

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 4²

I would love to pursue this concept further, but feel like I must move on for now. The main point I want to make is that contrary to what many modern arm chair theologians (like me 😊) speculate is a “fulfillment of the “seventh week” of Daniel that ends up with a rapture before the tribulation and all kinds of folks suffering because they haven’t repented yet. I don’t see it that way. The early church fathers believed Christ is the fulfillment of the week. My take is that the number is symbolic for “the perfect amount of time, and that the 3 ½ years remaining in the week after the crucifixion is symbolic of the time of the church, through whom Christ is confirming the covenant with many. I’ll start off with a simple listing of references to the 3 ½ years in Revelation, and then move on to chapter 10.

Grace and peace to whoever might be reading this!

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Daniel 9 wrap up: Prophecy in question:

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the middle of the week the sacrifice and oblation shall be taken away;

By Jesus Christ's death!

Hebrews 10:8

First he said, "**Sacrifices** and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law.

Hebrews 10:10

And by that will, we have been made holy through the **sacrifice** of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one **sacrifice** he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

So Christ took away the need for sacrifices "in the middle of the week"---at the end of the first half of his 3 ½ year ministry.

and in the holy place shall be the abomination of desolations, and until the consummation of time shall the consummation be assigned for desolation. And in the midst of the week shall he make the incense of sacrifice cease, and of the wing of destruction, even till the consummation, like the destruction of the oblation."

Here is the NIV version of that verse:

²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'^(h) In the middle of the 'seven'⁽ⁱ⁾ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple^(j) he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.^{(k)''(l)}

Here is a take on the week by one of the Church Father's quoted yesterday:

"And one week will make a covenant with many, and it shall be that in the midst (half) of the week my sacrifice and oblation shall cease." By one week, therefore,

he meant the last week which is to be at the end of the whole world of which week the two prophets Enoch and Elias will take up the half.

Ok.

So I don't want to take too long on this now, but what if it works this way--- Christ's first 3 1/2 years of ministry (literally) put an end to sin. The second 3 1/2 years (a much longer period to complete whatever the "perfect" amount of time is ("7" days worth in symbolic language) represents the "last half of the week." Yes, I know we're mixing apple and orange metaphors here, but hey, God can call our time whatever He wants to, can't He? So with that thought in mind, let's look at all the "3 1/2 years" and "42 months" and "1260 days" spoken of in Revelation.

42 months	1260 days	Observation
<p>Revelation 11:2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.</p> <p>Revelation 13:5 The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months.</p>	<p>Revelation 11:3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."</p> <p>Revelation 12:6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Church, spiritual Israel, "the woman" of Revelation 12, protected for the last half of the 3 1/2 years of Christ's second " 3 1/2 days of ministry" to complete his week. His primary work done through the church. 2. Two witnesses prophesy during this time period---perhaps symbolic of the testimony of the church during this time? 3. The "outer court" of the temple---those not yet professing Christ, spiritual "Gentiles" dominating and trampling the church for the same 3 1/2 years. 4. "Beast" ruling system still dominating and usurping God's people.

I'll press this further in some other study, but I'm becoming more intrigued with how the book of Revelation is a fascinating tapestry of Jesus Christ's finished work at the Cross.

Let's now go forward to Daniel 10.

Daniel 10 New International Version (NIV)

Daniel's Vision of a Man

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belshazzar).

Its message was true and it concerned a great war.^[a] The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

Ok. This is a good guess at what the original means. Look at how the original is actually worded:

(CLV) Dn 10:1

In the third year ³of Cyrus king of Persia a matter was revealed to Daniel whose name is called Belshazzar; ⁺ the matter was true, and the host was great; ⁺ he understood ²the matter, and understanding came to him ¹through the sight.

I like that phrase: "Understanding came to him through the sight."

What is "the sight"?

H4758 mar'eh mar-eh'

a view (the act of seeing); also an appearance (the thing seen), whether (real) a shape (especially if handsome, comeliness; often plural the looks), or (mental) a vision.

from **H7200** - to see, literally or figuratively (in numerous applications, direct and implied, transitive, intransitive and causative).

²At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. ³I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

Daniel is old now. Perhaps in his 70's. Maybe this was his way of fasting. Also Daniel has a history of being on special "diets" for the LORD. This diet included using no special lotions. Here is the literal translation of that.

H5480 cuwk sook

a primitive root;

properly, to smear over (with oil), i.e. anoint.

Here is another take:

Our modern equivalent to this type of anointing would be to put on cologne. Ruth 3:3 (KJV) uses the word anoint while the NIV uses the phrase "put on perfume".

The verse means that Daniel has decided to abstain from things that are related to anything a person might do to show happiness or a sense of celebration. He obviously had a somber attitude during this 3 weeks.

Also, when King David ended his fasting and repentance in 2 Samuel 12:20 he arose and anointed himself. Jews normally would put on anointing oil as a part of daily grooming but would not do so when fasting.

[Bible Scholars, what does Daniel mean in 10:3 that he would not anoint himself? | Yahoo Answers](#)

This "fast" lasted 3 periods of 7---21 days.