10—The Seventy Weeks Daniel 9

1. In Daniel 9:1-2, what does Daniel come to understand in the first year of Darius? What prophet is connected to his understanding (see Jeremiah 25:11; 29:10-14)? What is meant by "the books" (9:2)?

2. What is usually indicated when "fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" are present in Old Testament Scriptures (Daniel 9:3; cp. Nehemiah 1:4)?

The God of Daniel's Prayer

(Daniel 9:4-19)



3. Summarize the prayer of Daniel in Daniel 9:3-19. How would you describe his prayer?

- "great" · "promised curse...on us
- · "aweinspiring" · "carried out His words"
- "keeps his...covenant""Your truth"
- "gracious covenant""righteous"
- "righteousness belongs "mighty hand" to you" · "righteous acts"
- "compassion...belongs "Your anger and wrath" to the Lord" · "show Your favor"
- "forgiveness belongs to "abundant compassion" the Lord"
- 4. Daniel mentions the "curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses" (9:11). Read Deuteronomy 28. Were Israel's blessings permanent or conditional? What does 2 Chronicles 36:12-23 say about why the curse was activated and how long it would last?
- 5. What does Daniel ask God to do (Daniel 9:19)?

- 6. As Daniel is praying, who comes to him and why does he come to him (Daniel 9:20-23)? What lesson can we learn from this about prayer (see James 5:16; 1 John 5:14-15)?
- 7. The most difficult section of chapter nine is found in verses 24-27. What, according to Daniel 9:24, is supposed to happen within the "seventy weeks...determined?" Who, specifically, is this about (v. 24)?
- 8. According to Daniel 9:25, what was going to happen and "Until" what?
- 9. After "sixty-two weeks" what would happen to the Messiah? What is the "city" and "sanctuary" referred to in this passage (Daniel 9:26)?
- 10. In "the middle of the week" what was going to happen (Daniel 9:27)? What is meant by the word "desolate?" To what is this applied within the prophecy? Does this have any application for today?

