



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel 9:24-26

Title: The Most Amazing Prophecy in the Bible

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Discussion Starter – What might be some of the reasons that God gave such a specific prophecy to Daniel? Did it serve to increase Daniel’s faith? What insights and responsibilities did this prophecy provide and impose on future generations?

Read Daniel 9:16-23

- 1) After confession of his sin and the national sin of his country, what is Daniel’s specific request to God?
- 2) What was the specific answer that Gabriel says he will provide to Daniel?
- 3) What is revealed about Daniel’s desire for God’s response as we notice he “set his face with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes?
 - a) Do you sometimes tell God what you need? Notice that Daniel confesses his shortcomings and allows God to provide His response. What changes can you make to your prayers to more closely model Daniel?

Read Daniel 9:24

- 4) Describe what is meant by the three terms in the first sentence of verse 24, (seventy weeks, your people, your holy city). What questions or alternate definitions could be proposed for the key terms?
- 5) What 6 events are said to be accomplished within these seventy weeks?
- 6) Which of them have been accomplished? Which deeds remain to be accomplished in the future, even beyond our day?
- 7) What timeframe is implied by the term, “seal up the vision and prophecy”?

Read Daniel 9:25-26

- 8) What is declared to be the starting point for these 70 weeks? Can you pinpoint the starting event in scripture?
- 9) What calendar is assumed for this prophecy? Why is it important?
- 10) How many days are included in 69 weeks? What event occurred exactly 69 weeks after the starting date from question 8? Considering Daniel’s prophecy, what is the significance of Luke 19:42?
 - b) Does understanding the historical record that validates this amazing prediction nearly 600 years in the future serve to increase your faith? How can you use this information to demonstrate the credibility of this and other biblical claims to unbelievers in your life?