

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Daniel 9:1-27 – Daniel understands God’s word and prays for its fulfillment.

Today’s Message:
“Seventy Weeks”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we were blessed by **the accuracy** of God’s prophecies including the rise of *the Medes and Persians* and the triumphs of *Alexander the Great* over them written 200 years before he was born! Today, we will be amazed at **the precision** of God’s prophecies. Jesus Christ presented Himself as the **KING** to Israel on one specific day in history, and God had predicted the very day in this chapter! The “Seventy Weeks” prophecy has been studied for over two thousand years. The incredible reality is that we are **ALIVE** at the very edge of the *beginning* of the 70th week! It has been said that this period of time is the most documented period in the Bible of which Revelation 6-19 provides many graphic details. Therefore, this message is **IMPORTANT** and exciting. This is God’s message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Daniel 9:1-27

#1. The Seventy Years – Daniel searched the **SCRIPTURES** to get understanding.

I DANIEL UNDERSTOOD BY BOOKS THE NUMBER OF THE YEARS

✓ In the first year of the reign of Darius, Daniel understood Jeremiah’s words.

Jeremiah 25:12
And it shall come to pass, **when SEVENTY YEARS are accomplished**, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation...

- In **9:2**, we see Daniel is clearly a student of the word of God and prophecy.
- In **Jeremiah 25:11-12**, God had prophesied of **SEVENTY** years of captivity.
 - The false prophets were speaking against Jeremiah and the word of God.
- In **Jeremiah 29:1-14**, a very famous passage is found in this exact **CONTEXT!**
- In **2Chron 36:21**, the 70 years was to FULFILL the sabbath of YEARS **not kept**.
 - In **Lev 25:4-6**, God commanded the 7th year to be a sabbath of land rest.
 - The 70 years would be for **490 years** without the 7th year sabbath being kept.
 - The Jews were very familiar with the idea of WEEKS OF YEARS.
 - In **Ex 34:22-23**, God commanded observance of the FEAST OF WEEKS.
 - In **Lev 25:10**, the 50th year was to be hallowed – a year of jubilee!

Jeremiah 29:13
And ye shall seek me, and find me, **when ye shall SEARCH FOR ME with all your heart.**

- ✓ The word of God teaches that if you seek the Lord, you will find Him and His truth!
- In **Ezra 7:1-10**, we find Ezra faithfully preparing himself with the word of God.
 - In **Acts 20:32**, we learn that the word of God is able to **BUILD** you up.

2023 VISION: Hold the Fort!
Making disciples and caring for souls!

#2. The Fervent Prayer – Daniel chose to PRAY for the fulfillment of prophecy!

AND I SET MY FACE UNTO THE LORD GOD, TO SEEK BY PRAYER

- ✓ Daniel went to the den of lions for his prayers; Satan understands God’s **POWER**.
 - In **9:3**, Daniel sought the LORD **by prayer** with FASTING and HUMILITY.
 - In **9:4**, he prayed unto the LORD and made CONFESSION to Him.
 - He is a God who keeps His promises to His people!
 - In **9:5-15**, he confessed **HIS** sins and the sins of His people...
 - In **9:16-18**, he progressively grew *more passionate* in his pleas to God.
 - In **9:19**, Daniel **BEGS** God to HEAR, to FORGIVE, to HEARKEN and DO!!!
 - In **9:20**, he was interrupted by God while he was SPEAKING and PRAYING!
 - In **9:21-23**, we learn that Gabriel was sent AS SOON AS HE **BEGAN** PRAYING!

Daniel 9:23
At the beginning of THY SUPPLICATIONS the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly BELOVED...

#3. The Seventy Weeks – Gabriel told Daniel the prophecy of SEVENTY weeks.

SEVENTY WEEKS ARE DETERMINED UPON THY PEOPLE AND UPON THY HOLY CITY

- ✓ VERSE 24 set the SCOPE of the prophecy... it is a mathematical prophecy!
 - In **9:24**, the word of God says **70 WEEKS** are determined... weeks of **YEARS**.
 - To **finish the transgression...** to **make an end of sins...**
 - To **make reconciliation for iniquity...** to **bring in everlasting righteousness...**
 - To **seal up the vision and prophecy...** and to **anoint the most Holy!**
- ✓ VERSE 25 established a PRECISE TIMELINE for the FIRST COMING of Jesus Christ.
 - In **9:25**, the word of God says **69 WEEKS** unto MESSIAH THE **PRINCE**.
 - **START:** “From the going forth of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem.”
 - **STOP:** “Unto Messiah the Prince” ... shall be **7 weeks** (of years) + **62 weeks** (of years).
 - In **Neh 2:5-8**, Artaxerxes gave the commandment to rebuild the city and **WALLS**.
 - Historians date this at **March 14, 445 BC – 173,880 days** (360 days in year x 7 x 69 years)
 - There was only **1 day** Jesus Christ presented Himself as KING fulfilling **Zech 9:9**.
 - The Triumphal Entry occurred on **April 6, 32 AD...** EXACTLY **173,880 days** later!
 - **Luke 3:1:** Tiberias appointed in 14 AD; 15th year was 29 AD; 4th Passover was 32 AD
 - In **Luke 19:28-44**, Jesus said the JEWS were accountable for KNOWING THE **DATE!**
- ✓ VERSE 26 predicted the MESSIAH would be CUT OFF... and ANTICHRIST would rise.
 - In **9:26**, the word of God says AFTER 69 WEEKS the MESSIAH would be killed.
 - In **Isaiah 53**, the Bible clearly reveals the humiliation of Christ – *but not for Himself!*
 - In **9:26**, there is a GAP of time – AND – then details of “*the prince that shall come.*”
- ✓ VERSE 27 records the 70th WEEK – the remaining 7-year period to be fulfilled.
 - In **9:27**, the word of God says ANTICHRIST will confirm a covenant for 7 years.
 - According to prophecy, ANTICHRIST will confirm a PEACE COVENANT for 7 years.
 - In the **MIDDLE** of 7-year period, he will DEFILE TEMPLE – *abomination of desolation!* **2Ths 2:4**
 - In **Matthew 24:15**, Jesus SPOKE OF THIS VERSE as **FACT** of what is SOON COMING!

Daniel 9:25
Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem UNTO MESSIAH THE PRINCE... the street shall be built again, and THE WALL...

Luke 19:42, 44
*Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least IN THIS THY DAY... and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest **not** THE TIME OF THY VISITATION.*

Revelation 13:5
*... and power was given unto HIM to continue **forty** and two months.*

Revelation 11:3
And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and THEY SHALL PROPHECY a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Matthew 24:15-21
When ye therefore SHALL SEE THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (WHOSO READETH, LET HIM UNDERSTAND:) Then let them which be in Judaea FLEE INTO THE MOUNTAINS... For THEN shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time...