

## “70 Sevens and the Solution to Spiritual Exile”

Daniel 9:24-27

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**The Main Point:** *God answers Daniel’s prayer in the affirmative. God will restore His people from exile to a renewed Jerusalem in a physical aspect and in a spiritual aspect. But this spiritual restoration will not be fully realized for the many in 70 years, but rather 70 sevens, upon the coming of Israel’s Messiah.*

### 1. Daniel’s Prayers are \_\_\_\_\_

Context:

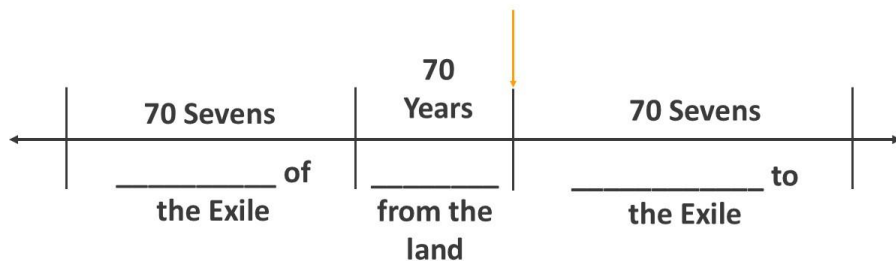
- What Daniel was reading: Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10-14
- Background to Daniel’s prayers: Deut. 30:4-6; Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Daniel 9:24** – “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.”

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s kingdom purposes (see James 5:16)

### 2. Not in 70 Years, but in 70 \_\_\_\_\_

Context (for literal interpretation): see 2 Chronicles 36:21; Leviticus 26:34



**Application:** Depend on God’s grace \_\_\_\_\_, for a \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:25** – “Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. And for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.”

**Application:** Trust God in His means of sanctification – through \_\_\_\_\_  
(see James 1:2-4)

### 3. Upon the Arrival of Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 9:26-27** – “And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

**Isaiah 53:11-12** – Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### Discussion Questions

- What’s the proper heart attitude when reading challenging passages such as this? Consider 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Psalm 25:9 in your answer.
- After Daniel acknowledges God’s greatness and confesses sin, what does he pray for in a physical aspect and a spiritual aspect in 9:16-17? How does God answer these prayers in 9:24-27 in a physical aspect and a spiritual aspect?
- Who are the “many” in 9:27 (see Isaiah 53:11-12)? What covenant did the Messiah make with them (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)? What were His actions in Daniel 9:26a & 9:27a? How did these actions institute the new covenant referenced in Jeremiah 31 for the many?
- What troubles of this world currently have you down in spirit? How can looking forward to the future in the Messiah’s kingdom be an antidote to your discouragement?
- Pray that God would fulfill His promise in Revelation 22:20 – *He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*