

Daniel Chapter 9

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Structure of the Chapter

A. Daniel Hears from God – Through Jeremiah

B. Daniel Speaks to God and Accepts Responsibility

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What are the 70 weeks?

Literal?

Figurative/Theological?

Year of Jubilee – Leviticus 25-8-12

“You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants...

Year of Jubilee – Leviticus 25-8-12

...It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field.

The Ultimate Jubilee in Daniel

“The seventy sevens in verse 24 denote jubilee; if seven sevens in Leviticus 25:8 led to jubilee, then seventy sevens in Daniel 9:24 is a tenfold and ultimate jubilee!”

– Mitchell L. Chase

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Prophetic Perspective



	The First Seven	The Next Sixty-Two	The Seventieth
From when to when?	From Cyrus's decree permitting exiles to return, to the rebuilding of the temple and city of Jerusalem.	From the days when the temple and city of Jerusalem were rebuilt, to the arrival of Jesus the Anointed One.	From the redemptive work of Jesus' death on the cross, to the judgment of Jesus on the Jerusalem temple in AD 70.

Daniel 9:4-11

I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. 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...

Daniel 9:4-11

...To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you...

Daniel 9:4-11

...To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him.

Accepting Responsibility

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and
afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement
that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every
one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:4-6

Questions for Reflection

1. What did Daniel do to find comfort in exile?
How should we mirror those actions?

2. Do I allow my “theologizing” to cloud my
relationship and personal responsibility to Jesus?