

# Pastor Lance Ainsworth

**MESSAGE NOTES** 

Thursday, November 16 Sunday, November 19

Introduction:

#### Daniel 9 NASB

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans-- <sup>2</sup>in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **observed in the books** the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. <sup>3</sup>So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Daniel, the student. Jer. 25:10-12 "But you said so..."

<sup>4</sup>I prayed to the Lord my God and **confessed** and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, <sup>5</sup>we have **sinned**, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.<sup>6</sup>Moreover, we have **not listed** to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup>"Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day-- to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.

Daniel, the leader.

Make a problem your responsibility.

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.<sup>17</sup>So now, our God, listen to the prayer

of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup>O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; **for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.** <sup>19</sup>O Lord, **hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action!** For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay because Your name calls Your city and Your people."

Daniel, the intercessor.

"we are not presenting... on account of any merits of our own."

<sup>20</sup>Now while I was spaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, <sup>21</sup>while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup>He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. <sup>23</sup>At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are **highly esteemed;** so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

God loves Daniel.

You matter.

<sup>24</sup>"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make and end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. <sup>25</sup>So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. <sup>26</sup>Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.<sup>27</sup>And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will



come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

70 weeks- 490 years

7 weeks (49 years) - The decree by Artaxerxes --445 B.C. (Neh. 2)

62 weeks (434 years) - The Messiah will be cut off 33 A.D. (Crucifixion)

1 Week (7 years) - The Church Age/Tribulation/ Eschaton (Luke 21:24)

God has the future prepared for us. God wants you to prepare yourself for the future.

It's my problem.

"Own Everything, Blame Nothing, No Ego." - Jocko Willink, Navy Seal



## Daniel: Shining in Babylon Daniel 9 Pastor Lance Ainsworth November 16th and 19th , 2023 It's my problem

Prayer Requests:

## Group Discussion: What is the bravest thing you have done?

#### Read aloud: Read Daniel 9

1. Daniel 9:2 "2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **observed in the books** the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years." Daniel is a student of the Torah and Prophets, which allows him to have a knowledge and understanding of God's character. What role does knowing and understanding scripture play in your view of God? How has your view of God changed throughout the years? Does your view of God affect your prayer life?

2. Daniel 9:4-6 - 4I prayed to the Lord my God and **confessed** and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, 5we have **sinned**, committed **iniquity**, acted **wickedly** and **rebelled**, even **turning aside** from Your commandments and ordinances. 6 Moreover, we have **not listened."** While interceding for Israel, Daniel is confessing his sins and the sins of Israel. Good leaders make a problem their responsibility. How can we pray for our church? What is the goal of praying for our church? Do you see yourself as a consumer or a contributor?

3. Daniel 9:22"- 22He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding." Read John 16:5-14. Do you think Gabriel's being sent to Daniel foreshadows the Holy Spirit being sent to the church? How does the Holy Spirit guide us in all truth?

4. Daniel 9:24 - 24"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place." When we think about Jesus'; second coming, people usually ignore it or get dogmatic; a third option is to awaken our imagination and look forward to it by faith. How does reading the six accomplishments of the 70 weeks build your faith? What should our response be to knowing Jesus will return a 2 nd time? What should we be doing in the "church age?"