UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Mon., Oct. 4	NO SEMINAR
Tues., Oct. 5	The Antichrist's Secret Agenda
Wed., Oct. 6	Whatever Happened to Right & Wrong?
Thurs., Oct. 7	NO SEMINAR
Fri. Oct. 8	The Greatest Issue In the Book of Revelation

Answers in Prophecy* will continue nightly **through October 16 (except Mondays & Thursdays). Every night, we'll serve a delicious, plant-based supper at 6:30pm, and the program will formally begin at 7pm. We hope you'll plan to be here for each session!

Future topics include:

- *How to Face the Final Judgment*
- *The Mystery of Death & the Beauty of Hell*

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Merriam-Webster defines the word *promise* as "a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future." In this light, the prophecies of Scripture are God's promises to us. While some may respond to prophecy with fear or frustration, the oft overlooked purpose of prophecy is to comfort, encourage, and to inspire trust in God. By revealing His plans, God's ultimate intent is to reveal Himself—the faithful Promise-Keeper. Tonight, we will discover prophecy's most important promise—first given in the Garden of Eden, explained all throughout Scripture, and made available to be embraced today.

The First Gospel Promise

- ☐ Genesis 3:9-11, 15—Note the key aspects of the Bible's first prophecy.
  - Enmity—God targeted the heart of the problem and promised to put _____ between humanity and Satan.
  - Seed—This rescue operation would be enacted by a special _____ offspring.
  - Head/Heel—God promised that His Son would crush the devil's **head** while being _____ Himself.
- ☐ Genesis 3:21—In order to clothe our fallen parents, God provided a tangible demonstration of His plan to save by being _____. Though we ourselves deserved to die (Rom. 6:23), God promised in a concrete way to send a divine substitute.

Looking for the Lamb

- ☐ Genesis 4:3-4; 22:9-14 (cf. Heb. 11:4, 17)—The patriarchs of Genesis looked forward with faith to the Lamb that God Himself would provide for our salvation.

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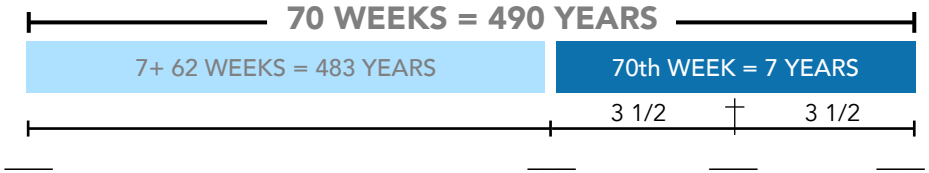
- ☐ Exodus 12:12-13—The Israelites in Egypt believed that the shed blood of the Passover Lamb delivered them from death and the bondage of slavery.
- ☐ Psalm 22 and 88; Isaiah 52:13-53:12—The Old Testament psalmists and prophets foretold that God's chosen instrument who deserved to be King would first suffer abuse and abandonment as a substitutionary sacrifice for our sin like a lamb led to the slaughter.

The Time Foretold — Daniel 9:24-27

- ☐ Purpose of the Prophecy: Daniel 9:24—Because the prophet Daniel is intensely concerned with whether God will keep His promises (vv. 4-19), the angel declares an allotment of time for Daniel's people to fulfill covenant faithfulness with God.
- ☐ Prophetic time: Numbers 14:34; Ezekiel 4:6—In the past, God has used time measurements in a <u>symbolic</u> way, particularly in the context of judgment. In this symbolic context, a prophetic day represents a literal _____.
- ☐ Daniel 9:25-27—Note the key time markers of this prophecy:
  - start point: decree to _____ Jerusalem
  - way point: Jesus _____/"anointed" (cf. Acts. 10:38)
  - way point: Jesus _____/"cut off" and puts an end to sacrifice (cf. Mt. 27:50-51)
  - end point: covenant _____ with many



Promise Made, Promise Kept, Promise Received

- ☐ Mark 1:14-15—Jesus understood His own ministry as the fulfillment of these Messianic prophecies right on _____, and He saw that the most appropriate response to the fulfillment of God's promise was to <u>repent</u> and _____ the gospel.
- ☐ As we have seen, God has done and will do all He can to keep His promises. But He will not coerce us to embrace and receive those promises for ourselves. How then can we personally receive all that God has made available and will make available in Christ?
  - Acts 16:30-31—Have _____ in Jesus, believing that He died our death and believing that now we can live His life. (cf. Rom. 3:26; 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)
  - 1 John 1:9—Genuinely _____ your sin, being honest with your need for forgiveness and cleansing.
  - Acts 2:38—Decidedly _____ and be _____, committing to let God transform you from the inside out (cf. Rom. 12:1-2).

Tomorrow Night's Topic:
The Antichrist's Secret Agenda