

DANIEL

“Keeping the faith when the heat is on”

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CHAPTER 9: THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL

I. INTRODUCTION



Daniel Chapter 9 is a pivotal chapter in the Book of Daniel, known for its heartfelt prayer and intricate prophecy. This chapter opens with Daniel, now an elderly man and still in exile in Babylon, studying the Scriptures, specifically the writings of the prophet Jeremiah (most likely reading Jeremiah 25:11-12, and 29:10). He realizes that the seventy-years of exile prophesied for Jerusalem are almost complete. Deeply moved

by the gravity of his people's exile and their ongoing disobedience to God, Daniel responds by turning to God in prayer and fasting.

II. CHAPTER 9 OUTLINE

A. Daniel's prays for his people (9:1-19)

- Daniel reading Jeremiah (25:11-12; 29:10)
- Realizes the Exile is for 70 years because of Israel's disobedience
- Asks God to forgive himself and Israel

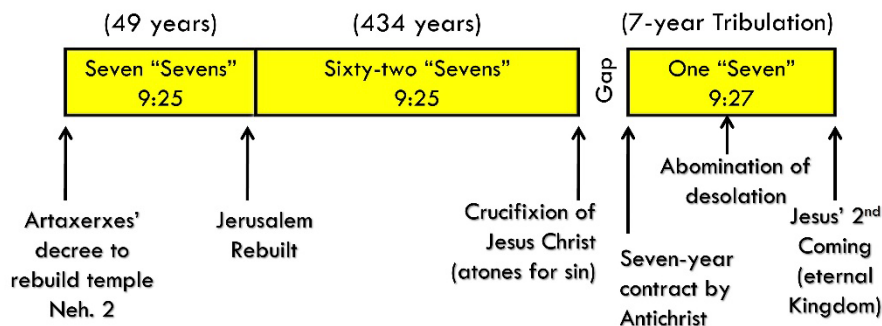
B. Asks God to forgive himself and Israel (9:20-23)

- Gabriel brings an answer
- Explains God's plan for Israel

C. The "Seventy Weeks" (9:24-27)

- Jerusalem will be rebuilt
- The Anointed One will come

III. 70 "WEEKS" OF DANIEL



IV. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- A. How can this prophecy, and other prophecies in the Bible, encourage and help Christians today?

- B. How does Daniel's prayer model intercession, and how might it show us how to pray for our nation?

- C. God punished Israel for their disobedience by exiling them in Babylon for 70 years. Does God also punish other nations that are sinful? Why or why not?

- D. In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God says, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Do you think this verse applies to Christians in America today? If so, how does it apply?

V. APPLICATION

- A. Like Daniel we are to _____

- B. Like Daniel we are to be faithful in prayer _____

- C. Like Daniel we are to maintain hope in God's _____

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