

Daniel 9:1-27 **Daniel's Prayer – Seventy Weeks – Sixty two Weeks**

Daniel's Prayer for the People

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2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of Yahweh (the Lord) through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish **seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.**

3 Then I set my face toward Adoney Elohiym (the Lord God) to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to Adoney Elohey (the Lord my God), and made confession, and said, "O Adoney El (Lord), great and awesome (God), who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 O Adoney (Lord), righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day — to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

8 "O Yahweh (Lord), to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 To Adoney Eloheynu (the Lord our God) belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

10 We have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God), to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of Elohiym (God) have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God), that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 Therefore Yahweh (the Lord)has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God) is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

15 And now, O Adoney Eloheynu (Lord our God), who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day — we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

16 "O Adoney (Lord), according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the

iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

17 Now therefore, Eloheynu (our God), hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for Adoney (the Lord's) sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 O Elohay (my God), incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

19 O Adoney (Lord), hear! O Adoney (Lord), forgive! O Adoney (Lord), listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, Elohay (my God), for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh Elohay (the Lord my God) for the holy mountain of Elohay (my God),

21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."
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Facts Revealed:

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in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of Yahweh (the Lord) through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish **seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.** [Daniel 9:1-2]

- ✧ Daniel, in Babylon of the first to go into captivity, had access to books of prophesy from Jerusalem and knew of the seventy years captivity Jeremiah had written regarding the time expected until God would allow them to return to Israel. [Jeremiah 25:8-12]
- ✧ Daniel set an example of an effective and fervent prayer, being specific in regard to the identity and character of the God to Whom He is praying, associating himself with the sins that caused the present captivity by specific confession, acknowledging the righteousness of God's in punishment for the sins and iniquities of the people.
- ✧ Then he made his appeal for the will of God to be performed according to the promise given through His prophets at the appointed time for the sake of God's own reputation.

Seventy-Weeks Prophecy [Daniel 9:20-27]

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yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.
At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision: [Daniel 9:20-23]
- ✧ When Daniel began his prayer, Gabriel was sent with the answer.
- ✧ Daniel is a man greatly loved by Yahweh and is included in the list of three whom God called perfect. [Ezekiel 14:14, 20]
- ✧ **"Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.** [Daniel 9:24]
- ✧ Seventy periods of seven are appointed for Israel until the Kingdom of God is established on earth with Messiah reigning supreme in true righteousness resulting in perfect peace and abundance of God's blessings as He promised for obedience to His commandments. [Deuteronomy 28:1-14]
- ✧ "Know therefore and understand, That **from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince**, There shall be **seven weeks and sixty-two weeks**; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. [Daniel 9:25]
- ✧ The **seven** and the **sixty two** sevens are separate times making a total of **sixty nine sevens** in the history of Israel.
- ✧ The **first seven** might represent the time for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, **followed by sixty two sevens** to the death of Messiah on the cross providing the only blood of atonement for the sins of the world that would be acceptable to Yahweh Himself. [Isaiah 43:11, 45:21, Hosea 11:4]
- ✧ The city of Jerusalem was rebuilt in perilous times. [see books of Ezra and Nehemiah]
- ✧ "And **after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself**; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And **till the end of the war desolations are determined.** [Daniel 9:26]
- ✧ Messiah was cut off sixty nine sevens of years (483 years) after the decree was given to Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem.
- ✧ The people from which the Antichrist will arise destroyed the city and the sanctuary seventy years after the death of Messiah by Titus of Rome.
- ✧ The end will come as a flood known as the Great Tribulation.

- ✧ Desolations are determined until the end of the war (the Battle of Armageddon).
- ✧ **Then** (the time of the end) **he** (the Antichrist) shall **confirm a covenant** with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate." [\[Daniel 9:27\]](#)
- ✧ After the Peace agreement is established, followed by the invasion of Gog and Magog mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39, the Antichrist will confirm the peace agreement for seven years at the beginning of the Great Tribulation and break it three and a half years later setting up his image in the temple of God and demanding world wide worship until he meets the Lord of glory at the Battle of Armageddon. [\[Revelation 13:1-18, 19:11-21\]](#)
- ✧ The time of the end comes as an appointed event timed by Yahweh Himself.
- ✧ At the time of the end, Antichrist first will be accepted through deceit as a man of peace to be a world ruler. [\[Daniel 8:23-25\]](#)
- ✧ The abomination of desolation was spoken of as still future by Messiah Jesus about 175 years after Antiochus Epiphanes destroyed Jerusalem in the time of the Maccabean revolt which introduced the Jewish celebration of Chanukkah. [\[Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11, Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14\]](#)