

The Book of Daniel: Chapter 9

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Chapter Overview: In the first year of King Darius, acknowledging that Jeremiah's prophecy of 70 years of captivity has been fulfilled, Daniel confesses his nation's sins and prays that God will restore them (1 – 19). In response, Gabriel is sent to give Daniel understanding of key events that will take place in a time period described as 70 "weeks" (20 – 27).

(1 – 2) During what time period did the events recorded in Chapter 9 take place? What realization did Daniel come to regarding the prophecy of Jeremiah? (*Jeremiah 25: 11; Jeremiah 29: 10*)

(3) What actions did Daniel take as a result of his realization regarding Jeremiah's prophecy?

(4) As Daniel began his prayer, how did he describe God? What characteristics did he reference? (*Deuteronomy 7: 9; John 14: 23 – 24*)

(5 – 6) How did Daniel describe the transgressions of God's people?

(7 – 10) How did Daniel contrast the actions of the Jews to the mercy of God? What can we learn about repentance from Daniel's prayer? (*Proverbs 28: 13; Romans 2: 4*)

(11 – 14) What consequences had come upon Israel as a result their sins? How did Daniel relate those consequences to the statutes of the Old Law? (*Deuteronomy 28: 15*)

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(15) How did Daniel conclude his confession in the prayer? What aspects of the history of God's relationship with His people did Daniel reference, and how was that particular reference applicable to their current situation?

(16 – 17) What was the focus of Daniel's request to God? What does Daniel ask from God regarding Jerusalem and the Temple?

(18) How would you characterize Daniel's request? What does this teach us about God's willingness to listen and answer our prayers?
(*Psalm 86: 5 – 7; 1 John 5: 14 – 15*)

(19) In his conclusion to the prayer, what did Daniel ask God to do? What does this teach us about prayer?

(20 – 23) Who was dispatched to deliver a prophecy while Daniel was still praying? How did this messenger describe Daniel? (*Luke 1: 19; 26 – 28*)

(24) What was the likely actual duration of the time period described as 70 "weeks"? List six things that were to happen within this period.

(25) What time period is referenced, and how long would it last? What events signified the beginning and end of this period?

(26) Describe the events and time period referenced in this verse. Who is likely referred to as the "prince / ruler who is to come", and what action would he and his people take? What event in history does this likely represent? (*Matthew 24: 15 – 16; Luke 21: 20 – 21; Daniel 11: 31*)

(27) Describe the events and time period referenced in this verse. Who would "confirm a covenant with many"? How does this verse relate to the overall message of the entire vision?