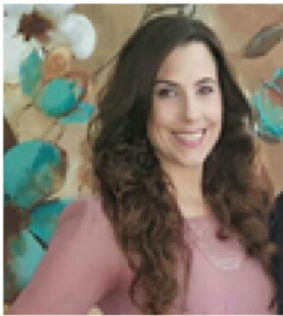


THE CORNERSTONE

March 2017

Ladies' Friendship Luncheon 2017

Saturday, March 25, 2017



Speaker: Rachael Miller

"God is Big Enough" Jeremiah 32:27

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

Sign-up Sheets are on the Table in Foyer.

Cost for Church members and regular Attendee's

Is \$15.00 All guests are free!

Matthew 11:28-30



Capturing Poland for Christ



Piotr Wiazowski Handing Out Tracts to Prisoners

In the Communist nation of Poland, Piotr was born into a third-generation Christian home. At the age of 18, he was saved, baptized, and joined the local Baptist Church in a small town in eastern Poland. In 1984 he received his Master's Degree from Warsaw Seminary and was ordained at the Lublin Baptist Church. That same year he got married with Grazyna—a Christian young lady. Serving as a pastor in Poland, God began burdening his heart for evangelism.

In 1988 God miraculously opened a door of opportunity for him and made it possible for Piotr to bring his family from Lublin to Dallas so he could begin his Master of Sacred Theology studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. God touched the hearts of two godly people, George and Andrea Underwood (people whom Piotr had never met before), and they provided his tuition, his fees, and his living expenses for his family in the United States. Later in the fall of 1990, he received his diploma from Dallas Seminary and return home with his family to preach the Gospel in his home country.

Then two of his close friends, Texas based evangelists Tom Popelka and Bucky Faggard, helped him to establish the association known as **"Capturing Poland For Christ."** After that in the fall of 1990, Piotr and his family returned to Poland, and he began his evangelistic ministry that continues to this present time.

He preaches revivals in churches, and he presents the Gospel. His approach to evangelism has several streams. He works:

- In prisons,
- In the schools,
- At the youth and family camps and,
- Through a Bible tracts ministry.

He also conducts numerous local church evangelistic campaigns. These meetings are designed to strengthen the local body and to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He works in two countries: Poland and Lithuania.

Please pray for this ministry.



DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 5

In this series of articles, we are exploring a very important Bible prophecy, which is generally referred to as Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, found in Daniel 9:24-27. In the first installment, we explained the background of the giving of this prophecy. With this background information in mind, we then turned our attention to a textual analysis of Daniel 9:24-27. We began to break the prophecy down into ten manageable facts. As the reader tracks with me through the presentation of these ten facts, concepts, or ideas, he will develop a very clear understanding of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks. In turn, he will be rewarded by the Holy Spirit with greater confidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word, and he will also obtain a

Andy Woods—Pastor

blueprint or timeline through which he can understand how all end time events predicted in the Bible will ultimately come to pass.

In our second installment, we noted our *first* fact, which is the idea that the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks concerns the nation of Israel in general and the City of Jerusalem in particular. As previously noted, this prophecy has nothing to do with the present age of the Church. In fact, the Church was a mystery, which is an unknown spiritual reality (Eph. 3:3-6), at the time the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks was given. In our third installment, we noted a *second* feature, which is the notion that the prophecy consists of a 490-year stop watch. In our fourth installment, we noted our *third* feature, which is the idea that each year of Daniel's 490-year stopwatch consists of 360 days. With these facts submitted, we are now prepared to present our *fourth* fact.

Fact # 4: Each Year of the Prophecy Comprises a 360 Days

The *fourth* fact is that six prophecies will be fulfilled at the conclusion of this 490-year time period. In other words, at the conclusion of the allotted time period, six events will have been accomplished in the life of the nation of Israel. Daniel 9:24 reveals these six realities when it says, "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."

God through Gabriel informed Daniel that when the 490 years are completed the following six items will have become a reality for the Jewish nation. They are 1, "to finish the transgression," 2, "to make an end of sin," 3, "to make atonement for iniquity," 4, "to bring in everlasting righteousness," 5, "to seal up vision and prophecy," and 6, "to anoint the most holy place."

When you take these six clauses and put them together, in essence what they are communicating is the physical and spiritual restoration of the nation of Israel. Once the 490 years are completed Israel will experience divine fulfillment, not only politically, but she will also be in faith. In other words, she will be spiritually restored as well. Hebrew-Christian scholar, Arnold Fruchtenbaum accurately defines each of these clauses. The first three clauses are negative in the sense that three items will stop for Israel. The final three clauses are positive in the sense that these three items are positive realities that will happen for the nation of Israel.

Let us now walk through these six realities point by point. The *first* reality that will happen at the conclusion of the 490 years is that there will be a finishing of transgression. Essentially what that means is that Israel will finish rejecting Jesus Christ. Currently, and also for the last two-thousand years, the Jewish nation is a Christ-rejecting nation. There are occasionally Jews, or descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who become Christians today and consequently become members of Christ's church. However, by and large this is not the norm. The Gentiles comprise the majority in the present Church Age (Rom. 11:25). By contrast, the pattern for the Jewish people throughout the Church Age has been one of rejecting Christ. At the end of the 490 years this will cease. National Israel will finish rejecting Jesus, their Messiah.

Second, there will be an end of sin. In other words, Israel's daily sins will cease. This sinful pattern will cease because of the inauguration of the New Covenant, which is found in Jeremiah 31:31-34. There, God promised that the day will come when He will take His laws and write them on the hearts of the Jewish people. They will be internally transformed, much the same way we, as members of Christ's church are internally transformed or born again the moment we trust in Christ as our Savior. This spiritual birth, which all Christians have experienced, will also be experienced by the Jewish nation by the end of this 490-year period. Jeremiah 31:31-34 says:



“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, [32] not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. [33] “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [34] They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Third, there will be an atonement for iniquity. Atonement refers to the substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus stepped out of eternity and into time to bear the wrath of a holy God in our place because of our sin debt. The moment one appropriates, or accepts by faith, what Jesus has done for him in that very moment he is saved. He is then positionally covered by the blood of the Lamb. However, while the atonement is available to all, it does not profit anyone until they trust in what Jesus has done for them. Thus, the day will come at the end of this 490-year period when the nation of Israel will accept Christ's atonement and consequently be covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Fourth, “to bring in everlasting righteousness,” relates to the establishment of the kingdom of God upon the earth (Isa. 9:6-7). As explained in our first installment, Daniel mistakenly believed the kingdom (Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45) would come at the end of the prior 490 years of discipline. Therefore, God, through Gabriel, explains that the kingdom will only come at the end of the next 490-years that are outlined here in Daniel 9:24-27. Recall the smiting stone that Daniel saw as he interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's vision in Daniel 2. This smiting stone that struck the feet of the statue, destroyed Gentile powers, and grew until it filled the whole earth. This smiting stone represents the earthly reign of Christ. This kingdom of God will come upon the earth through the Jewish nation consequently blessing the entire world at the end of this 490-year period.

Fifth, there will be a sealing up of vision and prophecy. All of the promises that God has made to national Israel will be realized at the conclusion of the 490-years. God has promised the nation of Israel many things. Most of these items are yet to be fulfilled from our time perspective today. However, at the end of this 490-year period all of the covenants, promises, and prophecies that God has given to Israel will be fulfilled. All of the visions that God gave to the nation of Israel will find a fulfillment after the 490 years has run its course.

Sixth, there will be an anointing of the most holy place. “The most holy place” is a reference to the temple. This final clause is speaking of the inauguration or dedication of the millennial temple. Daniel's contemporary was Ezekiel. Both Daniel and Ezekiel prophesied during the Babylonian captivity. Ezekiel described in great detail the millennial temple through prophecy that God gave him. This prophecy is found in Ezekiel 40-48. At the end of the 490-years a functioning millennial temple will be established in and through the Hebrew nation. In sum, when the 490-year period reaches its fruition, climax, or conclusion, Israel will be restored politically and spiritually.

Based on our study of the Seventy Weeks prophecy, what have we learned thus far? *First*, the prophecy specifically concerns the nation of Israel. *Second*, the prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 is in essence dealing with a total 490-year time period. *Third*, each year of this prophecy consists of 360 days. *Fourth*, by the time the prophetic clock reaches its 490-year completion, Israel will be both politically and spiritually restored.

*Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Footsteps of the Messiah: A Study of the Sequence of Prophetic Events*, rev. ed. (Tustin, CA: Ariel, 2003), 191-94.

Prayer means keeping company with God who is already present. Phillip Yancey

The Cornerstone Newsletter deadline for News articles is the 19th of each month. You can e-mail Patricia Chandler at: earlbudc@att.net or send information to Carol Henry at Carol@SLBC.org



Men's Expedition

Time: April 21-23, 2017

Elder Dan Denham will be teaching on the topic:

"Understanding Proverbs"

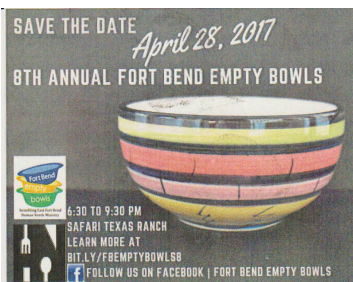
A Contextual and systematic approach will open Proverbs for the believer to insights between

"Wisdom and Folly"

Mark your calendars now!

More information to come:

Look for sign-up sheets coming soon on the tables in the foyer.



East Fort Bend to Hold It's 8th Annual Empty Bowls

April 28, 2017

Time: 6:30 –9:30 PM

Location: Safari Texas Ranch

Our Church has been asked to provide:

*(2) Two Silent Auction Baskets: these baskets will go on the Silent Auction table to help raise funds for the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry. **Themes are: Father's Day and Camping.** Donated Items for these baskets are needed! If you can help in any way your donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in helping out with these please contact your **Board Rep. Pat Chandler** at 281-437-8919 or E-Mail at earl-budc@att.net Tickets for this event is \$40.00.



Fellowship Groups

First Colony East—Adults only

Hosts: Eric & Veronica Wasek

2803 Hidden Knoll Court—281-980-3742

Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:00 pm

Leader: Earl Chandler—Continuing in Philipians



First Colony West—Children Welcome

Hosts: Keith & Judy Kurrus

2803 Pineleaf Dr.— 281-242-3031

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 pm

We have concluded our survey of the Minor Prophets, and the group would like to embark on a study of the gospel of Luke next year. As with the study of the Minor Prophets, we plan to have the men in our group prepare and present the material. **These would be Bruce, Andrie, Greg, Earl, and Hans** using the sources available in our church library with the Bible Commentary on Luke by Warren Wiersbe.

Young Couples Fellowship—Children Welcome

Host: Meet at SLBC in Fellowship Room

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:30 pm

Coordinator: Andrea Merkin, 830-426-0927

Scripture for the Month: 2 Timothy 1-2

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.





SLBC 2017 Ladies Retreat

Date: October 13-15, 2017

Facility: Camp Tejas Retreat and Conference Center
camptejas.org

Location: Giddings, TX (110 mi from SLBC, ~1 hr 45 min)

Speaker: Betty Cooke

Cost: Spacious accommodations for 2 nights & 4 meals (also includes a conference room set up w/tables, sound, equipment, coffee & water, **PLUS** all recreation activities):

\$242/person (1 or 2 guests/rm)

\$210/person (3+ guests/rm)

Registration: Begins Sunday Apr 2, 2017

- ** Space is limited; Ladies of SLBC have priority
- ** 3 installment Payment Plan available
- ** Last day to register & last day for cancellation with a refund is Sunday Sep 17, 2017

~Watch for more details in the coming months