

# Daniel 9

## Seventy Weeks in God's Timetable for Israel

**We have seen that in order to grasp the *FLOW OF HISTORY* from God's perspective, ...history flows around ISRAEL.**

Most people in the world would scoff and laugh at such a perspective, while others would be all the more set on getting rid of the Jews.

# Center of All Prophecy

*Up to now, Daniel has primarily been dealing with the*

**Time of the Gentiles.**

*He now moves to the*

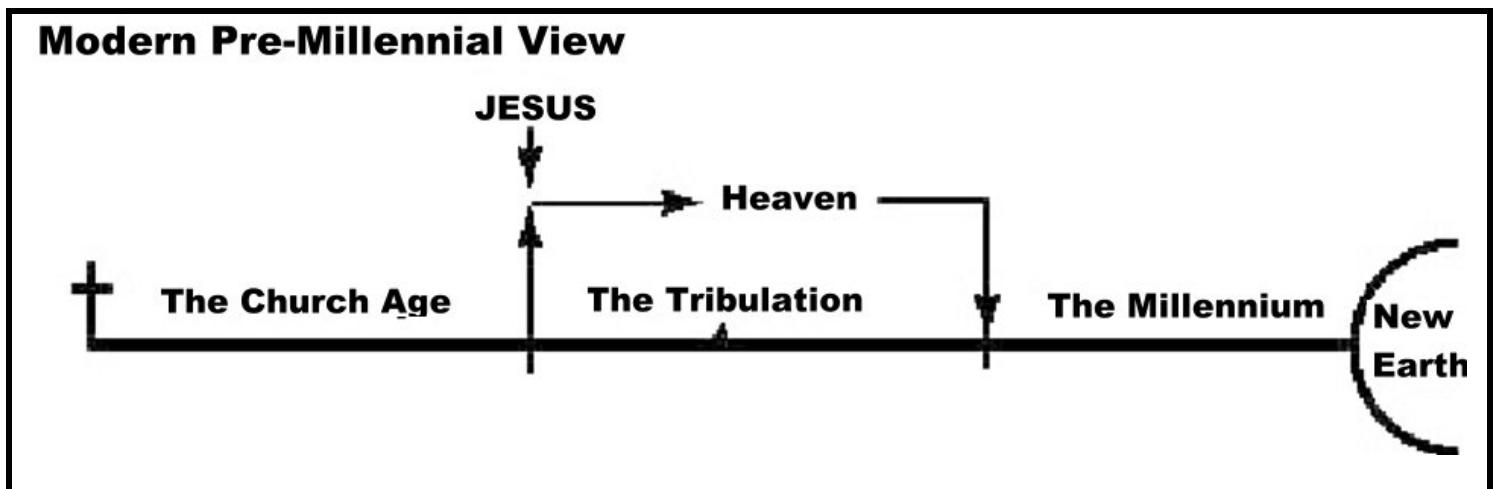
**Time of Jews.**

Among those who do take prophecy seriously,  
this is the most important to fully understand about the

## 7 years of Tribulation

And

## The Millennium.



But remember that

# the bible reveals and conceals

so **Pre-millennialists**,

**A-millennialists** and

**Post-millennialists**

**ALL study Daniel Chapter 9**

and come up with widely varied interpretations.

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So we have to be very careful to allow the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and not read into the text, but allow the Holy Spirit to open our eyes as to what is in the text.

The **Seventy years of Babylonian Captivity** was drawing to a close. And Daniel, through his Knowledge of Scripture, especially Jeremiah and Isaiah, knew that **70 years captivity** was the limit God disciplined His people.

Now Daniel desires to know what is going to happen to his people next.

He knew from Jeremiah and Isaiah that after the **70 years captivity** had expired they would return to their land, but then what? Daniel went into prayer to his God on behalf of his people. Now in Daniel 9, God answers Daniel's prayer request in the form of a vision.

Perhaps the greatest and most important of the visions.

## It is called the 70 weeks of Daniel

Or literally '**Seventy Sevens**' of years which God now promises His people from the close of the **Babylonian captivity** up to the coming of Christ in Glory and will establish '*Everlasting Righteousness*' in His millennial kingdom...verse 24!

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## *Seventy Weeks and the Messiah*

*<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.*

**Seventy Times Seven** equals 490 years.

We will see in careful study that our Lord was rejected and crucified and departed from earth at the close of the 69<sup>th</sup> week.

That is 69 times 7 equally 483 years,

which means we have

**7 years** or one week.

What about this one week?

Since we know that **God is Faithful**, when does this one week take place in God's plan for Israel? Also we know that Daniel did not know a thing about the Church Age, making this prophecy rather simple. And we find out that the reason for so much discussion

about the Fourth Kingdom, and the Little Horn is that Daniel's vision will be fulfilled during the rule of the Anti-Christ; after the Church has been removed or raptured.

This last week of Israel's history will be a continuation of Israel under the Time of the Gentiles.

It is so important to remember that all these visions and dreams of to Daniel were prophecy. The **70 weeks** were prophecy. And 69 of those weeks have been historically fulfilled. So after the **Great Parenthesis** has been completed; then this last week of Daniel will be fulfilled.

The Times of the Gentiles extends from the **Babylonian Captivity** until the return of Christ. The last ruler in the Time of the Gentiles will be the Little Horn, the Anti-Christ.

## So What Is History About Now?

During the **Great Parenthesis**, THAT IS the Church, Israel has been set aside as a nation.

But contrary to many who think that God is not faithful,

(1) God has not set aside His chosen people...

(2) Nor has God given the promised covenants to others...

...as is the thinking of those who believe in Replacement Theology.

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Romans 11:2 and verses 26-27

***<sup>2</sup> God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?***

***<sup>26</sup> and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."***

***<sup>27</sup> "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."***

This prophesy will be fulfilled when our Savior Jesus Christ returns to the earth. This is why the Stone of chapter 2 refers to Jesus Christ who will come and crush the Times of the Gentiles. This will end **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**.

Realizing all about **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week**, remember what section of the Bible. It is not in the section on prophecy, yet it contains what may be arguably the most important information of prophecy. Daniel is in the third division of the Old Testament called *The Kethubim*.

This is the section on **WISDOM**.

**WISDOM** on how to live in man's kingdom. The application of doctrine to your life; especially under severe circumstances: under tribulation; in Times of Historical Change. So we are going to find a great deal of **WISDOM** that has escaped so many in Daniel 9.

### *Daniel's Prayer for His People*

*<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—*

While almost everyone pays far greater attention to the vision of **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week** in verses 24-27, I believe verses 1-23 are far more important to Christians in the Church Age. For the Christian this chapter contains one of the most powerful phrases in all the bible:

**“HIGHLY ESTEEMED”.**

Look at verse 23...

*<sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell*

*you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.*

*Wouldn't you like to be **HIGHLY ESTEEMED** before God?*

*Wouldn't you like to be able to pray like this?*

*Where God is incited to come and answer your prayers,*

*where you are **"HIGHLY ESTEEMED"** before God?*

There is so much to learn in verses 2-23 for all of us that will render not only knowledge of future events but directly affect our daily lives, if we understand them and have them become guides in our own lives.

The giving of this all important vision is a direct answer to Daniel's prayer and life. So let's learn how to pray like Daniel.

There is always so much to learn about prayer. We learned a great deal about prayer from our study of the Lord's prayer in John 17, now let's learn more from Daniel about prayer.

What is so interesting is that both these prayers, by Jesus Christ in John 17 and here by Daniel in Daniel 9 are parallel in so many ways, yet so different.



Both are addressing difficult times in the lives of believers. Jesus Christ praying for Christians who must endure the **Church Age** and Daniel praying in regard to Hebrews in the **Times of the Gentiles** and in **The Tribulation** and there are similarities in both circumstances of history.

Daniel gives us so much **WISDOM** on how to pray.

In chapters 2, 9 and 10 we will find three of the most important chapters in the entire Bible on prayer.

So let's study why a man is "**HIGHLY ESTEEMED**" by God and his prayer.

Perhaps you might desire to be **ESTEEMED BY GOD**. and perhaps you might desire to teach your children how to pray and how to be **ESTEEMED BY GOD**, and not by people in their schools.

Which would you rather have for your children, to be esteemed by others due to their athleticism or **ESTEEMED BY GOD** (their **Creator**) and by their Savior Jesus Christ?

So let's find out how to be **ESTEEMED BY GOD**.

Verse 2

***2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of***

*Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.*

From verse 1 we know this is about 538 bc—a most important marker in history of God’s plan for the Jews and for history. This marks the first year the Jews have had freedom from the **Babylonian captivity**.

The conquering **Medo-Persian Empire** was far more lenient to the Jews than the Babylonians had been.

These verses set the foundation for careful **understanding** and **WISDOM**.

Daniel is most careful in setting the time for us.

<sup>1</sup> *In the first year of Darius* the Mede ---What just preceded here time wise? the fall of Babylon—chapter 5 ...hand writing on the wall- 539 bc. So we know this happened in 539 bc .

This prophecy is given to Daniel right after the fall of Babylon. This great historical event the fall of the great Babylon has just occurred.

Daniel grew up here, taken into exile here when he was about 15 years old, in 605 bc, making Daniel now about 81 years old. (he was about 15 when taken into exile in 605 bc, and it is now around 538 bc;)

Daniel’s life was shaken when he was a young teenager and now here he is an old man, and again his life is shaken up.

Remember that the book of Daniel is not in the Prophecy Section of the Jewish Bible but in the **WISDOM** section. the Book of Daniel is the **WISDOM** of how to live under adverse circumstances:

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| 1. | being taken into exile when young, having your world drastically changed—Chapter 1 |
| 2. | how to live in Exile   |
| 3. | now the <b>WISDOM</b> on how to handle when your world is shaken in old age.       |

Think about all the things that happen when a great empire is crushed by another totally different empire, when Babylon is crushed by Medes. Or when America is greatly changed right in the life of your children. All this **WISDOM** is summed up in the first phrase in verse 3.

*<sup>3</sup> So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.*

*Where does your attention go when things are suddenly changed?*

*To the details of the circumstances?*

*Or to God, the one in control of all things.*

This is **WISDOM** under adversity!

There we see Daniel is now under another King of another Empire.

*<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.*

The first thing Daniel does is to go to the Word of God!

Then He Will Go to God in Prayer!

### **PRINCIPLE OF WISDOM FROM DANIEL**

Even though Daniel received direct information from God on history in his dreams and visions, he goes to and studies the Books of the Bible.

### **PRINCIPLE**

*If Daniel needed to go to the books of the bible, how much more do we, who have no new revelation, need to abide in the Word of God.*

Let's see what Daniel was studying.

It was not some beautiful, encouraging Psalm;

It was in Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 25:11

***<sup>11</sup> This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.***

Jeremiah wrote this some 80 years before these event will take place.

People, we must study the Whole Realm of the Bible. This is a History Book, this is a Science Book, this Book is a Spiritual Enlightenment Book, this Book is Prophetic Book.

Read Jeremiah 25: 11-14

***<sup>11</sup> This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.***

***<sup>12</sup> 'Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.***

***<sup>13</sup> I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.***

***<sup>14</sup> (For many nations and great kings will make***

*slaves of them, even them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds and according to the work of their hands.)’”*

So think about this... Daniel knows right where he is in history, and he also knows what lies ahead for this great Babylonian Empire.

## **It will be made a desolation.**

The key to this prophecy is the Hebrew word **desolation** note this will happen to both the land of Judah (“whole land”) in verse 11 and Babylon in verse 12.

The desolation of Jerusalem actually began in 608 bc—Nebuchadnezzar first invasion. The city will fall in 605 bc. The Jews will be release and some sent home in 538 bc, one year after fall of Babylon and one year after Daniel prophecy in 539 bc. Right at 70 years.

The Temple will not be destroyed until 586 bc when the city and Temple were devastated by this invasion by Nebuchadnezzar. The dedication of the rebuilding of the Temple would be in March of 516 bc.

## **Yes, 70 years.**

So from the return of the people was 70 years... and the dedication of the Temple was 70 years... Think about Daniel.

Here is **WISDOM**; a great empire is being crushed, laid desolate;

A new order is being set up...so where does Daniel go?

He goes to the only thing that is completely stable, something that “fadeth not away”—he goes to the Word of God!

Please remember this **WISDOM**;

Especially when things are changed in your own life!

Go to where **stability** and **peace** can be found;

## The **WORD OF GOD.**

*<sup>2</sup> ... I, Daniel, observed in the books...*

The translation: *I observed* is a weak translation of the Hebrew word which means as the KJ and NIV translate it: *I understood*;

It means to give understanding!

## I marked it for understanding.

This is what the Holy Spirit gives when we open the Word of God in His Power, He gives us **understanding**. In the books here is a very important statement concerning the origin of the Bible. These were considered books before the time of Daniel and Daniel regarded them the Word of God.

First you have to **KNOW the Word of God** and in the Church Age this comes by **sitting down under a man given the gift of PASTOR-**

**TEACHER in power of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

You have to **STUDY** and **study the Word of God.**

First you have to **KNOW** Word of God;

then you have to **BELIEVE** the Word of God;

and then you have to **LIVE** the Word of God.

This is the **WISDOM** we learn from Daniel.

**First Daniel studied it;**

**then learned it;**

**then he believed it and**

**as we will see he lived it.**

The Prophecy of these prophets Daniel read, all came true to the word.  
And they serve as instruction and warning to us today.

What is interesting is that  
even though these prophets wrote against the people of Israel,  
they did not destroy these **Books**  
because they knew these Books were the **Word of God.**

So, Daniel has the prophecy of Jeremiah. Daniel now understands what is



happening to Babylon. But Daniel is not sure what is going to happen to Israel.

So, he is going into **PRAYER** to the **ONLY TRUE GOD** who is in control of all things and asked Him about future of Israel.



And the answer is the great prophecy in the Bible:

Daniel 9:24-27

### *Seventy Weeks and the Messiah*

*<sup>24</sup> "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make*

*atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.*

*<sup>25</sup> So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.*

*<sup>26</sup> Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.*

*<sup>27</sup> And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a*

*complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”*

Jeremiah 29:1 and verses 10-11;

## Message to the Exiles

*<sup>1</sup> Now these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.*

*<sup>10</sup> “For thus says the LORD, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.*

*<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.*

Daniel knew the **Word of God**... he did not neglect the **Word of God** even in **Captivity**. He knew they were specifically taken into **captivity in Babylon** and they would be brought back to the land after 70 years.

He **knew** the **Word of God** and He **believed** the **Word of God**. *We have so much more today, we have the completed canon of Scripture, we have seen the fulfillment of the prophecies of 69 weeks of Daniel in the **Time of the Gentiles**. But in spite of this treasure it is a shame how many Christians do not know Word of God—refuse to sit down and study the Word of God? Daniel is **WISDOM** to us on the all importance of knowing and believing the **Word of God** and living it. Another book considered canonical by Daniel is the Book of Leviticus.*

Look at Leviticus 26:32-34

*<sup>32</sup> I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it.*

*<sup>33</sup> You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.*

*<sup>34</sup> 'Then the land will enjoy its **SABBATHS** all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its **SABBATHS**.*

Let's look at Isaiah 44:

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But before we do, remember...

In **chapter 39**, Isaiah has already prophesied that the Babylonians would come in and destroy Jerusalem. And this prophecy was some 150 years before it happened in history.

## THIS IS A GOD YOU CAN TRUST.

When He says there is a heaven and hell, and the only way to escape hell and be in heaven eternally is by personal faith in His Son...***you can believe Him***...*you better believe Him.*

Isaiah 44:24

***24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb,***

***“I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,  
Stretching out the heavens by Myself  
And spreading out the earth all alone,***

—if you don’t believe the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Chapters of the Bible you are going to be “off balance” throughout the remainder of the Word of God.

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This book is a *science* book, in fact it is the **basic science book**;

## **Science 101.**

Read Isaiah 44: 25-26

*<sup>25</sup> Causing the omens of boasters to fail,  
Making fools out of diviners,  
Causing wise men to draw back  
And turning their knowledge into foolishness,  
<sup>26</sup> Confirming the word of His servant  
And performing the purpose of His  
messengers.  
It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be  
inhabited!'  
And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.'  
And I will raise up her ruins again.*

*<sup>26</sup> ... Confirming the word of His servant  
And performing the purpose of His  
messengers...*

# Do you know what this means?

This means that God causes the writers of Scripture to write what He desires and then God causes not only the prophecy but all things written to come into being.

This include prophecy and salvation and eternity.

Read from Isaiah

## **Isaiah 44:26-28**

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inhabited!'*

*And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.'  
And I will raise up her ruins again.*

*<sup>27</sup> "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be  
dried up!'*

*And I will make your rivers dry.*

*<sup>28</sup> "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd!  
And he will perform all My desire.'  
And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,'  
And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be*

*laid.'"*

## **Isaiah 45:1-4**

God Uses Cyrus

*<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed,  
Whom I have taken by the right hand,  
To subdue nations before him  
And to loose the loins of kings;  
To open doors before him so that gates will not  
be shut:*

*<sup>2</sup> "I will go before you and make the rough places  
smooth;  
I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through  
their iron bars.*

*<sup>3</sup> "I will give you the treasures of darkness  
And hidden wealth of secret places,  
So that you may know that it is I,  
The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by  
your name.*

*<sup>4</sup> "For the sake of Jacob My servant,  
And Israel My chosen one,*



*I have also called you by your name;  
I have given you a title of honor  
Though you have not known Me.*

This is 150 years before Cyrus, the Persian, was even born !

By Divine Providence, **Cyrus**, who was not the 1<sup>st</sup> king, (*that was Darius*) became ruler and ordered the people of Israel to return home.

*The Liberals all deny that Isaiah wrote this  
150 years before Cyrus was born.*

## Why?

Because (they think) there is no God that can precisely tell the future.

It is in Zechariah where we will see the fulfillment of this. This is another book Daniel considered Canonical.

Zechariah 1:12-15

*<sup>12</sup> Then the angel of the LORD said, "O LORD of hosts, how long will You have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant these seventy years?"*

*<sup>13</sup> The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with gracious words, comforting words.*

*<sup>14</sup> So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion.*

*<sup>15</sup> But I am very angry with the nations who are at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they furthered the disaster."*

The Books of the Chronicles are also Considered Canonical by Daniel.

## **2 Chronicles 36:22-23**

Cyrus Permits Return

*<sup>22</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah—the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,*

*<sup>23</sup> "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a*

*house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!”*

## **What happens when the people start to return.**

Daniel 9:11-23

*<sup>11</sup> Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.*

*<sup>12</sup> Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.*

*<sup>13</sup> As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.*

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.*

*<sup>15</sup> "And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.*

*<sup>16</sup> O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.*

*<sup>17</sup> So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.*

*<sup>18</sup> O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city*

*which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.*

*<sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."*

*Gabriel Brings an Answer*

*<sup>20</sup> Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,*

*<sup>21</sup> while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.*

*<sup>22</sup> He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.*

*<sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.*

When we come to Daniel 9:24-27 we will see why this is so important.

So now Daniel who cares about his own people goes to God in prayer. But he is not blind nor deceived about the Jews in exile who have not studied the books of the prophets or of the Law.

*<sup>2</sup> ... I, Daniel, observed (**marked for understanding**) in the books,*

(“books” refers to the books of the prophets like **Jeremiah** and **Isaiah**)

Daniel 9:2

*<sup>2</sup> ... the number of the years which was revealed as to the Word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely 70.*

In this collection of books was the recognized collection of the **Old**

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**Testament,** Daniel was distressed about their condition and that many did not even want to return to Judah.

*It is amazing how many Christians today are either blinded by lack of Knowing the Word of God or they deceive themselves.*

So God is going to have to move in to move them back to Jerusalem.

*One of the most interesting results of the Holocaust in Europe (by Hitler) is that multitude of Jews were ready to go back to their homeland. They would not have desired to go back had the horror of the holocaust not occurred.*

Well, Daniel is fearful for his people and went to God for wisdom. Daniel did not deny the sinful ways of the people, the very transgressions that brought about their discipline from God.

*We can and should learn about prayer under These circumstances in our own lives. One of the great failures of many Christians is that they do not know how to pray. But how can they since they do not abide in His Word.*

YOU HAVE TO KNOW GOD  
TO KNOW HOW TO PRAY TO GOD.

***Daniel 9*** (The Complete Chapter Nine is printed below)

*Daniel's Prayer for His People*

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***<sup>3</sup> So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.***



From the Book of Proverbs

*The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom:  
and the knowledge of the holy [is] understanding.*