

**Daniel's Vision of the Seventy Sevens (c. April 538 BC)**

## Daniel 9

**Daniel's Understanding of Jeremiah's Prophecies Concerning the Length of the Captivity**

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years. [[Jer 25:11–12; 29:10](#)]

**Daniel's Prayer**

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him* by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. [cf. [1 Kgs 8:47](#)]

6 Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 “Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.

8 Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 To the Lord our God *belong* compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him;

10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets.

11 Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

12 Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done *anything* like what was done to Jerusalem.

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.

14 Therefore the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

15 “And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

16 O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a reproach to all those around us.

17 So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.

18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

**Gabriel Comes in Answer to Daniel's Prayer**

20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in *my* extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

22 He gave *me* instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

23 At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.

25 So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

[\[Matt 24:15; Mark 13:14\]](#)

**Do Not Hide Your Face from Me [Messianic] (c. 538 BC)**

## Psalm 102

**A Prayer of the Afflicted when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the LORD.**

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD!  
And let my cry for help come to You.
- 2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress;  
Incline Your ear to me;  
In the day when I call answer me quickly.
- 3 For my days have been consumed in smoke,  
And my bones have been scorched like a hearth.
- 4 My heart has been smitten like grass and has withered away,  
Indeed, I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the loudness of my groaning  
My bones cling to my flesh.
- 6 I resemble a pelican of the wilderness;  
I have become like an owl of the waste places.
- 7 I lie awake,  
I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.
- 8 My enemies have reproached me all day long;  
Those who deride me have used my *name* as a curse.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread  
And mingled my drink with weeping
- 10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath,  
For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
- 11 My days are like a lengthened shadow,

- And I wither away like grass.
- 12 But You, O LORD, abide forever,  
And Your name to all generations.
- 13 You will arise *and* have compassion on Zion;  
For it is time to be gracious to her,  
For the appointed time has come.
- 14 Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones  
And feel pity for her dust.
- 15 So the nations will fear the name of the LORD  
And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
- 16 For the LORD has built up Zion;  
He has appeared in His glory.
- 17 He has regarded the prayer of the destitute  
And has not despised their prayer.
- 18 This will be written for the generation to come,  
That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.
- 19 For He looked down from His holy height;  
From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,  
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,  
To set free those who were doomed to death,  
21 That *men* may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion  
And His praise in Jerusalem,  
22 When the peoples are gathered together,  
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 He has weakened my strength in the way;  
He has shortened my days.
- 24 I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days,  
Your years are throughout all generations.
- 25 "Of old You founded the earth,  
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
- 26 "Even they will perish, but You endure;  
And all of them will wear out like a garment;  
Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.
- 27 "But You are the same,  
And Your years will not come to an end. [[Heb 1:10-12](#)]
- 28 "The children of Your servants will continue,  
And their descendants will be established before You."