

Daniel's Prayer And Prophecy Of 70 Weeks: Part I

(Daniel 9:1-19)

Intro: This morning we turn to Daniel chapter 9, believed by many to be one of the greatest chapters in the Bible. Daniel 9 contains the record of Daniel's prayer for Israel's restoration (vv. 1-19), and God's response to that prayer with the prophecy of 70 Weeks (vv. 20-27). A prophecy outlining God's divine timetable of 490 years for His people Israel, from the issuing of Artaxerxes' decree to rebuild and restore Jerusalem given in 445 B.C. to the return of Jesus Christ to establish His Millennial Kingdom on this earth.

I. Daniel's Prayer (Dan. 9:1-19)

A. The circumstances for Daniel's prayer (vv. 1-3)

1. Historical setting (v. 1)
2. Daniel's reading of Jeremiah 25:10-11; 29:10-14



B. The contents of Daniel's prayer (9:3-19)

1. Daniel's confession of sin (9:3-15)
 - a. Adoration (v. 4)
 - b. Confession (vv. 5-15)
2. Daniel's supplication (vv. 16-19)

Lessons gleaned from Daniel's supplications:

First, Daniel's supplications are based on God's Word, and His promise to Jeremiah to restore His people after seventy years.

Second, Daniel's requests are made in accordance with God's holy character.

Third, Daniel focuses on God's purposes and His glory.