

Daniel 9:20-27 – Part I

70-week prophecy

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I. Introduction

- A. Narrative Chapters 1-6
- B. Prophecy Chapter 7-12
- C. Daniel's 70-week prophecy is considered the greatest in the Bible
- D. Chapter 9
 - 1. Daniel's prayer – vs. 1-19
 - 2. Daniel's prophecy – vs. 20-27
- E. Reasons for the captivity
 - 1. Refusal to obey the prophets – Jeremiah 29:17-20
 - a. See verses 6 and 10
 - 2. Refusal to give their land sabbatical rests – Leviticus 26:33-35
 - 3. Confession is necessary – Leviticus 26:40-46

II. The 70 Week Prophecy

- A. The importance of prayer (it prepares you to hear from God) – v. 20
 - 1. *"While he was speaking and praying"* – 3 p.m.
 - a. Exodus 29:39
 - 2. *"and confessing my sins"*
 - a. Daniel 6:1-13
 - 3. *"and the sin of my people"*
 - 4. *"and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God"*
 - a. Daniel 6:10; Psalm 55:17; Ezra 9:5; Psalm 141:1-2
 - 5. If God is going to work, we must pray and proclaim!
- B. The importance of the heart of the one praying
 - 1. He clearly believed that Israel got what they deserved
 - 2. He did not say he was special
 - 3. His hope was not in Israel's goodness but the character of God.
 - a. Isaiah 59:1, 2
- C. Gabriel is one of God's special messengers – v. 21
 - 1. We saw him earlier in Daniel 8:15
 - 2. It is 3:30 p.m. – Exodus 29:39

- 3. Daniel is weary. A prayer can be hard work.
 - 4. Gabriel's job was to help Daniel know the plan of God.
 - 5. Gabriel was sent from God and got there while Daniel was still praying. – Isaiah 65:24
 - 6. Daniel is called *"highly esteemed"* (KJV), *"greatly loved"*
 - a. Ezekiel 14:14
 - 7. Daniel told to *"give heed"* to the message given in verses 24-27.
- D. Question one: literal or symbolic weeks?
- 1. Jeremiah had predicted the 70-year captivity – Jeremiah 25:11, 12
 - 2. If it was symbolic, why were the 70-years of captivity literal in Daniel 9:2?
 - 3. Why, if not literal, use definite numbers like 7, 62, 1 if symbolic?
- E. Question two: what type of weeks
- 1. Weeks of days
 - 2. Weeks of months
 - 3. Weeks of years
 - 4. Genesis 29:27