



## Daniel Chapter 9 | December 3, 2023

### **Daniel 9:1-2**

*1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.*

- There have been three deportations from Jerusalem: 605, 597, 586 BC
- Daniel is reading from Jeremiah 25
- Due to Israel's disobedience / not giving the land rest for 490 years, there will be 70 years of captivity
- 67 years have passed and Daniel realizes they are going home soon!

### **Read Daniel 9:3-19** Daniel's Prayer of Confession

### **Daniel 20-23** Gabriel Brings an Answer

- God sends the angel Gabriel to Daniel
- This is the same Gabriel who appeared to Zecharias and Mary!

### **Daniel 24-27** The Seventy Weeks

*24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. 25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. 27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."*

- This vision is for the **Jews and Jerusalem**
- Six things are to be accomplished:
  1. To finish the transgression
  2. To put an end to sin
  3. To atone for iniquity
  4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
  5. To seal both vision and prophet
  6. To anoint a most holy place
- 70/7's equals 490 years
- 69 times 7 equals 483 years
- Clock started on March 14, 444 BC (see **Nehemiah 2:1-8**: return to restore Jerusalem)
- Clock ends on April 5, 32 AD (based on the lunar calendar: 360 days/year)
- What happened on that day? **Luke 19:41-44**:

*41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."*

- An insight on the Magi (Wise Men) who came to the stable

### **Additional thoughts on what is to come**

- Isn't there still a 7th week? 7 more years still to come?
- This will come after the church gap / the fullness of the Gentiles
- As this time approaches there will be increasing and more intense birth pangs
- Is then where the Rapture will occur?
- The man of lawlessness will then appear on the world's stage
- There will be three and one-half years of peace / the Temple will be rebuilt
- Does Rapture perhaps happen now?
- Then there will be three and one-half years of evil
- The abomination of desolation in the newly build Temple
- Then comes The Great Tribulation / Jacob's Trouble / the day of vengeance (**Rev. 6-19**)
- These 7 years are primarily for the Jews but for "all Israel to be saved" (**Romans 11:26**)
- The Second Coming: "Until the decreed end" (**Daniel 9:27**)
- Finally, the Millennial Kingdom on earth is established

***One simple question: Are you ready?***