

that Isaiah said in Isa. 44:28-45:1 that Cyrus is the one who will rebuild Jerusalem. He is the one who will build my city. God predicts it will be Cyrus through Isaiah. If Cyrus is not the one who is meant --the going forth of the command-- if it means a human command, then Isaiah must be a false prophet and we should cut his book out of the Bible! It must be Cyrus if it refers to a human command!

F. Great confusion has been caused because the passage is generally approached with unwarranted assumptions. That is why there is so much confusion.

1. It has been generally assumed that the prediction shewed the exact time when Christ's first advent would occur. Now that is an assumption that is taken by just about all of those who take the weeks to be weeks of years rather than general periods of time. The assumption that they point right to the time of Isaiah(?) Messiah. And the one time head of Scotland Yard wrote a book called the Coming Prince in which he said, These 69 weeks come right to Palm Sunday, the exact date. Only he gave a date that hardly any scholar I know of now believes to have been the date of Palm Sunday. It was a couple of years later than most scholars would place Palm Sunday. But I would say that such an assumption is quite unjustified because it would be contrary to usual practice in Scripture. It is not usual in Scripture to tell us a century or two ahead when something is exactly going to happen. And we should note the NT statements about the time of the second advent in which our Lord so clearly said, It is not for you to know times or seasons. He said you are not to know when the Son of Man will come back. The Lord has kept that in His own power, but you are always to be ready. He told the patriarchs you go down to Egypt and after 400 years these people will come back and scholars argue whether those 400 years include the time in Palestine in the time in Egypt, whether it's from Abram's first visit