

The Comfort of Prophecy

Daniel 9:20-27
November 29, 2020

The Setting

- Daniel 9:20-22

Eight Questions

1. To whom is this prophecy directed? v. 24

- a. The prophecy is primarily meant for the nation of Israel.
- b. The prophecy is also meant for the city of Jerusalem.

2. What is meant by the phrase - **Seventy weeks**? v. 24

- a. **Seventy sevens** refers you 70 segments of seven years.
- b. Seventy weeks = 70-sevens of years = 490 years.

3. What are the six prophetic events in Daniel 9:24 referencing? v. 24

- a. Group one: God's dealing with our sin.
- b. Group two: God's work to return the world to righteousness.

4. Do we know when the 490 year time frame begins? v. 25

- a. The 490 years begins with the edict to begin to rebuild Jerusalem. Daniel 9:25a
- b. The edict went out on March 14, 445 BC.

5. Why are the **seventy sevens** broken up into segments? vv. 25-26

- a. **Seven weeks** (49 years) - the time it took to rebuild Jerusalem. v. 25
- b. **Sixty-two sevens** (434 years) - the time it took to get to Jesus. vv. 25, 26
- Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 30:21

6. What happens after the first two segments? v. 26

- a. ...the Messiah is crucified. v. 26a

b. ...the Messiah leaves without His kingdom. v. 26a

c. ...Jerusalem is overtaken and the temple is destroyed. v. 26b

d. ...war continues. v. 26c

7. When is this final week and who is being referenced in v. 27?

8. What is the purpose of the interval between the 69th seven and the 70th seven?

a. God created a gap, a delay, for you.

b. This gap is appropriately called the Age of Grace.