

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

LESSON 9: PRAYER AND PROVIDENCE

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WHEN WE FACE PERIODS OF TRANSITION AND TRIAL
IN THIS LIFE, WE OFTEN TURN TO THE BIBLE FOR
ANSWERS AND HOPE – DAN 9:1-2; SEE JER 25:11-
12; 29:10.

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THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO PERSONAL AND NATIONAL SIN IS PRAYER, SPECIFICALLY CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION, TO GOD – DAN 9:3-19; SEE JAS 5:13-16.

- DANIEL RECOGNIZED GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT OF HIS PEOPLE, RECOGNIZING THAT GOD HAD BEEN FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES – SEE DEUT 28; LEV 26.

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- YET, WHEN DANIEL “UNDERSTOOD” THE PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH CONCERNING THE TIME OF THE EXILE, HE ASKED GOD TO FORGIVE HIM AND THE PEOPLE – SEE JER 25:11-12; 29:10.

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WHEN WE PRAY FOR WISDOM AND SALVATION,
GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS POSITIVELY, AND HE MAY
EMPLOY ANGELS TO MINISTER TO US – DAN 9:20-
23; SEE PS 34:15; JAS 1:5; 2 TIM 2:7; HEB 1:14.

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IF WE REALLY WANT TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S PLAN, HE WILL SHOW US HIS WILL, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT WILL ALWAYS BE EASY TO UNDERSTAND – DAN 9:24-27; SEE 2 PET 3:16.

- SINCE GABRIEL REFERS TO THE PROPHECY AS A VISION, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE SEVENTY WEEKS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD – SEE DAN 9:23.

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- THE PERIOD OF SEVENTY “WEEKS” BEGAN WHEN CYRUS PERMITTED THE JEWS TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM AND ENDED WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM – DAN 9:25-26; SEE MATT 24:15.

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- THERE IS A SENSE IN WHICH THE SPIRITUAL EXILE OF THE PEOPLE CONTINUED UNTIL THE TIME OF THE MESSIAH, WHEN HE BORE THE CURSE AND SAVED THEM – DAN 9:24; SEE GAL 3:10-14.

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THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY JESUS CHRIST, AND IF WE DEVOTE OURSELVES TO HIM, HE WILL SAVE US FROM OUR SINS — SEE EPH 3:10-11.