

Daniel - Lesson 9

"ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God"

Daniel 9

Day 1 – Read Daniel 9

Pray: Ask the Lord to teach you as you study His Word. Pray for the transforming work of the Spirit.

Read Again: Daniel 9:1-3

- 1) When does Daniel 9 occur?

Where does it fit in the narrative of Daniel 1-6?

- 2) What is Daniel reading?

- 3) Read Jeremiah 25:11-12 and 29:10-14. What is the message?

What does Daniel realize about their time as exiles?

According to Jeremiah 29:12-13, what have God's people been called to do?

How does this impact Daniel's heart and motivate him to pray?

4) What accompanies his prayers according to Daniel 9:3?

Why would this be appropriate?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 9:4-9

5) Who does Daniel pray to?

What is significant about these words, "LORD my God?"

How does Daniel continue to describe the One he prays to?

6) What does he confess for the people of God recorded in Daniel 9:5-6?

What does it mean to listen?

Notice the pronouns. What kind of confession is this?

7) According to Daniel 9:7-9, what belongs to God's people and what belongs to the Lord?

Belongs to God's People	Belongs to the Lord
_____ What does that mean?	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ Define 1 and 2

How is "what belongs to the Lord" good news for God's people?

What do we learn from the following verses?

Psalms 34:5 –

Romans 10:11 –

Hebrews 12:2 -

Day 3 – Daniel 9:10-16

- 8) According to Daniel 9:10, what have the people of God done?

Who is guilty? (Daniel 9:11)

What is the bad and good news according to Romans 6:23?

- 9) What is the curse and the oath that are written in the law of Moses?

Leviticus 26:14, 32-33 –

Deuteronomy 28: 1-2, 15, 58, 64-68 –

What is the hope for God's people then and for us today? Leviticus 26:40-45

Read Galatians 3:13. How is God able to do this?

10) What is said about the LORD our God in Daniel 9:14?

What does that mean?

Why is it amazing that Daniel says this?

Application: Where do you need to believe this?

Application: How might this transform the way you worship and live?

11) What request does Daniel make of the Lord in Daniel 9:16?

How can the Lord be righteous and at the same time turn away His wrath and anger from His sinful people?
Consider the following verses and then summarize an answer to this question:

Jeremiah 25:15 –

Matthew 26:39 –

Romans 6:23 –

Ephesians 2:3-5 –

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 –

Summarize from these verses an answer to this question:

Day 4 – Read Daniel 9:17-23

12) Make a list of all the things Daniel requests of the Lord in Daniel 9:17-18.

What four things does he succinctly ask at the beginning of Daniel 9:19?

13) Read carefully again Daniel 9:15, 17, and 19. On what basis and with what focus are all his pleas made?

14) According to Daniel 9:20, whose sins are being confessed by Daniel?

Why is this significant?

Application: Is personal and corporate confession a regular part of your relationship with Christ? Why or why not?

Application: How might you be shaped by this prayer recorded for us in Daniel 9?

15) Who came to Daniel while he was praying?

Why does he come?

What encouragement does he offer to Daniel? (Don't miss Daniel 9:23.)

You are heard at the beginning of your cries and greatly loved by your God. Ask the Lord to impress that truth upon your heart.

Day 5 – Read Daniel 9:24-27

In Daniel 9:24-27, the word translated “weeks” literally means “sevens” in Hebrew. Most biblical scholars interpret seventy weeks to mean **seventy sets of seven years** or **490 years**. We will unpack this more fully in our teaching time. You may want to do a deep dive on your own. This is one of the most debated passages in the Old Testament. Regardless of where we land on the timeline, do not miss the forest for the trees. These words are meant to encourage Daniel as an exile and also serve as a source of encouragement for us today.

16) What six things are decreed that will be done for God's people and holy city in Daniel 9:24?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Who accomplishes all of this?

17) How do the following verses help us understand the strong covenant made with God's people?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 –

Luke 22:20 –

2 Corinthians 3:6 –

Hebrews 8:10-12 –

18) Read Hebrews 9:19-28 and 10:11-14. How does Jesus put an end to sacrifice and offering?

- 19) **Application:** God's people are being told that even after leaving Babylon, they are going to continue to endure hard times, BUT God will be faithful to His promises (Jesus is coming - even though they only understood that in shadows). What would it look like for them to practice long obedience and faithfulness?

Application: We are exiles living on this side of the cross, longing for our real home when Christ will come again. What does it look like for us to practice long obedience and faithfulness?