**Daniel 9:1 to 10:1**

**70 Weeks of Years**

**Lesson 11**

***In chapters 7 and 8,*** *Daniel was given visions of the end days. There was a prophecy of the fall of mighty nations and a battle of nations against the holy ones of God. The visions predicted that ultimately the “prince of princes” will defeat the evil king (Dan 8:25). There was a prophecy that an “everlasting kingdom” will emerge and dominion will be given to the holy people of the “Most High” (Dan 7:27). In chapter 9 we see the fate of Israel and the Temple.*

1. **When in the past week did you feel closest to God? *Or* was there a particular verse or message in this week’s study of Daniel that you found inspiring?**
2. **Read verse 9:2 and check your footnotes for information on the prophecy of Jeremiah. What is the significance of *70 years* of ruin? See also Jeremiah’s pre-exilic prophecy of the fall of Jerusalem in Jer. 25:11-12 below:**

**Jer. 25:11-12**

This whole land shall be a ruin and a waste. Seventy years these nations shall serve the king of Babylon; **12**but when the seventy years have elapsed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation and the land of the Chaldeans for their guilt—oracle of the Lord. Their land I will turn into everlasting waste.

**Dan 9:** I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years the Lord had decreed to the prophet Jeremiah: Jerusalem was to lie in ruins for seventy years.

1. After all the terrible and frightening visions in previous chapters, Daniel prays.

**What else does he do besides pray? See Dan 9:3.**

**Dan 9:3 3**I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. **4**I prayed to the Lord, my God, and confessed…

1. Daniel confesses the sins of the people of Jerusalem and Judah that led to the exile in Babylon. **What are the sins that he confesses? See Dan 9:4-6 and 9:9-11**

**Dan 9:4-14** “Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, you who keep your covenant and show mercy toward those who love you and keep your commandments and your precepts! **5**We have sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and turned from your commandments and your laws. **6**We have not obeyed your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, our ancestors, and all the people of the land. **7**Justice, O Lord, is on your side; we are shamefaced even to this day: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the lands to which you have scattered them because of their treachery toward you. **8**O Lord, we are ashamed, like our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, for having sinned against you. **9**But to the Lord, our God, belong compassion and forgiveness, though we rebelled against him **10**and did not hear the voice of the Lord, our God, by walking in his laws given through his servants the prophets. **11**The curse and the oath written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, were poured out over us for our sins, because all Israel transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to hear your voice. **12**He fulfilled the words he spoke against us and against those who ruled us, by bringing upon us an evil—no evil so great has happened under heaven as happened in Jerusalem. **13**As it is written[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+9&version=NABRE#fen-NABRE-26215c)] in the law of Moses, this evil has come upon us. We did not appease the Lord, our God, by turning back from our wickedness and acting according to your truth, **14**so the Lord kept watch over the evil and brought it upon us. The Lord, our God, is just in all that he has done: we did not listen to his voice. **15**“Now, Lord, our God, who led your people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and made a name for yourself even to this day, we have sinned, we are guilty.

1. **What words of *praise* does Daniel offer up to the Lord in his prayer? See Dan 9:4-15, above.**
2. **Now for his petitions. What does he ask of God in this prayer? See Dan 9:15-19.**

**Dan 9:15-19 15**“Now, Lord, our God, who led your people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and made a name for yourself even to this day, we have sinned, we are guilty. **16**Lord, in keeping with all your just deeds, let your anger and your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. On account of our sins and the crimes of our ancestors, Jerusalem and your people have become the reproach of all our neighbors. **17**Now, our God, hear the prayer and petition of your servant; and for your own sake, Lord, let your face shine upon your desolate sanctuary. **18**Give ear, my God, and listen; open your eyes and look upon our desolate city upon which your name is invoked. When we present our petition before you, we rely not on our just deeds, but on your great mercy. **19**Lord, hear! Lord, pardon! Lord, be attentive and act without delay, for your own sake, my God, because your name is invoked upon your city and your people!”

1. **How does God answer Daniel’s prayer?**

**Is this the answer he was hoping for?**

1. **If your Bible has footnotes check to see the notes that refer to verse 9:24 and the “seventy weeks”.**

**What is the meaning of this phrase? See also Dan 9:24.**

**Dan 9:24**

**24**“Seventy weeks are decreed  
    for your people and for your holy city:  
Then transgression will stop and sin will end,  
    guilt will be expiated,  
Everlasting justice will be introduced,  
    vision and prophecy ratified,  
    and a holy of holies will be anointed.

1. **What is to be the fate of Jerusalem according to the prophecy of Gabriel? *There are at least two predictions here regarding the city and the Temple.* See Dan 9: 25-27 and 10:1.**

**Dan 9: 25-27** Know and understand: From the utterance of the word  
    that Jerusalem was to be rebuilt until there is an anointed ruler,  
    there shall be seven weeks. In the course of sixty-two weeks  
    it shall be rebuilt, with squares and trenches, in time of affliction.  
**26**After the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut down  
    with no one to help him. And the people of a leader who will come  
    shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.  
His end shall come in a flood; until the end of the war, which is decreed,  
    there will be desolation. **27**For one week he shall make  
    a firm covenant with the many; half the week  
    he shall abolish sacrifice and offering; in their place shall be the desolating abomination until the ruin that is decreed is poured out upon the desolator.”

**Daniel 10:1** In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel, who had been named Belteshazzar. The revelation was certain: a great war; he understood this from the vision.