

Confirming the Covenant

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Is Daniel 9:27 a Peace Agreement or Something Else?

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Will the Antichrist be from the Tribe of Dan?

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What are the Abraham Accords?

The Abraham Accords is the normalization deal signed between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain on September 15, 2020.

- It also led to a further normalization agreement with Morocco and with Sudan slated to follow suit.
- The deal was mediated by the administration of US president Donald Trump and was a watershed moment in Israeli history.
- The accords are credited with changing the geopolitical landscape of the Middle East, aligning Israel with newfound allies against Iran.
- It has also led to numerous medical, business and scientific agreements signed between the Israel, Morocco, Bahrain and the UAE.

Could the Abraham Accords be the comprehensive Mideast peace agreement confirmed by Antichrist?

Many think that if we are at the end of the Church Age, it very well could be.

- It is indeed the conventional wisdom among prophecy watchers that this is the event that starts the 70th week of Daniel: The Antichrist bursting on to the scene and confirming a peace agreement between Israel and her surrounding neighbors.

Where do we get the idea that the Antichrist will initiate the Tribulation by confirming a peace treaty?

Daniel 9:27 – *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.*

The traditional teaching on this passage is that the Antichrist confirms an existing peace treaty with Israel.

What makes us think that Daniel 9:27 is referring to a peace treaty?

The fact that there is a covenant with “*the many*” ...this would certainly lend itself to multiple parties being involved. However...

- The Hebrew phrase translated “*many*” in NKJV is “*la’rabiym*” and is better translated “*the many*”
- The Hebrew phrase “*the many*” is a Jewish idiom which means *Israel*
- This exact phrase is used in Daniel 11:33 clearly referring to the Jewish people, not other nations.

How do the first two seal judgments give the idea that the Antichrist brings peace agreements?

Revelation 6:1-4... The first seal (horse) is generally associated with the Antichrist rising to power and consolidating his empire. The second seal (horse) brings war with “*the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth*” so there must have been a peace with the first horse to have it taken away by the second horse.

How does 1 Thessalonians 5:3 reinforce the idea that Daniel 9:27 involves a peace agreement?

1 Thessalonians 5:3 – *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

The idea here is that there is peace that precedes the sudden destruction of the Tribulation. Since the Antichrist coming on the world scene precedes the sudden destruction, he must come in response to the world clamoring for peace and safety.

What is the problem with reading “*peace*” into Daniel 9:27?

No where in the context of Daniel 9 does the word “*peace*” (Hebrew, “*shalom*”) appear.

If the covenant in Daniel 9:27 is not a peace treaty, what is it?

The word “covenant” occurs 7 times in the book of Daniel. In all six other times besides Daniel 9:27, it is apparent that the term “covenant” refers to the Mosaic Covenant.

- Daniel 9:4, 27; 11:22, 28, 30 (2x), 32

How does the context of Daniel 9:27 indicate that the reference to covenant here is the Mosaic Covenant?

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The one who confirms the covenant is also the one who breaks it by ending the sacrifices and commits the abomination of desolation.

- The sacrifices have to be those mandated by the Mosaic Covenant and must take place at the tabernacle or temple.
- The abomination of desolation has to take place in the temple as Jesus indicated:
Matt 24:15-16 – *Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

So, what is this abomination of desolation?

It is helpful to look at other passages referring to this event:

Dan 8:11 – *He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.*

The Antichrist will exalt himself as God and demand to be worshiped.

Dan 11:31 – *And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.*

The abomination of desolation occurs in conjunction with taking away the temple sacrifices and is something placed in the temple... probably the Image of the Beast

2 Thess 2:3-4 – *the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

The abomination of desolation is the Antichrist claiming he is God and demanding to be worshipped.

How is the Abomination of Desolation a watershed moment for the Jews?

This is when the Jews will realize they have been duped and the world leader they thought was their savior cannot be so they flee Israel.

What are the implications of the Antichrist confirming the Mosaic Covenant?

This is what enables the temple to be built so the animal sacrifices may begin.

- It also seems like he might actually be a Jew... why would a Gentile be concerned with the Mosaic Covenant?

But doesn’t Revelation 13:1 and Daniel 9:26 indicate that the Antichrist is a Gentile?

Rev 13:1 – *I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name*

The sea is symbolic of the sea of nations in Revelation.

Daniel 9:26 – *the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary*

The Roman 10th Legion fulfilled this prophecy in AD 70. This Legion was led by Romans and made up of conscripts from Syria (all Gentiles).

So, how can the Antichrist be a Jew with all the evidence that he would be a Gentile?

The Antichrist could come from a Gentile nation and still ethnically be Jewish. This is not unprecedented:

- The Apostle Paul was an ethnic Jew, a Hebrew from the tribe of Benjamin (Philippians 3:5). At the same time, he was a Roman citizen born in Tarsus (Acts 22:27-28).
- Also, there were 10 Roman emperors who were not ethnic Romans or Italians.

What supports the idea that the Antichrist has Jewish lineage?

Daniel 11:37 – *He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.*

The term “*God of his fathers*” provides a connection to his Jewish heritage. The term “*desire of women*” refers to the Messiah.

- The Antichrist will not recognize either God the Father nor God the Son
- The Antichrist will certainly *exalt himself above all gods.*

What indications are there that the Antichrist could be ethnically from the tribe of Dan?

The September issue of Prophecy Watcher magazine presents a pretty good case for this with a lot of historical circumstantial evidence indicating that the Spartans could have come from the tribe of Dan.

And we have this prophecy of Jacob:

Genesis 49:16-17 – *Dan shall judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider shall fall backward.*

This prophecy about Dan has yet to be fulfilled in history. If the Antichrist is from the tribe of Dan, he will certainly judge his people.

- The fact that a serpent is involved in the actions of the tribe of Dan directly refers to Satan.
- Samson came from the tribe of Dan so this prophecy was foreshadowed by him but the ultimate fulfillment would be the Antichrist.

What did the prophecy of Moses add to the idea that the Antichrist could stem from the tribe of Dan?

Deuteronomy 33:22 – *And of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan."*

Describing the Antichrist as a lion's whelp reveals that he will represent himself to be the savior of Israel instead of the true Savior, the Lion of the tribe of Judah which describes Jesus.

What do we know about Bashan?

Bashan is notable in that it was a place of the post-flood Nephilim where the Israelites defeated the giant King Og. So, there was a lot of demonic activity there as referenced in this prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion:

Psalms 22:12 – *Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.*

What does it tell us that Dan is not included in the Revelation 7 description of the 144,000?

We have heard that the reason for this is that Dan was being punished for being the tribe that first engaged in idol worship.

- But if the Antichrist is from Dan, this would be an even more relevant reason for their exclusion.

What is to be gained by challenging the conventional wisdom for biblical interpretations?

This can give us a deeper understanding of God and His plan. It hones our skills for interpreting Scripture.

What caution is there in latching on to new biblical interpretations?

Check things out for yourself... what does the text actually say in context? Just because there is a new interpretation, this does not mean that it is better than what has traditionally been understood (that is an evolutionary mentality).

Ephesians 4:14 – *we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men*

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The covenant the Antichrist confirms is not a peace treaty; it is the Mosaic Covenant.
- The Antichrist may be a Jew who came from a Gentile nation.
- Going deep involves challenging the conventional wisdom for biblical interpretations.