Why is a permanent Middle East Peace Treaty not possible at present.pdf

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6.6.4 The Peace Treaty

Anti-Christ will make a peace treaty with the nation Israel for a period of seven years (Dan. 9:27). The peace covenant is said to be for one week. The word week is heptad in the Hebrew text. The Jewish number system was based on a system of seven. The base of the Roman system, by way of contrast, is ten. Jacob served Laban for seven (heptad) years for Leah and another seven years for Rachel (Gen. 29:27-30). A heptad is a period of seven years. The final seven years period whereby God will finish his prophetic program for Israel begins when the dictator makes this peace treaty. The context of Daniel chapters 8 to 12 deals with the divine decree of God to complete his prophetic program for the nation Israel. Daniel 9:24 reads: “seventy-sevens have been determined for your people and your holy city to complete the transgression and to seal the sin and to atone for iniquity and to bring everlasting righteousness and to seal vision and prophecy to anoint the holy of holies” [author’s translation] (Kittel 1971:1277). Seventy and sevens are both plural nouns (Brown, Driver, Briggs 1972:988-989:2). The divine decree of God to complete his prophetic program for Israel encompasses 490 years. The first set of three phrases has to do with the redeeming work of Jesus Christ at his first coming: “to finish the transgression, seal sin, to atone for iniquity.” The second set of three phrases deals with the establishment of Christ’s millennial kingdom: “to bring everlasting righteousness, to seal vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Holy of Holies.” The scripture points to the fact that from the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah there would be seven weeks and sixty-two more weeks. The decree revealed to Daniel by the angel Gabriel is found in the book of Nehemiah chapter 2:5-8. This date is March 14, 445 B.C. The seven weeks times seven totals 49 years until Jerusalem would be rebuilt. The additional 62 weeks (heptads) times seven equals 434 years until Jesus Christ would be present himself as Messiah to the nation Israel. Daniel 9:26 clarifies the fact that after this period of 62 weeks that Messiah would be cut off. This refers to the crucifixion of Christ (Mathers 1992:17). Daniel 9:26 refers to “people of the prince the one coming will destroy the city and the holy place” [author’s translation] (Kittel 1971:1277). The temple and Jerusalem were destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70. Daniel 9:24-26 has been completed. One seven years period is left on God’s prophetic clock for the nation Israel. Yes, the clock has stopped between the 69th and 70th week of Daniel (Mathers 1992:18). Daniel 9:27 tells us that this Roman prince who is yet future to our world will make a covenant with Israel for one week (7 years period). The Hebrew text reads: “and he will cause a covenant to be confirmed to the many for one heptad” (seven years) [author’s translation] (Kittel 1971:1277). The prince is a descendant of the people who were predicted to destroy the temple and the city (Dan. 9:26). He is a Gentile and a Roman. He will protect Israel for the first three and a half years of this final seven years period. At the three and a half mid-point, he will become a terrible persecutor of the nation Israel. How do we know that this peace treaty, the reign of the dictator, and his persecution of Israel is still yet future? The same prediction was made by Jesus in Matthew 24:15. This event is still future. The prophetic time clock for the nation Israel stopped at the fulfillment of the 69th week. The Lord Jesus indicated the same in Luke 19:42: “saying that if you had known on this day and you the things” [make- brackets mine] “to peace but now it has been hidden from your eyes” [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:292). Walvoord (1974:228) argues that Sir Robert Anderson’s computation of the 69th week of Daniel ends with the official presentation of Jesus Christ as Messiah to the nation Israel. The death of Christ could not have occurred in A.D. 32. Yes, the official presentation of Christ to the nation Israel did end the 69th week of Daniel to the day. Jesus was born in 4 B.C. and died at age 33. He would have had to have been crucified in A.D. 29. Jesus presented himself to the nation Israel as their Messiah (Matt. 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19). Jesus
pinpointed the end of the 69th week of Daniel to “on this day.” That was the day that he presented himself to Israel as their Messiah. The 69th week of Daniel ended on that day.

Our world, as represented by the super powers, has been trying to bring Israel to the peace table with her Arab neighbors. The Bible predicts that the peace treaty idea will only succeed when it is presented by the Anti-Christ. The peace treaty will guarantee Israel’s security. Ezekiel 38:10-11 presents a picture of Israel living securely. This is prior to the invasion of Israel by the Russian confederacy at the midpoint of the seven years period of tribulation (Mathers 1992:38-41). The world leader will make a peace treaty with Israel for a period of seven years (Dan. 9:27). Initially, the world dictator is controlled by the world church (Rev. 17:3). The authority of the woman is seen in Revelation 17:1: “seats herself over many waters” [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:877). The angel interprets this for the apostle John: “and he says to me the waters which you have seen where the harlot seats herself are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” (Rev. 17:15) [author’s translation] (ibid:879). The Anti-Christ and the world church will sign a peace treaty with the nation Israel guaranteeing their security. The woman has “seven heads and ten horns” (Rev. 17:3) [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:878). This allegory is interpreted for the apostle John by one of the seven angels (Rev. 17:1, 7). The “seven heads are seven mountains where the woman seats herself on them and they are seven kings” (Rev. 17:9) [author’s translation] (ibid: 879). The beast (the Anti-Christ) is the eighth religious king from the group of seven religious kings (Rev. 17:11). The ten horns are ten political kings which were previously predicted as the revised or continued Roman Empire (Rev. 17:12). These ten political kings support the beast (Rev. 17:17). The Anti-Christ and these political kings destroy the world church (Rev. 17:16). This chapter in the book of Revelation is a picture of judgment. The reason is that this is part of the eternal decree of God which was determined before the world began. The text explains: “for God has given” (placed) “in their hearts to fulfill his purpose to do one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God” (logoi – plural) “will have been fulfilled” (Rev. 17:17) [author’s translation] (ibid: 879). That predetermined purpose of God which is part of the eternal decree of God is stated in Revelation 17:16: “and the ten horns which you have seen and the beast” (Anti-Christ) “these will hate the harlot and making her desolate and naked and they themselves will eat her flesh and they will burn her with fire” [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:879). The woman is further defined for us in Revelation 17:18: ‘and the woman which you have seen is the great city which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth’ [author’s translation] (ibid: 879). Further, the woman is a persecutor of those who hold the testimony to Jesus (Rev. 17:6). The apostle John observed: “and I have seen the woman drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of the ones holding the witness of Jesus” (Rev. 17:6) [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:878). The seven heads where the woman sits are interpreted by the angel for John as seven mountains (Rev. 17:1, 9). Geographically, the headquarters of the world church is Rome and is not to be understood as Babylon (Walvoord 1975: 250). The Greek New Testament reads: “Here is the mind the one having wisdom; the seven heads are seven mountains where the woman will seat herself upon them and they are seven kings” (Rev. 17:9) [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:879). The verb kathetai is a present middle tense, 3rd person singular (Han 1974:454). The usage of this present tense is best understood as futuristic. The city of seven hills was known to be Rome (Robertson 1933:6:432). For support for this point, Robertson names Vergil, Horace, Ovid, and Cicero (ibid: 6:432). Unger concurs that Rome has been known as the city of seven hills (1972:935). Palatine, Capitoline, Quirinal, Caelian, Aventine, Esquiline, and Viminal are the seven hills (ibid: 935). Roman coins depict Rome as the city of seven hills (Walvoord 1975:250-251). Revelation 17 presents the fact that there is one religious authority prior to the Anti-Christ and the ten kings destroying it (Rev.
17:1-6, 9-12, 13, 16, 17). The Bible predicts: “and the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these will hate the harlot and they will make her desolate and naked” (Rev. 17:16) [author’s translation] (Aland & Black 1968:879). The blood bought church was raptured earlier before the tribulation period began.

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