

The Book of Daniel

Week 10

The immediate purpose of chapter 9 is to assure the persecuted Hebrews, who are part of the Babylonian captivity, that the time of exile is almost over. The 70 years of Jeremiah's prophecy or about to be for filled.

Setting: first year Darius the Mede (539-538 BC) some 11 to 12 years after the vision of chapter 8. The historical setting is the first year of the Persian empire established by Cyrus the Great as Mesopotamia transitioned from Babylonian to Persian rule.

1. Daniel's Prayer
 - a. Prayer of humility, reverence, and confession.
 - b. Heart of true prayer and posture before God
 - c. **Praise. Repent. Ask Yield**
 - d. Turn away from anger and wrath & make face to shine on us again.

2. Daniel's Answer
 - a. Gabriel answers prayer while Daniel is still praying. (SO AWESOME!)
 - b. Statement from Gabriel is one of pure divine grace.
 - c. Response is based on relationship.

3. Period of Time to
 - a. Finish Transgression
 - b. Put an end to sin
 - c. Atone for wickedness
 - d. Bring everlasting righteousness
 - e. Seal up prophecy and vision
 - f. Anoint Most Holy

The first three address the ground on which God forgives human sin (Negative) and the second three focus on the fulfillment of God's righteous purposes in human history (Positive).

4. Interpretation
 - a. Historicist viewpoint to the coming of a terrible king (Antiochus IV) who will subject Israel to much persecution and suffering.
 - b. Futurist viewpoint see's the coming of Jesus as the end of evil is at hand the reign of the Kingdom of God is over all.