

DANIEL

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The Seventy "Weeks" Daniel 9

Daniel recognizes the imminent end of the 70-year exile. (vv. 1-2)

***Dan. 9:1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— **2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.*

***Jer. 29:10** "For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.*

Daniel, impelled by this understanding, seeks the Lord's mercy in the matter. (vv. 3-15)

1. Daniel demonstrates humility as he prepares to pray. (v. 3)

***Dan. 9:3** Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.*

2. Daniel acknowledges God's greatness. (v. 4)

***Dan. 9:4** I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,*

3. Daniel confesses sin. (vv. 5-15)

***Dan. 9:5** we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. **6** We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.*

4. Daniel appeals to God's character in his request for deliverance.

- a. His righteousness (vv. 16-17)
- b. His compassion (v. 18)
- c. His reputation (v. 19)

God responds and then gives Daniel an even greater glimpse into his plan for His people. (vv. 24-27)

1. The Lord responds to Daniel's prayer. (vv. 20-23)

2. God reveals his timeline and ultimate purpose. (v. 24)

Dan. 9:24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city..."

- ...to finish the transgression...
- ...to put an end to sin...
- ...and to atone for iniquity...
- ...to bring in everlasting righteousness...
- ...to seal both vision and prophet...
- ...and to anoint a most holy place."

3. God reveals the details of the timeline. (vv. 25-27)

a. The 70 "weeks" will begin when the Jews are given permission to rebuild the city. (v. 25)

Dan. 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

b. After the 69th "week," the anointed one will be cut off and Jerusalem will be destroyed. (v. 26)

Dan. 9:26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

c. The last "week" is marked by great suffering, but judgement will come. (v. 27)

Dan. 9:27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.

Reflection/Discussion

1. Read through Daniel's prayer multiple times this week. Allow it to inform you how you pray and what you ask of God.
2. In what ways does God's understanding and control over future events bolster your own faith, trust, and endurance. What practices can you incorporate into your routine to better maintain this focus?

SONGS

"10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)" - Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

"YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH" - Matt Maher

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"GOODNESS OF GOD" - Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 49,844.11

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 1,246,395.90

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 1,299,348.00