

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Daniel 9 Part 3²

So Daniel prayed his heart out.

“Lord, listen.” “Lord, forgive!” “Lord, hear!” Lord, act!” “Do not delay!”

And the Lord did. The Lord gave Him an answer. And the answer, of course, was Jesus. He’s simply the answer to everything. That’s the beauty of the Easter season, and the truth it conveys. That’s the beauty of every season. Enjoy!

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Today we'll study how God responded next time.

The Seventy "Sevens"

²⁰**While I was speaking and praying**, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill— ²¹while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

So, Gabriel flies---and can do swiftly. But that doesn't mean he has to have wings, like some say he does. But it does make for a fun painting.

Before I proceed, the NIV bible study notes directed readers to Psalm 141:2

It was concerning the evening sacrifice, and look at what the Psalmist say was like the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141

A psalm of David.

¹I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me;
hear me when I call to you.

²May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.

The NIV gives some reference Scriptures here which are worth pursuing.

Isaiah 65:24 New International Version (NIV)
²⁴Before they call I will answer; **while they are still speaking** I will hear.

God did that for Daniel!



| Exodus 29:38-41 | Numbers 28:3-8 |
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| ⁸ “This is what you are to offer on the altar regularly each day: two lambs a year old. ³⁹ Offer one in the morning | ³ Say to them: ‘This is the food offering you are to present to the LORD: two lambs a year old |

and the other at twilight. ⁴⁰With the first lamb offer a tenth of an ephah^[a] of the finest flour mixed with a quarter of a hin^[b] of oil from pressed olives, and a quarter of a hin of wine as a drink offering. ⁴¹Sacrifice the other lamb at twilight with the same grain offering and its drink offering as in the morning—a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the LORD.

Footnotes:

- a. **Exodus 29:40** That is, probably about 3 1/2 pounds or about 1.6 kilograms
- b. **Exodus 29:40** That is, probably about 1 quart or about 1 liter

without defect, as a regular burnt offering each day. ⁴Offer one lamb in the morning and the other at twilight, ⁵together with a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah^[a] of the finest flour mixed with a quarter of a hin^[b] of oil from pressed olives. ⁶This is the regular burnt offering instituted at Mount Sinai as a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the LORD. ⁷The accompanying drink offering is to be a quarter of a hin of fermented drink with each lamb. Pour out the drink offering to the LORD at the sanctuary. ⁸Offer the second lamb at twilight, along with the same kind of grain offering and drink offering that you offer in the morning. This is a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD.

²²He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed.

So here is a concept I find intriguing. “You are highly esteemed.” What does that mean? Does God like some people better than others? Some say no. But let me test that concept.

The original translation says:

[\(CLV\) Dn 9:23](#)

ⁱAt the start of your supplications a word ⁷from Yahweh^o went forth, and I^l have come to tell ⁷you^o, for a ⁷man of^c coveted qualities are you. ⁺Then understand what is in the word, and understand what is in the sight.

You are man of “coveted” qualities. The actual Hebrew reads like this:

קְמוּדוּת אֶתְּהָ וּבִין
 u-bin athe chmuduth
 and-consider-you ! you coveted

The Hebrew word used means:

H2532 chemdah khem-daw'

feminine of **H2531**;

delight.

KJV: desire, goodly, pleasant, precious.

Actually, if you look up other places this word (or its root word) is used, you actually are led to Genesis 3:6 in describing the forbidden fruit, and the literal translation says the fruit is “yearning to the eyes.”

So God “yearns” for this man. Highly esteems him. Greatly loves him. Without getting too deeply into this, let’s look at few Scriptures that seem to indicate some were more “special” to Jesus than others.

| John 11:5 | John 13:23 | John 19:26 | John 20:2 | John 21:5 |
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| ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. | One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved , was reclining next to him. | When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” | So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple , the one Jesus loved , and said, “They have taken the | Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against |

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| | | | Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" | Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") |
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So maybe there are some with whom who bonds more deeply, or frankly who bond with Him more deeply. And He loves them "special." Thank you Lord!

Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

²⁴"Seventy 'sevens'^[c] are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish^[d] transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.^[e]

The NIV study Bible says "probably seven-year periods of time, making a total of 490 years. Six purposes are mentioned:

- 1. Finish (or restrain) transgression.**
- 2. Put an end to sin.**
- 3. Atonement for wickedness.**
- 4. Bring in everlasting righteousness.**
- 5. Seal up vision and prophecy.**
- 6. And anoint the Most Holy Place.**

Now it also says that some believe the last three were not fulfilled by the resurrection and crucifixion of Christ, but I disagree.

I think these were fulfilled by the crucifixion first, and demonstrated to be fulfilled by the resurrection.

I also believe the sacrifice of the Lamb (and the sealing of the positive deal for his people) occurred before the foundation of the world!

So here is the literal on this:

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| 13:8 | και | προσκυνησουσιν | αυτον | παντες | οι | κατοικουντες | επι | της | γης | ων | ου |
| | kai | proskunEsousin | auton | pantes | hoi | katoikountes | epi | tEs | gEs | hOn | ou |
| | AND | THEY-SHALL-BE-worshipING | it | ALL | THE ^(p) | ones-DOWN-HOMING | ON | THE | LAND | OF-WHOM ^(p) | NOT |
| | and | shall-be-worshipping | him | all | the | ones-dwelling | on | the | earth | of-whom ^(p) | not |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|--------|----|-----|----------|--------|------|--------|---------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| γεγραπται | το | ονομα | αυτου | εν | τω | βιβλιω | της | ζωης | του | αρνιου | του | εσφαγμενου | απο |
| gegraptai | to | onoma | autou | en | to | bibliO | tEs | zOEs | tou | arniou | tou | esphagmenou | apo |
| -HAS-been-WRITTEN | THE | NAME | OF-him | IN | THE | SCROLLED | OF-THE | LIFE | OF-THE | LAMBkin | OF-THE | One-HAVING-been-SLAIN | FROM |
| has-been-written | the | name | of-him | in | the | scrollet | of-the | life | of-the | lambkin | of-the | one-having-been-slain | from |

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| καταβολης | κοσμου |
| katabolEs | kosmou |
| DOWN-CASTING | OF-SYSTEM |
| disruption | of-world |

So, let's consider next time the exact prophecy, and what it says that is an astounding proof of biblical prophecy.

causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.^{(k)''[1]}

Footnotes:

- a. **Daniel 9:1** Hebrew *Ahasuerus*
- b. **Daniel 9:1** Or *Chaldean*
- c. **Daniel 9:24** Or 'weeks'; also in verses 25 and 26
- d. **Daniel 9:24** Or *restrain*
- e. **Daniel 9:24** Or *the most holy One*
- f. **Daniel 9:25** Or *an anointed one*; also in verse 26
- g. **Daniel 9:26** Or *death and will have no one*; or *death, but not for himself*
- h. **Daniel 9:27** Or 'week'
- i. **Daniel 9:27** Or 'week'
- j. **Daniel 9:27** Septuagint and Theodotion; Hebrew *wing*
- k. **Daniel 9:27** Or *it*
- l. **Daniel 9:27** Or *And one who causes desolation will come upon the wing of the abominable temple, until the end that is decreed is poured out on the desolated city*

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