

DANIEL'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

This is our second lesson in this series. We are studying **Daniels' background** to the prophecy of the 70 Weeks (Dan.9:20-27).

We have divided **Dan.9:1-27** into two studies:

- Dan.9:1-19 Daniel's Prayer regarding 70 Years
- Dan.9:20-27 Daniel's Prophecy regarding 70 Weeks.

We have divided Daniel Prayer (Dan.9:1-19) into two background studies:

- Dan.9:1-3 Circumstances Behind Daniel's Prayer
- Dan.9:4-19 Content of Daniel's Prayer.

Daniel is probably better known for his prophecies than for his prayers. But whenever God is impressed with a believer's prayer, He records it for us to study and learn.

- Daniel's prayer is of great interest since God puts its entirety into the Scriptures for us to study.

<p>This lesson will study four aspects of Daniel's Intercessory Prayer regarding the 70 years of Divine Discipline, called the 5th cycle.</p>

1. Daniel's prayer comes from living the reality of the 5th cycle of Divine Discipline.

The five cycles of divine discipline directed to priest-nation of Israel are recorded in Lev.26:14-39 and Deut.28:15-68.

The 5th cycle is described in Lev.26:27-39 and in Deut.28:64-68.

- The north kingdom of the priest-nation of Israel went under the 5th cycle to Assyria in 722 BC (2 Kings 17).
- The south kingdom of priest-nation went under 5th to Babylon in 586 BC (2 Kings 25; 2 Chron. 36).

NOTE: "The siege lasted about 30 months, from Jan. 15, 588, to July 18, 586 BC." (NASB) (Jer. 39:1-7)

(Jer. 39:6-7) The king of Babylon slew the sons of King Zedekiah before his eyes and then blinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in fetters of bronze to bring to Babylon

God honored His promise to take care of Jeremiah (Jer. 39:11-18/ 1:1-10).

(Jer. 1:8) "Do not be afraid of them, **for I am with you**, declares the Lord."

Same promise to us:

(Heb. 13:5) "**I will** never desert you, **nor will I** ever forsake you." (Deut. 31:6-8; Josh. 1:5)

(Ps. 23:4) "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, **for You are with me.**"

2. (Lev.26:40-46) explains how to turn the cursing of the 5th cycle of Divine Discipline into blessings.

(Lev.26:42) “**Then I will remember** My covenant with Jacob, and **I will remember** also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and **I will remember** the land.”

Question: What is the “**Then**” of Lev.26:42?

(Lev.26:40) “**If they confess** their iniquity and the iniquity of the forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me.”

(Lev.26:41) “**Or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled** so that they then make amends for their iniquity.”

3. We will examine five homiletical points of Daniel’s prayer as he looks towards the end of the 5th cycle of divine discipline (Dan.19:4-19).

A divine discipline that has been passed into the hands of another conquering Gentile nation (Babylon to Medo-Persia).

(Dan.9:4-6) Confession of Sin – “We have sinned.”

(Dan.9:7-11) Confession of Shame – “We are covered with shame.”

(Dan.9:12-14) Confirmation by Scripture – “He has confirmed His word.”

(Dan.9:15-16) Consensus of Scorn – “Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.”

(Dan.9:17-19) Conciliator Servant – “So now our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.”

NOTE: “Daniel identified himself with the sins of his people 32 times.” (NASB of Dan.9:3-19)

4. As a spiritually mature believer, Daniel is offering an Intercessory prayer on behalf of the priest-nation nation under the cursing of the 5th cycle.

“Daniel approaches God on the basis of His love (see notes on Hos.2:19) in His covenant with Israel

- (Dan.9:4), acknowledges their deserved judgment (Dan.9:11-14), and supplicates God for His mercy (Dan.9:15-19).” (NASB of 9:3-19)

Intercessory prayer of the Spiritually Mature believer is a big deal!

- (Heb.7:24-25)
- (Rom.8:26-27)
- (Gen.18:22-33)
- (Num.21:4-9)
- (John 3:14-15)
- (**Heb.4:14-16**)