

Daniel 9:27

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And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Analysis

The final week contains disputed elements: 'And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.' Interpretation divides on 'he'—Messiah or Antichrist? Messianic view sees Christ confirming new covenant through His ministry (3.5 years) and apostles (3.5 years), with His death ending temple sacrifices' efficacy. Futurist view sees Antichrist making treaty with Israel, breaking it mid-week. Either way, the prophecy addresses covenant and sacrifice's end. Christ's death fulfilled and terminated old covenant sacrificial system (Hebrews 10:1-18).

Historical Context

Christ's ministry lasted approximately 3.5 years, ending with crucifixion that rent the temple veil (Matthew 27:51), symbolizing the old covenant's end. Temple sacrifices continued until AD 70 when Romans destroyed the temple, permanently ending the sacrificial system. The new covenant predicted in Jeremiah 31:31-34 was inaugurated through Christ's blood (Luke 22:20). Hebrews extensively argues that Christ's once-for-all sacrifice supersedes and terminates the Levitical system.

Whether this verse describes Christ's work or future Antichrist, it addresses the end of old covenant sacrifices.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's death ending the sacrificial system demonstrate His sacrifice's sufficiency to atone for all sin?
2. What does the prophecy's focus on covenant and sacrifice teach about redemption's central concern—right relationship with God through atonement?

Interlinear Text

וְהִגְבַּחַ יְרָא	בְּכָרָת יְמִין	לְרִבָּב וְעַד	הַשְׁבָּב וְעַד	אַפְּדָה
And he shall confirm	the covenant	with many	of the week	for one
H1396	H1285	H7227	H7620	H259
וְחִצְאֵת	וְשָׁבֵת יְתָן	הַשְׁבָּב וְעַד	זֶה בְּחִ	וּמְנַחַת הָ
and in the midst	of the week	to cease	he shall cause the sacrifice	and the oblation
H2677	H7620	H7673	H2077	H4503
וְעַד	שְׁקָוָצִים	כְּבָרָת	שְׁמַמָּה:	וְעַד
and for the overspreading	of abominations	he shall make it desolate		
H5921	H3671	H8251	H8074	H5704
כְּלָה	וְעַד חַרְבָּא הָ	תְּמַתְּתָה	עַל	
even until the consummation	and that determined	shall be poured		
H3617	H2782	H5413	H5921	
שְׁמַמָּה:				
he shall make it desolate				
H8074				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 24:15 (Parallel theme): When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Luke 21:20 (Parallel theme): And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Daniel 12:11 (Sacrifice): And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Mark 13:14 (Parallel theme): But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Daniel 11:36 (Parallel theme): And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Daniel 8:13 (Sacrifice): Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

Isaiah 55:3 (Covenant): Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

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