

Times and Seasons
1st Thessalonians 5:1
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I believe, I have received understanding for Paul's letter of refreshing to the Thessalonians concerning his statement of "times and seasons". A reference he made that I have strained myself to understand for quite some time. The understanding that we seek is always so simple, yet so obscure until the day of enlightenment.

This reference to "time and seasons" is Paul reminding the Thessalonians that he previously taught them the prophecies from the book of Daniel. Specifically the little horn for the abomination and desolation yet for Jerusalem, that 70th Week of Daniel.

Paul a man with dual educations, one from his life in Turkey where he grew up as a son of a tent maker whom could afford Paul's education to take over the family business. The second when Paul went on to become educated as a Pharisee. Probably not what his dad had planned for him. This all means Paul knew Jewish history, the time of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175–164 BCE) which is Daniel 9:26. Paul most certainly took the Thessalonians into prophecy for that last Week of Daniel's 70 Weeks. Daniel's prophecies are the times and seasons of which Paul referenced to the times he had taught them during his evangelist journey.

We will start with Paul's tutoring to the Thessalonians:

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

Paul had taken them down the road into the future; he may well have begun his journey with Daniel 7:8:

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another **little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth **speaking great things**.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition; **2:4** Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. **2:5** Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? **2:6** And now ye know what is restraining him, that he might be revealed in his time.

Paul furthered his teaching for the prophecy of the 70 Weeks with Daniel 9:24. This verse explains to the Thessalonians the purpose for the 70 Weeks and how the 70 Weeks are determined to the end, and the return of Messiah as King:

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Next Paul might have taken them to the last decimation of Jerusalem in that 70th Week with this next verse:

Dan 12:7 And I heard **the man** clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, **and swear by him that liveth for ever** that *it shall be for a time, times, and an half*; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: **Dan 12:9** And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* **closed up and sealed** till the time of the end.

This vision of 12:7 is set in time, the time for the beginning of the 70th Week. First we want to identify as much as we can for this man clothed in linen. Linen is the first of two clues to identify the man upon the waters. In Revelation we have angels wearing fine linen as we will now read:

Rev 15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, ... clothed in pure and white linen, ... This linen represents righteousness and truth. Second this man of Daniel 12:7 swears an oath to YAHSHUA. Now, I find this odd as we human's being shaped in iniquity are commanded not to swear an oath by any reason as we read from Matthew:

Mat 5:33 ... **Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:**

Mat 5:34 **But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:**

Mat 5:35 **Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Mat 5:36** **Neither shalt thou swear by thy head ... Mat 5:37** **But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**

According to Matthew's account, we are given a curse if we swear an oath. So this man who delivers the proclamation for the 70th Week to begin, is righteous as he is identified by fine linen. Therefore he could not be breaking a commandment of the Kingdom of heaven as Matthew identifies. (Please don't say, this is in the Old Testament and the Kingdom is of the New. I'll say Yahshua Messiah, the same yesterday, today and forever.) This leads me to believe this man is in fact an angelic messenger acting as a liaison for the Most High Yahshua Messiah. As this messenger would not be under the same restrictions as mortal man. And further this messenger is delivering a message by commandment.

Where does this bring us too? The announcement for the 70th Week to begin, the revival of Israel Hosea 6:2. This mandates the end of the gentile grace age which we read next:

Rev 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, **10:6** And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

Here we are in Revelation 10:6 at the end of the grace age, as "there shall be time no longer." In this time frame we have another angel that swears an oath to Him that lives forever. The one who created heaven and the things therein, and the earth and the sea and all things therein. This oath is to YAHSHUA the Almighty. The oath of Revelation 10:6 is the same oath as Daniel 12:7 as they are both at the end but not the very end when Messiah descends to earth.

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the **time of the end.**

So when is this time of the end? Daniel prophesies to us, and informs us, this end is the entire 70th Week as he identifies in verse 12:7. The first 69 Weeks are fulfilled, this gives us the 70th

Week as the end. Daniel continues giving us further details for this last Week, the time of the end.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Dan 12:11 And from **the time** that the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Dan 12:12 Blessed *is* he that waits, and **comes to** the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

This prophecy of Daniel 12:7 is the introduction for the start of the 70th Week and it will be fulfilled in its time. I believe this event occurs within the same time of Revelation's event of 10:5. We know and have discussed before that Revelation 8:1 is the beginning of the 70th Week for Israel, and the start for the ministry of the two olive trees. In Revelation 8:1 there are 30 minutes of silence in heaven, which is the same time interval for the angel speaking on earth in Revelation 10:5. The vision of Daniel 12:7 occurs on earth as well; as the 30 minutes will provide the ending of the gentile grace age, it will be the start of the 70th Week for Israel and her prophets. Revelation chapter eight gives us the heavenly events at the beginning of Daniel's 70th week. It must be that Daniel 12:7 which is the heavenly scene on earth for the start of Hosea's revival the 70th Week, could only occur during this 30 minutes of silence. It seems to me that Revelation 10:5 and Daniel 12:7 are the same "man" "angel" and this messenger of Yahshua gives both messages on earth to the respective prophets during this 30 minutes of silence in heaven.

Daniel witnessed and wrote his prophecy of 12:7 to the Jews and John witnessed and wrote his prophecy to the gentiles in Rev. 10:5. What we know is these two events setup the beginning of the 70th Week to Israel. I believe these two events on earth are during the 30 minutes of silence and by the same messenger.

I wonder if the two prophets of Israel, the two olive trees as they are referred, will begin their ministries with teaching Daniel 12:7?