

**Daniel's Third Look Ahead, pt 3**  
"Visions and Dreams" part 6, from Daniel 9  
Pastor Bob Johnson, March 14th, 2021

**6. A P \_\_\_\_\_ & P \_\_\_\_\_ (9:26)**  
(Luke 19:41-44, Ephesians 3:4-11)

**7. A final P \_\_\_\_\_ begins (9:27a)**  
(Revelation 11:2; 12:6; 12:14)

**8. A futile P \_\_\_\_\_ play (9:27b)**  
(Matthew 24:15-16, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Revelation 13:14-15)

### **More Insights From Daniel's 3rd Vision:**

- **God delights in Prayers that are humble and contrite.**
- **God desires for People to understand where His story is headed**
- **God offers Peace for today, tomorrow and forever.**
- **God invites P ... to share the good news.**

(Genesis 12:2-3, Exodus 9:13-16, Joshua 4:23-24, 1 Kings 8:54-60, Isaiah 49:6, Psalm 67:1-2, Acts 1:8, Acts 8:1, 1 Peter 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:15-19)

## **This Week's Discussion Guide:**

### **Welcome to week 9 of our first small group season for 2021!!**

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks. This small group season will be for 10 weeks and wrap up next week. We are currently studying and discussing the last half of the Book of Daniel. God gave Daniel some visions and dreams that were helpful back then and are still helpful for us today as we strive to understand more of God's larger story He is inviting us to be part of.

### **Getting Started:**

Daniel 9 describes the transition of power from the Babylonians to the Medes and Persians that took place in 539 BC.

Speaking of transitions, we have all experienced them. Some we have enjoyed, some not so much.

What have been one or two transitions that you have experienced that stretched you by giving you an opportunity to learn some things you wouldn't have learned without it?

In Daniel 9:26a, Jesus is prophetically described as 'being cut off'. After he enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the praises of the people in 32 AD, the same people soon turn on him and cry for his crucifixion.

Some of the transitions in our lives are brought about by the decisions of others. When was there a transition that you would not have chosen but was brought about by a change in action or attitude by someone else? How did you respond?

Knowing that we cannot control what others do or say, how can we still experience a level of peace and security in a world full of surprises?

In Daniel 9 between v26 and v27, there is a pause in God's prophetic clock before the last 7 years start up. This pause is to give time for Gentiles to be brought into God's family and given the opportunity to spread the gospel (be salt and light for God) just as the Jews were encouraged throughout the Old Testament.

We have all had some people in our lives that have answered God's calling to share with us about God's love and what Jesus did for us.

Who helped you be interested in exploring how God loves you and sent Jesus to die for your sins?

More than their words, what did they do or not do that helped you along your spiritual journey?

## Quick Review:

Let's re-read Daniel 9:24-27.

From this passage and Sunday's message that focused more on v26-27, and looking back at your notes and the chart on last page, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

## Digging Deeper:

In Ephesians 3, we read that Paul was given a revelation that was not given to previous generations like those back in the Old Testament. This new revelation was that Gentiles (non Jews) can equally share in the blessings God provides through Jesus.

Let's read Ephesians 3:1-13. What insights or questions do you have from this passage that we can discuss together?

Throughout the Bible, we are able to see God's heart for the whole world. In the Old Testament, although God loves all people, we read that God had some special descriptions for the people of Israel. Read Deuteronomy 7:6 and 2 Samuel 7:23-24.

Why do you think God described the people of Israel and even treated them differently in the Old Testament? Does God's love for Israel contradict the understanding that God loves all people the same?

How does God's special calling on the Jewish nation beginning with the first Jewish couple (Abraham and Sarah) help us understand why God had a special relationship with the Jewish nation?

Even though God chose to work in and through the Jewish nation unlike other nations, God has always had a heart for all people. Let's re-read some of the passages that was shared last Sunday that describes God's heart for all people and why he established the Jewish nation in the first place? (Genesis 12:2-3, Exodus 9:13-16, Joshua 4:23-24, 1 Kings 8:54-60, Isaiah 49:6, Psalm 67:1-2)

In the New Testament, the same calling God originally gave to the people of Israel, he has given to His church. (Read 1 Peter 2:9-10, 2 Corinthians 5:15-20)  
What words or phrases stand out to you from these passages?

In Matthew 5:13-14, Jesus calls his follower salt and light.

What are some ways we can be salt and light today? What are some concerns that might cause you to avoid being the salt and light God wants us to be?  
How can we help each other be more visible and verbal ambassadors for Christ?

As we wrap up, how else can we pray for each other?

# The 70 Sevens of Daniel (Dan. 9:24-27)

**Decree to Restore Jerusalem**

(Neh. 2:1-8)

**Christ's Entry into Jerusalem**

(Lk. 19:37-42)

**Jerusalem and temple destroyed**

(Lk. 19:43-44)

**Christ returns**



**Anti-Christ**

**Makes Covenant  
Breaks Covenant**

... 1 seven (7 years)...  
49 + 62 + 1 = 490 yrs

**3 1/2 yrs of peace**

**3 1/2 yrs persecution**

**Restoration completed**

7 sevens (49 yrs)

62 sevens (434 yrs)

.....(483 yrs).....

**Christ "cut off" after "69 7's"**

**(483 yrs)  
Church begins**

**Eph. 3:4-11**

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**483 X 360 = 173,880 days**

**445 BC**

**396 BC**

**AD 32**

**AD 70**

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