

# MIRACLES | The Miracle of Palm Sunday

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## Prophecy tells us

### Isaiah 46:9-10

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.”

- God is God, there is no other
- He declares end from beginning, ancient times things not done
- His counsel will stand, His pleasure will be done

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## Palm Sunday's amazing prophecy

*Sir Robert Anderson, head of Scotland Yard, wrote the classic interpretation of the book of Daniel, dealing with the prophecy of the ninth chapter in particular, in 1894.<sup>1</sup>*

In Daniel 9, Daniel is seeking God about the future of the Jewish people and Jerusalem. He understands from reading the prophecies of Jeremiah that Israel's 70-year Babylonian captivity is about over, and he's curious about the future. So, he's seeking God. This is around 539 BC, about 3-4 years left in 70-year Babylonian Captivity.

In the middle of his prayer the angel Gabriel shows up and moves on Daniel with an **unbelievably precise, sure word of prophecy**.

### Daniel 9:24-25

“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.”

### Let's unpack this amazing prophecy...

- 70 “weeks” are determined for Jews and Jerusalem
- “weeks” of days, weeks, months and years for Jews
- “week” is period of 7 of any of these
- Daniel's weeks are weeks of years — God is saying there are 70 periods of 7 years where He is going to be doing some amazing things in regard to the Jews

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<sup>1</sup> Anderson, Sir Robert. *The Coming Prince* (Trumpet Press, December 5, 2013)

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- know and understand this prophecy — this is light in darkness, God speaking!
- from the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem UNTIL Messiah the Prince comes... very specific prophecy about when the Messiah would be recognized and worshipped on the world stage.
- 7 weeks and 62 weeks or 69 weeks, 69 periods of 7 years from the time the command went out to rebuild and restore Jerusalem.
- $69 \times 7 = 483$  years x 360-day ancient calendar is 173,880 days from command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem UNTIL Messiah comes.
- Nehemiah received that command about 100 years after Daniel’s prophecy, from King Artaxerxes on March 14th, 445 BC.
- do the math... March 14th, 445 BC + 173,880 days is **April 6th, 32 AD**... *what happened that day?*

**Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah of the world  
entered Jerusalem on a donkey  
and for the first time ever  
He allowed Himself to be publicly recognized  
and worshipped as the fulfillment of the prophesied Messiah!**

**Interesting** — they had tried to take Him **prior** to that day and make Him King — but He refused!

## John 6:15

Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

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## The importance of this specific day is clearly shown in Luke 19

### Luke 19:37-38

“Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: ‘BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”  
*(prophetic Messianic Psalm 118)*

### Luke 19:39-40

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “**I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.**”

The Pharisees recognize what’s being said. **Jesus states the importance of the day — something so amazing that if people didn’t praise, stones would.**

### Luke 19:41-42

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “**If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.**”

*Jesus emphasizes the importance of “this your day” and the peace it was to bring them.*

## Bottom line

### 2 Peter 1:19

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

“Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact, proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world.”<sup>2</sup>

~ Peter Winebrenner Stoner

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## Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 46:9-10 aloud. Discuss the confidence that this passage gives you in all areas of the future.
2. Why did Jesus refuse to let the crowds take him to Jerusalem before the day He knew was appointed in scripture?
3. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees would happen if He told His disciples to keep silent about the importance of that amazing day?
4. Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
5. Why did Jesus emphasize the importance of “this your day” and the peace it was to bring them?

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<sup>2</sup> Stoner, Peter Winebrenner. *Science Speaks: Scientific Proof of the Accuracy of Prophecy and the Bible* (Moody Press, 1969)

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