



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Daniel 9:1-27

(Key Verse)

Daniel 9:9 NKJV *"To the Lord our God [belong] mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him."*

Section One (Verses 1-19)

Question: How does the Holy Spirit work through the Scriptures in bringing understanding to the reader?

Question: How does a greater understanding of God's Word often convict us of our sin, bring us to repentance, and cause us to glorify the Lord?

Question: Why does confessing our sins to God require humility, and how does that confession lead to forgiveness?

Question: In prayer, why is it important to understand the nature, character, and promises of the Lord?

Question: In verse 3 it mentions that Daniel made *requests by prayer, supplications with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes*. What are supplications, and what does fasting, sackcloth, and ashes have to do with prayer?

Question: If God's judgment upon Jerusalem for their sin was testimony to the integrity of His Word, then how should that truth bring encouragement to those who repent from their sin?

Question: Daniel was a righteous man. In verse 18, why does he not present his prayer to the Lord from the position of his own righteousness, but rather from the position of calling upon the Lord's great mercies?

Section Two: (Verses 20-27)

Question: How does repentance of sin prepare us for a spiritual revelation from God's Word?

Question: From a Biblical prophecy standpoint, what is the total amount of time represented by *one week*?

Question: According to the prophecy of Daniel, how many years would separate the *decree to rebuild Jerusalem*, and the triumphal entry of the Messiah into that same city?

Question: After the death of Jesus, who destroyed the Jew's Temple?

Question: With whom will the Antichrist make a covenant with, and lead in the rebuilding of their temple?

Question: What is the *abomination of desolation* as mentioned in Daniel 9:27?

READ: 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Question: As we see the days growing more wicked, and the second coming of Jesus imminent; what are your thoughts on what the Christian, and what the Church should be doing in these last days?

THE MATHEMATICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL IS FOUND BELOW ON THE NEXT PAGE:

For Personal Reference

The Seventy Weeks of Daniel as Understood by Sir Robert Anderson in *The Coming Prince*

Daniel 9:24-25 says that from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah there will be 483 years.

$7 + 62$ “weeks” = 69 groups of seven years. $7 \times 69 = 483$ years

Anderson understood a prophetic year as 360 days. This is based both on ancient history and on Revelation 11:2, 13:5, 11:3, and 12:6 which indicate that 42 months – 3 ½ years – are equal to 1,260 days.

Therefore, 483 years \times 360 days = 173,880 days

Artaxerxes started his reign in 465 b.c. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given on the first day of Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. In our calendar system (the Julian calendar) that date is March 14, 445 b.c. (Nehemiah 2:1)

Jesus started His ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius (see Luke 3:1). Tiberius started his reign in a.d. 14, so Jesus’ ministry started in a.d. 29. Anderson believed that Jesus celebrated four Passovers during His ministry, one each in a.d. 29, 30, 31. and His final Passover in a.d. 32. With the help of lunar charts, we can calculate the exact date of ancient Passovers, so it is possible to calculate the exact day of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem as April 6, a.d. 32.

From 445 b.c. to a.d. 32. there are 476 years on the Julian calendar
(not 477 years, because there is no year zero).

$$476 \text{ years} \times 365 \text{ days} = 173,740 \text{ days.}$$

Adjusting for the difference between March 14 and April 6 adds 24
days.

Adjusting for leap years over a period of 476 years adds 116 days.

The total number of days from March 14, 445 b.c. to April 6, a.d. 32.

$$173,740 + 24 + 116 = 173,880 \text{ days.}$$

According to his calendar, Daniel told us there would be 173,880 days
between the decree and the arrival of Messiah the Prince.

Jesus said to the Jews of this day: *If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! (Luke 19:42).* David said of this day in **Psalm 118:24**: *This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*