

Nehemiah 2:7

by Chuck Smith

The sermon explores the restoration of Jerusalem, the purpose of the 70 sevens, and the age of grace, highlighting the significance of the crucifixion of Christ and the gathering of the Bride.

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:7, Daniel 9:21, Daniel 9:24

Topics: "Restoration", "God's Prophetic Plan"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the significance of recognizing God's hand in all circumstances, as demonstrated by Nehemiah's response to the dire state of Jerusalem. Nehemiah's sorrow led him to prayer, prompting the king to grant him permission to restore and rebuild the city, which aligns with God's prophetic timeline. The sermon explores the prophetic 'seventy sevens' from Daniel, culminating in the coming of the Messiah and the implications of the age of grace, where God's plan continues to unfold through the church. Smith highlights that God's timeline was paused at the crucifixion, allowing for the gathering of the church before the final events unfold.

Transcript

Intro: "And the King granted me according to the good hand of my God upon me." The recognition of God in all things.

I. THE COMMANDMENT TO RESTORE AND TO REBUILD.

A. Nehemiah received word of deplorable condition of city, demoralized condition of people.

B. The news filled heart with sorrow but led him to prayer.

1. The King observed sorrow.

2. "And the king granted."

C. 90 years earlier 538 Angel Gabriel appeared to Daniel. Dan. 9:21.

II. SEVENTY SEVENS.

A. "To make an end of sins, to make atonement for iniquity. . . to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to anoint the most Holy."

B. The divisions of the sevens 7, 62, 1.

C. From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince.

1. 7 sevens 49 yrs. & 62 sevens 434 yrs or 483 years.

D. Commandment went forth to Nehemiah in 445 B.C Add the 483 yrs:

1. Brings you to time of Christ.

2. Triumphant entry.

E. "The Messiah will be cut off, but not for Himself."

F. The people of the (prince. another prince Romans shall come & destroy the city & the. . .

III. THE AGE OF GRACE.

A. Not revealed to Daniel or O.T. prophets Eph. 3:5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men.

B. So Daniel went right on to 70th seven vs 27.

C. God's time clock has been stopped, if was stopped at the crucifixion of His Son.

1. Stopped for this church age.

That Holy Spirit might gather out of Gentile nations a Bride.

2. When Bride gathered then will clock start again.

Anti Christ will be revealed.

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