

# A little more on parenthesis... the key is based in Daniel 9 and the gap in the weeks

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There are twenty-four references in the Bible to gaps, some call them parentheses. This is where God's dealing with Israel stops, at their rejection of Jesus and in accordance with Daniel's 70 weeks [Dan. 9:24-27]

There is a pause, a parentheses in the timeline where God's dealing with Israel stops. After the Church is Raptured the parentheses stops, and God again deals with Israel as seen in Revelation chapter 4 on.

They center on the Church, Christ's Bride. The Church was not spoke about in the Old Testament, it is an un-revealed surprise, a "Mystery,"

The best example can be found in the text of Isaiah chapter 61, between verse 1 and verse 2, because Jesus Himself reads it. Jesus Christ quotes this passage when He begins His ministry, where He speaks about part of His mission, that of first coming and starting the Church. However, He only states part of the passage, then sits down and says that part is fulfilled. The Jews never taught that the passage was spilt into two, having 2 different dates of completion, or were two different events, with a gap of time between then. Luke 4:16-21, states,

*"So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach*

*the acceptable year of the Lord.' Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'"*

Jesus read this text, which has always been understood to be a prophecy of the Messiah. It appeared to be a single event; however He revealed that in reality the passage was speaking about two separate events. The Messiah did not have a singular undertaking on earth, but two completely distinct missions that were separated by over two thousands years, that of Christ's first coming and His second coming, with the Church set between the two (again, the pause in Daniel's 70 weeks, between week 69 and 70 ~ Dan. 9:24-27; with week 70 starting again with the Rapture of the Church and the Great Tribulation). His first mission was proclaimed in verse one, and in the first sentence of verse two.

Here are the 24 gaps thought to exist in the Word (identified by other authors. I have put in bold the ones that are more clear to me. Some of the other ones, I still do not completely understand at this time):

Psalms 34:12-16 (Quoted in 1 Peter 3:10-12)

Psalms 118:22

**Isaiah 9:6,7**      Isaiah 53:10      **Isaiah 54:7**

**Isaiah 61:2 (Quoted in Luke 4:18-20)**

Lamentations 4:21,22      **Daniel 9:26**

Daniel 11:20,21

**Hosea 2:13,14**      **Hosea 3:4,5**

**Amos 9:10,11 ( Quoted in Acts 15:13-18)**

**Micah 5:2,3**      **Habakkuk 2:13,14**

**Zephaniah 3:7,8**      Zephaniah 9:9,10

**Matthew 10:23**      **Matthew 12:20**

**Luke 1:1,32**      **Luke 19:42**      **Luke 21:24**

John 1:5,6

**1 Peter 1:11**

**Revelation 12:5, 6**