

Q: Some say Daniel 9 is the key chapter in the entire book. How might this be so and why is Biblical prophecy like this encouraging and motivating to us today?

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Q: (v.27) The “he” could either represent the future AntiChrist or it could refer back to the “anointed one” (Jesus). If it is referring to Jesus, at the cross, how did he confirm (ratify/validate) a new covenant (Jer 31:31-34; 1 Cor 11:25) and also “put an end to sacrifice and offering?” (Heb 10:14)

Q: The promises of God are accurate and true. The old sacrificial system is now made obsolete by Christ’s one sacrifice of himself for all sinners (Heb 8:13). Jesus came as prophesized. He will return again, perhaps soon! Who are you praying for to come to know Christ?

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*PRAY: Lord You alone are worthy of our praise. Forgive us Lord for we have sinned against you, forgetting your mighty works, forgetting to give you thanks for all you have done and provided for us. Have mercy on us Lord. We humbly ask your continued guidance and presence be felt with us each day. Help us understand your Word, help us spend time with you in prayer, help us be a blessing to others around us. Bring unsaved people to You. May you receive all honor, glory and praise, in Jesus name, Amen!*



# Harvest Growing Deeper

A Disciplemaking Tool of Harvest Evangelical Free Church  
(for personal and/or small group study)

Week of April 19, 2020

Daniel 9:1-27

The events of Daniel 9 take place around the same time of the chapter 6 (when Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den, simply for continuing to pray to the Lord). Here Daniel is recalling the written words of the prophet Jeremiah regarding God’s promise to bring His people back to Jerusalem in 70 years. There’s some debate as to when the prophetic timeclock began. From the time Daniel was taken into Babylon (605 BC) and when Zerubbabel set up the Temple in Jerusalem (536 BC; see Ezra 3:1-2) was approx. 70 years. Or the time between the destruction of the Temple in 586 BC (2 Kings 25:9) and the completion of the Temple in 516 BC (Ezra 6:14-15) was also about 70 years. Either way, God’s promises are fulfilled, His people did return, His Temple was restored.

Q: Describe your prayer life. Does it seem rote and methodical or is it a true heartfelt conversation with the Lord?

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Q: Read Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:10-14. What motivates Daniel to pray as he does?

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Q: (vv.3-10) How does Daniel describe God and how does he describe he and his people?

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Q: (vv.11-14) Describe Israel's attitude and God's character.

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Q: (vv.16-19) What specific requests does Daniel make of God? Why does Daniel appeal to God's mercy? (also see David's prayer in Ps 51).

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Q: (vv.20-23) How does God respond to Daniel's confession and plea for mercy on behalf of he and his people? (notice v.23)

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Q: (vv.24-27) Many scholars see these "seventy weeks" or literally "seventy sevens" as seventy periods of years (i.e.  $70 \times 7 = 490$  years). Similar to the Year of Jubilee (described in Lev 25:8). List the 6 things that must occur during this time period (as listed in v.24).

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Q: (vv.25-27) what further details are given. How might this describe What Jesus has done for us? (see Jer 23:5-6; 2 Cor 5:21; Rom 10:3-4)

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Q: (v.25) There are a few possibilities as to the start date of the "going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem." One is 445 BC (Neh 2:1), Another is 457 BC (Ezra 7:6-11). If you add 483 years (Jewish years have 360 days = 12 months x 30 days), you either get to 32 AD (When Jesus was crucified) or 26 AD (when Jesus began his public ministry at his baptism (Luke 3:1, 23) at age 30. In the middle of the 70th week then, Christ would be "cut off" (Isa 53:8) and put an end to sacrifice and offering. (there would be no more need for it—Heb 10:18). Why is all this significant?

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Q: Historians note that the Jewish Temple was destroyed in AD 70 by the Roman general Titus after he conquered the Jerusalem and the people. Despite his command that the glorious Temple not be destroyed, it somehow caught fire and burned, melting the gold into the crevices between the stones. Treasure seekers literally dug out each stone to get to the gold melted into the crevices, thus overturning every stone. How does this fulfill the prophetic words of Christ in Matt 24:2? (and possibly fulfill Matt 24:15-20?)

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