DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS: THE CENTERPIECE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

THE DANIEL PROPHECIES #4

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Daniel Chapter 9

The Double Theme of Daniel 9 Is Prayer And Prophecy

The Centerpiece Of Bible Prophecy

1. DANIEL READS THE SCRIPTURES—9:1-2

• Daniel 9:1-2 (NIV) (1) In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom-- (2) in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:1 (NIV) The word came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, which was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 (NIV) (11) This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. (12) "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever.

Jeremiah 29:10 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

2. DANIEL REACTS W/ FASTING & PRAYER—9:3

 Daniel 9:3 (NIV) So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

- Fasting is a way we can seek the Lord in seriousness
- Daniel is driven to his knees in humility
- He is grieved over his own sin, and the sin of his nation

3. DANIEL REPENTS FOR ISRAEL'S WICKEDNESS—9:4-6

• Daniel 9:4-6 (NIV) (4) I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, (5) we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. (6) We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

4. DANIEL RECOGNIZES GOD'S JUDGMENT—9:7-14

• Daniel 9:7-8 (NIV) (7) "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame--the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. (8) O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you

5. DANIEL REQUESTS GOD'S FORGIVENESS—9:15-19

• Daniel 9:18-19 (NIV)(18) Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. (19) O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

6. DANIEL RECEIVES GABRIEL GOD'S MESSENGER ANGEL—9:20-23

• Daniel 9:20-23 (NIV) (20) While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill-- (21) while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. (22) He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. (23) As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision:

7. DANIEL REALIZES AN END-TIMES VISION —9:24-27

• Daniel 9:24–27 (NIV) — 24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy. 25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. 27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

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- This 490-year period is divided into three segments;
 (a) 7 "sevens" (49 years), (b) 62 "sevens" (434 years), and
 (c) 1 "seven" (v. 27; 7 years).
- 70 7'S ARE DECREED = IT IS DETERMINED

Daniel's 70 Weeks – Daniel 9

Nehemiah receives decree to rebuild Jerusalem March 14, 445 B.C.

Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ as Messiah

April 6, A.D.32

Church is Raptured Antichrist confirms Covenant w/ Israel

Christ Returns to Establish Kingdom of God

<u>v. 25</u> 69 Weeks (483 yrs)		<u>v. 26</u> Gap of Time	The second secon	<u>v. 27</u> eek (Year 484-490)	
7 Weeks + 49 years to Rebuild Jerusalem	62 Weeks 434 Years	Messiah is Cut Off – April 10, A.D. 32 CHURCH AGE Jerusalem & Temple Destroyed – A.D. 70	3 ½ Years This ends with Antichrist's Image in the Temple to be worshipped	3 ½ Years Desolation By Antichrist 6 Purposes of v. 24 fulfilled	
			THE TRIBULATION		