

Four: THE SEVENTY "WEEKS" (I)

Daniel 9

I. The PROMPTING: v1-3

538bc: 67-8 years since Daniel was taken captive as a teenager. Nearly 50 years since destruction of Jerusalem

The Medo-Persian Empire has conquered Babylon. Darius the Mede is now on the throne

Daniel reads Jeremiah 25:8-14 and 29:10 which specify a 70 year exile and he is prompted to pray

II. The PRAYER: v4-19

Deliverance is not automatic, but rests on repentance and the claiming of God's promises

Only in this chapter does Daniel use the covenant Name of God: YAHWEH: 7 times. Foundation of the prayer is pleading God's covenant with His people.

His prayer is confession of breaking the covenant and plea for the covenant faithful God to remember His City and His people (v19) and to restore them.

III. The PROPHECY: v20-27

Angel Gabriel comes to show that God's answer will be far greater than his prayer!

The Exile will indeed soon come to an end (v25).

But God's purposes are much _____. And the period in view is much _____.

Not just 70 years, but 70 *sevens* of years. About 500 years.

v24: To do six things: 3 negatives and three resultant positives:

A. Negatives:

1. To **Put away**/_____ transgressions
2. To _____ sin by **sealing** it up
3. To **atone for**/_____ wickedness

So SIN is to be:

- Shut up as if it no longer **exists**
- Brought to an end so it no longer **enslaves**
- Atoned for so it no longer **alienates** God

This leads to three positive results:

B. Positives:

4. to **cause** to come, everlasting _____

Amazing! Double imputation!

5. to _____ _____ vision and prophecy

Eschatology is simply the **unveiling** of what has already been accomplished by Christ

6. To anoint the **Most Holy** _____

This is the climax: Messiah, Who will

- Put away sin
- Provide a record of everlasting righteousness
- Fulfill all prophecy

This is the answer to Daniel's deepest longings. And yours.