

“God’s Prophetic Timeline for Israel”
Daniel 9:20-27

Daniel’s heartfelt prayer is answered in a way that he did not expect. Instead of a “yes or no” answer, God reveals the prophetic countdown for the fulfillment of His covenant promises to Israel. We can understand this foundational prophecy as we observe the. . .

Prayer Answered (20-23)

- Promptness of Answer (20-21)
- Purpose of Answer (22-23)

Prophecy Announced (24)

- Object of Prophecy (24a)
- Outcome of Prophecy (24b)

Plan Activated (25-27)

- Start of Plan (25)
- Interval in Plan (26)
- Completion of Plan (27)

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: 490 years is a long time to wait! Share about something you waited for a long time, and how great it was when it came to pass.

Questions

1. What was Daniel asking for in his prayer, and how did God answer? What practical lessons can we learn from this?
2. Why are there many erroneous views and opinions about Bible prophecy and end time events?
3. Even though this prophecy is explicitly for the Jews and Jerusalem, (“your people and city”) why is it still very relevant for us?
4. Consider the six stated outcomes of the 70 weeks listed in Daniel 9:24. Can you (as a group) briefly explain what each one means? What do you find interesting about them? Which one are you most excited about?
5. How does the Daniel 9 prophecy show us God’s precision? What difference should this truth about God’s character make in our lives?
6. What should our (Gentiles, church) attitude be toward the Jews (and Israel) since they have suffered so much, rejected Christ, have more suffering ahead, and then the kingdom age yet to come?

Small Group Prayer

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, true Biblical peace in Christ! Also pray specifically for at least one Jewish person you know, to embrace Jesus as their Messiah. Pray also for the Huckels’ ministry to the Jews.

For Next Week

Try to correlate these passages with the prophecies of Daniel 9:24-27: Jer.31:31-37; Ezek 37:21-27; Rom 11:25-36; Zech 12:10-13; Matt 24:15; 2 Thes 2:3-4; Rev 13:4, 8; Lk 19:41-44; 21:24; Matt 16:18; 21:42-43; Jn 1:11; and Eph 3:3-6