



# DANIEL 9 PART II

## ***Cut off, but not for Himself***

*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

*- II Corinthians 5:18-19 NKJV*

When Israel first entered the promised land they were commanded to follow God. Even to the extent of letting the land rest every 7th year. Due to their disobedience, they were exiled. God had raised up Babylon to conquer them and exile them for a period of 70 years. Coincidentally, there were 70 years' worth of sabbath rests for the land, that was due. This speaks to the intentionality, righteousness, and justice of God. Now that this period of 'rest' was coming to a close, it was time for reconciliation. The prophecy in this chapter shows us God's heart for reconciliation as it gives us 6 'line items', three that dealt with sin and three that dealt with righteousness. Further, it may be one of the most important prophecies as it calculated the days to the exact day Jesus would be crucified. As verse 26 shows us, "Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;". Looking at this physically, He would be innocent in death while spiritually speaking, He did not receive the kingdom at that moment. Instead of a crown of gold to reign over the Jews, He was given a crown of thorns receiving nothing for Himself at this time. So why is God waiting so long to bring the kingdom? Because of His long-suffering, and His willingness that none should perish and His kindness is to lead us to repentance. (Romans 2:4, 2nd Peter 3:9)

***Read Daniel 9:20-27. Why is reconciliation such a big deal in the Bible?***

### **Discussion Questions**

1. It is in the midst of Daniel's prayer that God dispatches the messenger angel, Gabriel, to go to Daniel and answer his prayer. What do you make of that? Do you think God truly listens to everything we pray? When have you seen God answer prayer in your life?
2. What are the 6 line items in this prophecy? What do they represent? Have they been fulfilled? If not, when?
3. We see numbers (seven, seventy, etc) multiple times in this chapter. Where else in scripture do we see numbers? Why are these significant? (Hint: 4 days of examination)
4. What does it mean to you that Jesus was 'cut off' not for himself, but for you?
5. How can we see the Justice of God through these scriptures? Does this give you hope—knowing that no matter what injustice happens in this world, God is on the throne?