



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel 9:26, Romans 10 & 11

Title: Israel, Church Age, God's Grand Plan of Salvation

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Discussion Starter – Faith comes from understanding the word of God, Romans 10:17. Some people restrict their understanding of end times to simply “we win”. God chose to include this incredibly precise prophecy in His word to us. How does this information serve to increase our faith? How does a “big picture” of God’s plan affect your daily life?

Read Daniel 9:26-27

1. What is meant by the "Messiah being cut off" after the 69th week? What impact does this have on Israel and the world?
2. What is in this text that indicates a gap between the 69th and 70th week? What is the significance of the gap? How does this gap relate to the Church Age discussed in the sermon?
 - a. How should we understand the role of the Church during this gap period? What does this mean for our mission today?

Read Romans 10:1-4

3. How does Paul describe Israel’s pursuit of righteousness in this passage? What does it reveal about the nation’s spiritual condition during this period?
4. In what ways does the sermon highlight the distinction between righteousness through the Law and righteousness through faith in Christ?
 - b. How can we avoid the same mistakes that Israel made, according to Paul’s teaching? How do we often fall into the same trap of relying on our works?

Read Romans 11:25-27

5. What does Paul mean by “blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in”?
6. How does this passage explain the current spiritual state of Israel and the Church’s role in God’s plan of salvation?
 - c. What is the significance of the future event when “all Israel will be saved”? How should this influence the way we pray for and engage with Israel today?

Read Luke 13:6-9

7. How does Jesus' parable of the fig tree reflect His dealings with Israel? What did He seek from the nation?
8. How does the cursing of the fig tree on the day after Palm Sunday (**Mark 11:12-14**) signify the beginning of the Church Age, according to the sermon? Why is it significant that this event happened immediately after the 69th week of Daniel?
 - d. How does this parable challenge us to reflect on our own fruitfulness in response to God’s patience and grace (**Romans 11:19-21**)?

Read Romans 11:28-32

9. How does Paul emphasize that God’s covenant with Israel is irrevocable? How does this assure us of God’s faithfulness?
10. What does the sermon say about the future of Israel and their role in God’s grand plan of salvation during the 70th week?
 - e. How can understanding God’s covenant with Israel help us deepen our faith in His promises and His plan for the Church and the entirety of His creation?