

THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL

DANIEL 9:24-27

- God's plan for redemption is **GRAND**, **ETERNAL**, and He uses **HIS PEOPLE** to accomplish it.
- God's plan of redemption focuses on **JESUS CHRIST**, **CRUCIFIED**.
- God's plan of redemption will be met with **OPPOSITION** and **CONFLICT** to the end.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Daniel 9:20-23. What was on Daniel's heart and mind? Why was he praying so fervently? What was the situation with the Jewish people at this time?
2. If you were a Jew in Daniel's time and heard these prophecies, how might they encourage you? What did the *Seventy Weeks* prophecy say to God's people about His faithfulness, and His plan?
3. Was there ever a time in life where you doubted God's faithfulness, even wondered if He is really with us as He promises? What Scriptures might speak to this?
4. What is God's plan for the Church today/now? What is He calling us to do? What things in our lives can we do practically to be part of that plan, and help others do the same?
5. Given all the varied interpretations of this prophecy, what is the significance of the fact that the Crucified Messiah is the central focus of the *Seventy Weeks of Daniel*?
6. Discuss what it means to *become* a child of God. Aren't we all God's children already? What does it mean to be in a right relationship with God? And how would you share this with others? What verses might be helpful?
7. Has God ever called you to take bold steps of obedience in your life? How did God reveal His leading to your heart? What Scriptures encouraged you to step out in faith and obey?
8. Do you believe Jesus is coming again at a pre-appointed time? If so how does that affect your thinking?
9. How does it make you feel knowing that there will be opposition and conflict for Christians, especially when we're trying to be about the business of God? What trials or conflicts have you experienced in your walk with Jesus? What passages help provide comfort?

Read Matthew 21:33-44. Interpret and apply this parable as a group.

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