieth week of Daniel? (b) the final 3 ½ years (i.e. 42 months) of the seventieth week of Daniel, or (c) neither?

Read Revelation 12:13-17

9. Do verses 6 and 14 of Revelation 12 state that God will supernaturally protect the Jewish Christians during the last 1,260 days before Christ returns? If not, why not? If so, why? Who are the “rest of her offspring” who are identified in verse 17? From where do “her offspring” come? Are those offspring of Jewish descent? Were those “offspring” believers in Christ before the seventieth week of Daniel began? If not, (a) why not and (b) from whom did they hear the gospel of Christ?

Read Revelation 13:1-4

10. Is the beast in these verses “the antichrist”? Please explain what is described in verse 3 and identify the first century A.D. historical event which verse 3 is intended to imitate. What is the intended purpose for that imitation? Will that purpose be accomplished?
11. Who is “the dragon” who is identified in verses 2 and 4? Who is the dragon imitating in these verses? What is the intended purpose for that imitation? Will that purpose be accomplished?

Read Revelation 13:11-15

12. Who is the “other beast” who is introduced in these verses? Who is the “other beast” imitating in these verses and by what actions does he do so? What is the intended purpose for that imitation? Will that purpose be accomplished?

Consider: Lucifer wants to replace God as the ruler of mankind. Therefore, Lucifer continuously attempts to entice the whole world to worship and serve Lucifer as if Lucifer were God. Every person who worships God through obedience to Christ will go to heaven. Every person who does not worship God through obedience to Christ is (by default) a worshipper of Lucifer and is condemned to hell already. “You think about that.” Amen.