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This list of **accomplishments** of the **Messiah** is **fascinating**. It appears to me that these have an **“already but not yet”** characteristic to them as they have not all been **completely fulfilled** in **Jesus First Coming**.

- to finish the transgression
- to make an end of sin
- to make atonement for iniquity
- to bring in everlasting righteousness
- to seal up vision and prophecy
- to anoint the most holy place.

As he continues the **decree** of **Artaxerxes** is mentioned as well as the **70 weeks** being **broken** into **parts**. Here the **decree** to **rebuild Jerusalem** is mentioned in **connection** with the **arrival** of the **Messiah**. He also mentions that after **69 weeks** has happened the **“Messiah will be cut off,”** meaning He will be **killed**.

Daniel 9:25-26 - 25 "So you are to know and discern that **from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. **26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing**, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. NASU

Many believe that the prophecy of **69 weeks** until the **arrival** of the **Messiah** is an **exact prediction** of **483 years** from the **decree** to **rebuild Jerusalem** to the arrival of the **Jesus in Jerusalem on March 30, 33AD**, with the **death of Christ** happening on **April 3, 33AD**, just a **few days** later on the **Passover** of that year. This is the **traditional Dispensational view** of this prediction, and I take it to be the **most apparent** and **correct view** all things **considered**. For more on this view, research *Sir Robert Anderson and Daniel's Seventy weeks*. Here in **verse 26** it is also mentioned that the **city (Jerusalem)** and the **sanctuary (the Temple)** will be **destroyed**, **“And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”** These **desolations** are no doubt the **terrible Roman invasion of Judea**, and the **siege of Jerusalem** which killed over **1 million Jews**. This of course took place in **70 AD** by the **Roman Army** under **General Titus**. Here also it is the **“people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.”** This means of course, that it is a **Roman prince**, since it was the

Romans who came and **did this**. This has led many to **understand** then the next verse **27** to be **speaking** of the **Antichrist**, (who is the **little horn of Rome, 7:8**), to be the one who **confirms** a **covenant** with many for **one week (the 70th)**, and commit the **Abomination of Desolation** in the **Temple**.

Daniel 9:27 - 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." NASU

This **Abomination of Desolation** in the Temple is also **spoken** of by both **Jesus**, in the **Olivet Discourse** (Matt 24:15-21) in regard to the **Great Tribulation**, and by **Paul** in regard to the **Antichrist** (2 Thes 2:1-12). Now **Paul** and **Jesus** have said these are yet future from the writing in the **1st Century**, meaning that this **prophecy** cannot be fulfilled by **Antiochus Epiphanes** in **167BC**, but must have some yet future fulfillment. When these Scriptures (Daniel 7, Daniel 9:24-27, Matt 24:15-31, 2 Thess 2:1-12, Rev 13, Rev 19) are considered together it becomes **obvious** that they are **awaiting a future seven year period (70th Week)**, just **prior** to the **Second Coming of Christ**, and will be **fulfilled** by the **Man of Lawlessness**,

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9 - 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; NASU

Now there is much that can be said of all of this to which we have said very little, but just **generally outlined** these **matters**. Because of the **brevity** of this **OT Survey**, that will have to wait for **another day**. Nevertheless, these are **amazing prophecies** given to **Daniel**, and we see so clearly that **God has planned**, yes even **decreed** His **expected end**. This end of **God's plan** we look to with **eager expectation**, knowing that **in the end Jesus wins** and **His saints reign with Him**.

Daniel 7:26-27 - 26 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. 27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.' NASU

Chapter 10:1-12:13 comprise one **final vision** in the **book**. Here Daniel receives a **vision** after **fasting** and **praying** for **3 weeks**. He is visited by a **heavenly messenger**, and the men with him fled because they were also overcome by

dread, and so also was Daniel overcome by **awe** and **fell** down into a **deep sleep**. The **angel** strengthened him and **stood him up**, addressing him as **one greatly loved**, stating that it had been a **great conflict** in the **heavenly realm** for him to come to Daniel. He briefly describes the **angelic conflict**.

Daniel 10:13-14 - 13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14 "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future." NASU

Here we learn that **conflict** between **powers on earth** is reflected by a great **angelic conflict** in the **heavenly realm**. This is **clear** also from the **New Testament**.

Ephesians 6:10-12 - 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. NASU

That the **angelic conflict** exists is a **fact**, but the **nature** and **scope** of it we know **very little** about. We learn here, that there are **good** and **evil forces** at **war** in the **heavenly places**. Daniel is overcome again by the **messenger** who strengthens him again so that he can speak with him. He tells him that his **spiritual warfare** will continue after he leaves, and that he is helped by **Michael the Archangel**, who is identified as **"your prince."**

Daniel 10:18-21 - 18 Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. 19 He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. 21 "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince. NASU

Here we learn also that this **angelic conflict** concerns the **earthly war** between **earthly powers (10:20-11:1)**. It is a profound thought that the **angelic conflict** plays a role in the **outcome** of the **earthly kingdoms**, but also that **Daniel's** (and

ours) prayers play a role as well. Here now the angel will give Daniel an understanding of what is to come in the fight, and he says of this that it “is inscribed in the writing of truth.” Chapter 11:1-45 is a detailed vision of earthly conflicts that range from Daniel’s day to the far distant future. This section contains prophetic perspective and therefore relevant revelation for the entire span of the time from 2nd Century BC until the Second Coming of Christ. The **ESV Study Bible** comments; *“This passage gives a selective yet detailed overview of the flow of history from the time of Daniel in the late sixth century B.C. until the end of the world, the final climactic conflict and victory of God. Some scholars regard this as a “prophecy after the fact” that was actually written later than the events in the mid-second century B.C. because of the detail and accuracy of its predictions, but [Isa. 44:6–7](#) asserts the Lord’s ability and purpose to declare ahead of time what would happen in order to demonstrate his power and sovereignty. Such an assurance of God’s sovereign control of history would have been profoundly relevant for Daniel’s day. Judah was about to be restored from exile, and yet it was not really free. It would be subject to the Persians, and then to Alexander’s Greeks; after that it would be caught in the middle between powerful heirs of Alexander’s empire, the Seleucids and the Ptolemies (see [map](#)).”* End quote. It is an amazing thing that God can reveal history before it happens with such pinpoint accuracy to Daniel, and 11:1-4 are an example of this.

Daniel 11:1-4 - 11 "In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him. 2 "And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece. 3 "And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. 4 "But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them. NASU

11:2 was fulfilled by Xerxes I (486–464 B.C.), who invaded Greece, only to be defeated at the Battle of Salamis (480). 11:3-4 were fulfilled by Alexander the Great, who after he died, his kingdom was divided between his four generals, “his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass.” And not to his own family, “though not to his own descendants.” The verses that follow in 11:5-20 contain prophecies concerning the kings of Egypt

and **Syria**. Two of the **four kingdoms** that came from **Alexander's empire** were the kingdom of the **Ptolemies** (based in Egypt) and the kingdom of the **Seleucids**, (based in Syria and Babylonia). A **brief survey** of the **actual history** of these **kings** and **empires** reveals an **astonishing** amount of **detail** announced in this **prophecy** of Daniel. The verses in **11:21-45** will **record** the **rise** and **fall** of **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** (reigned 175–164 B.C.), who is also the **"little horn"** of chapter 8, ([8:9–12, 23–25](#)). He is an **important figure** as he fulfills the **vision** of **chapter 8** as that king who is **"8:23 insolent and skilled in intrigue"** who will **"8:24 destroy mighty men and holy people,"** and **"8:25 oppose the Prince of Princes."**

Daniel 8:23-27 - 23 "In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, **A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue.** 24 "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; **He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.** 25 "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; **And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broke without human agency.** NASU

There are many **accurate details** listed out in **11:21-45** describing the **wars** of the **Ptolemies** and the **Seleucids**, but specifically how they relate to **Antiochus IV** and his **murderous killing** of **many thousands** in **Israel** and also his **desecration** of the **Temple**. The **near fulfillment** of this **Temple desecration** was in **167BC** when he **stopped** the regular **burnt offering**, set up an **idol to Zeus** in the **Temple**, and **sacrificed** a **pig** on the **altar**, the **"abomination of desolation."** The text also mentions in **verses 33-35** the **faithful** who **opposed Antiochus**, many of whom were **killed** as a result, **"35 Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time."** This of course was the famed **Maccabean Revolt**.

Daniel 11:29-45 - 29 "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before. 30 "For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and **will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.** 31 "Forces from him will arise, **desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.** 32 "By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, **but the people**

who know their God will display strength and take action. 33 "Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days. 34 "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy. 35 "Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time. NASU

Now this **"abomination of desolation"** and its accompanying **persecution** of the **faithful** also has at **least one** or more **far fulfilments** and speaks also of the **far distant future**. This of course was **mentioned** by **Jesus** in the **Olivet Discourse** when **our Lord** mentions it in **connection** with a **severe apostacy** of **Christian faith** (Matt 24:9-14) and the **Great Tribulation period** (Matt 24:15-22) that happens just **prior** to His glorious **Second Coming** (Matt 24:29-31). This event is also mentioned by the **Apostle Paul** in **connection** with an **intense apostacy** and the **revealing** of the **Antichrist** (2 Thes 2:3-4), which he says would precede **"the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,"** (2 Thess 2:1). The language of **Daniel 11:36-37** is almost a **direct quote** by **Paul** in **2 Thes 2:4**, regarding the **Antichrist** in the **temple of God**.

Daniel 11:36-37 - 36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. **37 "He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. NASU**

Jesus and **Paul** therefore mention the **"abomination of desolation"** from this text in **Daniel 11:29-37** as **key events** unfolding just **prior** to the **Second Coming** of our **Lord**. It does **not surprise** us then that these **same events** and **language** appear in **Revelation 12:17-13:18**, concerning the **rise** of the **Antichrist** in the **Great Tribulation**, a **42 month** (3.5 year) **period** including a **world-wide apostacy** (Rev 13:3-10), and **persecution** of the **faithful saints** (Rev 12:17, 13:5-7, 13:9-10) that happens just **prior** to the **Second Coming** of our **Lord** (Rev 19:11-21). The language of **Daniel 11:32-35** concerning the **persecution** of the **faithful** is almost **directly quoted** by **John** in **Revelation 13:10**. The **last verses** of **Daniel 11** seem to describe the **terrible insanity** and **doom** of the **Antichrist**, even as it described the **end** of **Antiochus Epiphanes IV**.

Daniel 11:44-45 - 44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and

annihilate many. 45 "He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; **yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.** NASU

We see then the **astounding scope** of this **prophecy** in **Daniel** not only regards pinpoint **accurate details** that happened in the **2nd Century BC** concerning the **Ptolemies** and **Seleucids**, but looks beyond that to the **far distant future** concerning the **Second Coming** of our **Lord** some **2100+ years** later. Daniel continues in chapter **12:1-4** but here **focuses** on the **divine rescue** of the **faithful saints** who are under this **terrible persecution** from this **Antichrist**, mentioning it in connection with the **Great Tribulation** and the **First Resurrection**.

Daniel 12:1-4 - 1 "Now at that time **Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people,** will arise. **And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.** 2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3 "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase." NASU

This of course appears to be the **rapture** of the **church** which rescues **"1 everyone who is found written in the book,"** from that **"1 time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time."** This is of course what **Jesus** made so clear in the **Olivet Discourse**, there would come an intense **apostacy** (Matt 24:9-14) at the time when the **Abomination of Desolation** (Matt 24:15) would take place, which happens during the **Great Tribulation** (Matt 24:21-22) and for the **sake** of the **elect** that **tribulation** would be **shortened** and **followed** by a **Divine Rescue**.

Matthew 24:15, 21-22 - 15 "Therefore **when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand).... 21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. NASU

This **Divine Rescue** of His **elect** would **immediately follow** this **Tribulation** (Matt 24:29), happen at the glorious **Second Coming** of **Christ** in the clouds, with the **angels** and **great glory** (Matt 24:30), and be **world-wide** in its scope (Matt 24:31).

Matthew 24:29-31 - 29 "But **immediately after the tribulation** of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds**, from one end of the sky to the other. NASU

See here **Jesus** giving a **lesson** on the **timing** of **Eschatological events** seemingly quoting right from our **text** in **Daniel** chapters **11 & 12**.

I would **add a note** here that this was one of **Paul's chief arguments** in **1st & 2nd Thessalonians**, that the **Church** would **see** the **revealing** of the **apostacy** and the **Antichrist** (2 Thes 2:1-3), from under whose **persecution** they would receive a **Divine Rescue** (2 Thes 1:7-10). This **Divine Rescue** said Paul, would be the **sudden** (1 Thes 5:1-5) glorious **Second Coming** of our **Lord** in the **clouds**, with **angels** and **glory**, including the **resurrection** of the **faithful dead** from **all ages** (1 Thes 4:15-17), and the **catching up** into the **heavens** of the **living faithful** to **forever be** in the **presence** of the **Lord**. This **Coming** (Parousia gk.) would also include the **destruction** of the **Antichrist** by **Jesus**, after he had **deceived** the **unbelievers** of the **world** in a **world-wide deception** of lying **signs** and **wonders** (2 Thes 2:8-12). It is remarkable when considering these **events together** from **Daniel**, **Jesus**, **Paul**, and **John** with patient and careful study, how this **chronology fits together** with much **precision**, at least in its **general lineup** of **significant events**.

Much controversy occasions these **matters**, and it would require **more time** than this **OT Survey** can afford. Take note here that **Daniel**, after having **mentioned** the **Great Tribulation** in **12:1**, also identifies it as a time of **3.5 years** (42 months, 1260 days).

Daniel 12:7 - 7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that **it would be for a time, times, and half**

a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed. NASU

Daniel **ends** his **prophecy** with a clue that these **latest events** are concerning the **far distant future, 12:9.**

Daniel 12:8-13 - 8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?" 9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, **for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.** 10 **"Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly;** and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand. 11 **"From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.** 12 **"How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!** 13 "But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age." NASU

Even so, yet another mention of the **Abomination of Desolation** and the **Great Tribulation**, but with **30 days** (1290 days), and **45 days** (1335 days) added to it. This is also a subject of much controversy for another day.

As **Daniel's prophecy** closes and is **"9 sealed up until the end time,"** it is clear that God's Plan included yet **more affliction** for the **Israel** in the **post-exilic** era, which led up to the **arrival** of the **Messiah, Jesus Christ**. Moreover, it included the **Jewish rejection** of their **Messiah** and His subsequent **death, burial, Resurrection, and Ascension**. This resulted in the **judgment** of **Israel** in **70AD**, when the **Romans** conquered **Judea** and laid **siege** to **Jerusalem**, which ended in the **destruction** of the **city** and the **Temple**, where over **1 million Jews** were **killed**, and **Israel** was yet again **exiled** from the **land** in the **second** great **Jewish diaspora**. The nation of **ethnic Israelites** did not have a **homeland** from that point forward in **history** until **1948**, when the great **promise** of **regathering** in the **Prophets** would come to pass, and the nation was **reestablished** in **Judea**, which nation **remains** today in **2025**. God's plan also included a **blinding** of the **ethnic nation** of **Israel** from the Gospel and the Messiah in the **age** of **Gentile salvation** (Rom 11:7-31), commonly called the **Church Age**. During this time, an **innumerable throng** of **Gentiles** has been called and **saved by faith** in **Christ alone** from **every nation, language** and **tribe**, in **all places** and **times** in the **centuries** that comprise this **"times of the Gentiles"** (Luke 21:24, Rom 11:25). It is quite obvious that the much of the prophetic promises in the Prophets is awaiting its final and grand climax at the Second Coming of our Lord and the establishment of His global rule over the nations.

The **ESV Study Bible** offers an **application**.... *“And this reveals yet another theme in Daniel’s book. That God rules over all of these conflicts and events, He limits their scope, and he has a precise timetable for the trials of the saints to be completed, when He will finally intervene to cleanse and deliver His people. In the meantime, the saints must be patient and faithful amid a hostile world, looking to the Lord alone for deliverance. Daniel’s prophecy offers much hope for the faithful and there will be a resurrection of the dead. Those who were faithful in life, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book, 12:1, will rise to everlasting life in glory, while the others will rise to shame and everlasting contempt (12:2, John5:28-29). This makes present faithfulness worthwhile for the saints, even if it costs them their lives. Their ultimate outcome will be that they shine brightly like the stars forever and ever.” End quote.*

Daniel 12:3 – 3 "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. NASU