



# **“PROPHECY, PRAYER, AND THE PROMISE!”**

## **Daniel Chapter 9:1-23**

*Go for God!* > **THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY! (v1-2)**

Daniel practiced and understood what Peter would write for the New Testament Church centuries later - 2 Peter 1:19-21 - *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. We are also told in Revelation 19:10 – “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”*

(v2) Daniel *“understood by the books the number of years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”* Where? Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:1-13.

(Daniel may have been assured of God's answer to prayer by reading Solomon's prayer in the book of 1 Kings 8:33-34; 46-53.)

> **THE POWER OF PRAYER! (v3-19)**

~ **Observe Daniel's FIVE STEPS TO ANSWERED PRAYER:**

- **Step #1 - (v4) REVELATION** – Brings REALIZATION of our need for God and who He is! He is LORD, great, awesome, merciful, keeps covenant with those who love Him, and keep His commandments.

- **Step #2 – (v5-8) RECOGNITION** – Of our sins – rejection of God's word – rejection of God's teachers – rejection of God.

- **Step #3 – (v9-15) REPENTANCE** – Daniel refers to the Law of Moses, let us read **Deuteronomy Ch. 28** for a reality check regarding Israel and our own nation.

- **Step #4 – (v16-18) RECONCILIATION** – *“because of YOUR GREAT MERCIES!”*

- **Step #5 – (v19) RESTORATION** – Think about this last line, *“Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name”*

> **THE PROMISE OF GOD! (v20-23)**

**Daniel's prayer was heard and answered, why? Jesus said in John**

**15:7-8 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. Daniel was a man of the WORD and of PRAYER; if you want your prayers answered then be man or woman of the Word!**