

# DANIEL NINE

This chapter of Daniel involves one central thought. It is Daniel's prayer and God's answer to that prayer. In God's answer, future events and a timeline is revealed. The 70 weeks, of the final verses, involve the coming of Christ and the redemptive work He would do.

## Textual Background

- Once again, Gabriel, the angel appears to Daniel
  - The chapter takes place in the first year of Darius (5:31)
  - Daniel refers to the writings of Jeremiah (9:2), the prophets (6) and the Law of Moses (13)
- The "Messiah" (25) is the 'anointed one' or in the N.T. "Christ"
1. Daniel gave attention to seek the Lord (3)  
Through: prayer, supplication, fasting, sackcloth and ashes: illustrating a humble heart
  2. In the writings of Jeremiah—Daniel gave thought to the 70 years of captivity (2)
    - Jer 25:11-12
    - The 70 years were completed. Daniel was wondering when the people of God would be restored to Jerusalem. He has already seen the beginning fulfillment of the dreams in ch 2 & 4
    - Daniel considered Jeremiah's writing as "word of the Lord" (2 Pet 3:15-16 Paul's writings were considered "Scripture")

## Daniel's Prayer (4-19)

### 1. Daniel's honor of God

- God is great and awesome (4)
- God is righteous (7)
- God keeps His covenant (4)
- the expression, "O Lord" is used 7x

Contrast to Judah who broke God's covenant

### 2. Daniel's confession of sin

- He uses the word "we" (11x) and himself personally (20)
- Daniel uses five expressions to describe the fallen state of Judah (5)
  - Not listened to God's prophets (6)
  - Shame belongs to us (7)
  - Not obeyed the voice of God (10)
  - They are deserving of this "curse" (11) and "calamity" (13) - Deut 28:15-20

### 3. Daniel's Petition for God's Honor and Glory

- The deliverance from Egypt brought honor to God (15)
- Daniel pleads for God to again deliver His people back to Jerusalem for His honor (16)
  - Emphasis is upon God: Thy city (16) Thy holy mountain (16) Thy people (16) Thy sanctuary (17)
- Daniel asks God to turn His wrath (16) and forgive (19)

## God's Immediate Answer (20-27)

1. While Daniel was still praying, Gabriel appeared (20-21)
  - He reveals that Daniel is 'greatly loved' by God (23)

### A. The 70 Weeks Decreed (24)

- The 70 weeks are broken down as:

7 weeks—62 weeks  
1 week (midweek)

- many view each day as one year

Believe this is describing a period of 490 years (from the return of Judah to the time of Christ)  
To make this work different starting points are assumed

- Cyrus' decree in 536 B.C. to allow Jews to return to Jerusalem seems to be the starting point  
2 Chron 36:22-23

- or, these "weeks" may be representative of a period of time—God's time

7 seems to be Heaven's number, especially as used in creation and book of Revelation

- Finish the transgression
- Make an end to sin
- Make atonement for iniquity
- Bring everlasting righteousness
- Seal up the vision

This was  
done through  
Christ

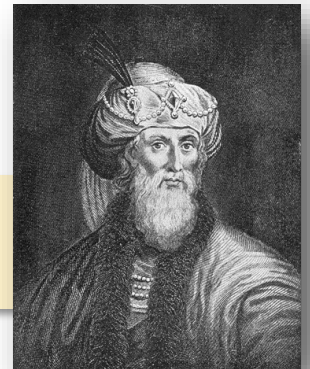
## The 70 weeks begins with orders to rebuild Jerusalem (25) and ends with confirmation of a new covenant (27)

- "wing of abominations" (27) refers to the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in A.D. 70

Matthew 24:15-20; Luke 21:20-24 (quotes this passage)

### Jewish Historian Josephus wrote:

*Daniel also wrote concerning the Roman government and that our country should be made desolate by them.*



### Lessons from this Lesson:

1. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer (1 Jn 1:9)
2. God's faithfulness to what He \_\_\_\_\_
3. The marvelous work of the \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of God
5. God hears and \_\_\_\_\_ our prayers—often \_\_\_\_\_
6. God \_\_\_\_\_ those who walk with Him