

he will punish the king of Babylon and the statement he will make it perpetual desolations.

Well now over here in these 70 weeks, we won't have time to much more than glance at it but I want to bring up two or three rather important principles. Daniel ^{by books} understood/by Jeremiah that there would be 70 years from the desolations of Jerusalem -- there were 70 years when Jerusalem was ~~or~~ ^{or} less subject to Babylon for 20 years -- and in 50 years in which Jerusalem had been destroyed and ~~and~~ most of the people taken into exile before the Babylonian empire came to an end. and the people were allowed to go back. And Daniel then in this chapter prays to God and God sent the angel Gabriel who said to him in vs. ~~24~~ ^{9:24} ~~24~~ / 24: (reading text) , , , ,

We could take several hours looking into the words of this verse and trying to figure out what they mean but I'm not sure we would know much more about it than we do by reading ~~of~~ it just hastily. The vs. is quite clear that it seems to mean an end of wickedness and not merely to mean the atonement for sin, but to bring in everlasting righteousness. It seems to mean to finish the transgression. It -- One might interpret this as meaning 70 weeks until Christ's first coming, ^{until} or His atonement. But it does seem as though the language goes beyond and though it is speaking of thy people ^{it seems as if it is} and Jerusalem. Certainly the suggestion is quite strong that this is speaking about the end of the period of wickedness and the beginning of the kingdom of Christ on earth rather than the time of Christ's atonement.

Well then he says "Knew therefore and ~~and~~ understand that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks" and right there in the Heb. there is the equivalent of ^a the semicolon. Now these marks in the Hebrew or punctuation were not put in until about 900 A.D. so we do not attach a great deal of importance to them, but it seems to me that the punctuation they put in represents what the verse says. "From the going forth of the commandment to restore and ~~to~~ build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks: and 62 weeks the streak will be guilt again and the wall even in troublous times and after the 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off." We ~~we~~ have two periods here -- a period of ~~seven weeks~~ and a period of 62 weeks. Now most present writers about this say after the