

Prayer: 70 years?
Answer: 70 x 7 years!

1. The summary of Daniel's prayer in verses 1-19 (9:20)
2. A messenger comes with an answer (9:21-23)
3. The answer to Daniel's prayer (9:24-27)
 - a. _____ & _____ (9:24)

 - b. _____ & _____ (9:25-27)
 - i. _____ 69 Weeks - Messiah Comes (9:25)
 1. Starting Point (A decree)
 2. First 49 years (7 weeks = 7 x 7 years)
 3. At 434 years (62 weeks = 62 x 7 years)
 - ii. _____ Time Gap (9:26)
 1. Messiah cut off
 2. A "Ruler" is to come
 3. A people will destroy Jerusalem and the Temple
 4. War and desolations
 - iii. _____ week = 70th week = 7 years (9:27)
 1. "Ruler" makes firm covenant marks the _____
 2. "Ruler/Abominator" stops sacrifices in the _____
 3. "Ruler/Desolater" is destroyed at the _____
4. What does this mean for us?

Discussion Questions:

1. As Daniel summarizes his prayer from verses 1-19, in 9:20, notice the key elements he uses to describe the contents of his prayer. Have you ever prayed in this manner? What elements of Daniel's prayer could you incorporate into your prayers? (*hint: Daniel knew the Word of God, understood his times, and used that knowledge as the inspiration for his prayer*)
2. What would your response be if the Angel Gabriel came to you and spoke to you like he did with Daniel? Would you pay attention to his words and commands? If so, consider what it says in Hebrews 1:1-4.
3. List the six purposes in Daniel 9:24. Can you think of any promises for believers in the New Testament that are similar to these?
4. This passage is one of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible about the coming of the Jesus Christ. How would you explain it to someone as part of "giving an account for the hope that is in you?" (1 Pet 3:15)
5. Do you study Bible prophecy? Why or why not? If your answer is no, then why do you think that God put so much prophecy in His Holy Word, along with so many numbers, timelines and events. (see also, Rev 1:3; Matt 24:3-5)
6. When you look around at our current world events and the fact that Israel gained its independence as a nation in 1948, the first time since 70 AD, does it cause you to consider the place of Daniel's prophecy?
7. Have you ever tried to reconcile Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 24:1-42, with Daniel's prophecy? If you have not, then consider this question an encouragement to do so! Jesus says in Matt 24:42, "Therefore, be on the alert!" It is a call to be ready and to understand what is coming, especially the things that He has revealed to us. Why do you think Jesus says it is important to be on the alert? (*hint: think about what Daniel in chapters 7 & 9, Jesus in Matt 24, Paul in 2 Thess. 2:8-10, Peter in 2 Peter 2, and John in Revelation, all had to say regarding the end times*)
8. The author of Hebrews writes in 12:1-2, "... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..." How do you think this relates to this whole discussion of prophecy from Daniel 9?

Answers: 3a. Decree & Destiny/3b. Timeline & Milestones/3bi. First/3bii. Unspecified/3biii. Last/3biii.1. beginning/3biii.2. middle/3biii.3. end