

Daniel's Prayer for His People

Daniel 9:1-19

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II. Daniel's Prayer – vs. 1-19 (over 500 years before Jesus)

- A. Date – vs. 1, 2
 - 1. First year of Darius, son of Ahasuerus (538 B.C.)
 - 2. 67 years have passed since Daniel and Judah went into captivity (605 B.C.)
 - 3. Jeremiah 25:11, 12 (written in 605 B.C.) says the length of the Babylonian captivity would be 70 years
- B. His sober attitude – v. 3
 - 1. Mentally: Prayer is a response to God's Word
 - a. Deuteronomy 30:1-10
 - 2. Spiritually: I am addressing my Lord
 - 3. Physically: Fasting, sackcloth and ashes
- C. His confession – vs. 4-14 (He seems to be following the principles of Deuteronomy 30)
 - 1. It is directed to: – v. 4
 - a. An almighty God
 - b. A faithful God
 - c. A loving God
 - 2. Sins listed – vs. 5, 6
 - a. *"we have sinned"*: a serious crime or offense – Isaiah 40:2
 - b. *"committed iniquity"*: acted unjustly.
 - c. *"acted wickedly"*
 - d. *"rebelled"*
 - e. *"even turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances"*

- i. Leviticus 26:33-35; II Chronicles 36:20, 21
 - f. *"we have not listened to Your servants the prophets."*
 - i. Jeremiah 29:17-20
 - 3. The contrast between God's righteousness and Israel's sin – vs. 7, 8
 - 4. The contrast between God's compassion and forgiveness and Israel's sin – vs. 9-11
 - 5. The consequences of Israel's sin – vs. 12-14
 - a. Leviticus 26:14-45
 - b. Deuteronomy 28:15-68
 - c. Ezekiel 24:16-27
 - d. Psalm 137; a Psalm of the captives
- D. His request – vs. 15-19
- 1. His negative request – vs. 15-19
 - a. He first recites God's power and position – v. 15a
 - b. He then (for the fourth time 5, 8, 11) confesses Israel's sin – v. 15b
 - c. He then asks that God's anger and wrath be turned away – v. 16
 - 2. His positive request – vs. 17-19
 - a. *"for Your sake"* – vs. 17-19
 - i. Exodus 32:9-14; Psalm 79:9
 - b. *"Your desolate sanctuary"*
 - i. Joel 2:1; 3:17; Zephaniah 3:11
 - c. Look on us with favor – v. 18
 - d. *"O Lord, forgive!"* – v. 19