



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - January 28, 2024

A word of CAUTION:

These are 4 of the most controversial verses in the Bible.

A commitment to consistent exegesis is very helpful.

While some of the details are debatable, the big picture of God's redemption is awesome.

I. The Big Picture—9:24

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.

Daniel 9:24

God's Divine Check-List

A. Rebellion will be finished

B. An end for Sin

C. Atonement for Sin

D. Everlasting Righteousness

E. Vision and Prophecy Sealed

F. The Holy One Anointed

II. The 7/70 Plan—9:25-27

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.

Daniel 9:26

A. 7 Weeks to Restore the Temple – 9:25

B. 62 Weeks to the Death of Messiah – 9:26

C. A Prophetic Gap

D. The 70th Week – 9:27

III. The Response

A. Wonder at His Perfection

B. Recognize His Purpose

C. Embrace His Certainty

D. Seek His Kingdom

Life Groups

Hope: His Plan of Redemption is Perfect

Daniel 9:24-27

1. What is the danger of oversimplifying the redemptive plan of God? What is the benefit of seeing it for all of its depth and expanse?
2. God's plan of redemption was larger and longer than Daniel anticipated. How is this pattern of God (70x's 7) instructive for us and the way we think of God's work in our own lives?
3. Why is it important for us to recognize the precision of God's plan and to push back against having a "well, it's close" kind of approach to interpreting Scripture?
4. Galatians 4:4 says that "in the fullness of time God sent forth His Son." How does this passage give a fuller picture to the perfection of God's plan?
5. Can you imagine how shocking it would be for Daniel to hear that the Messiah that they were waiting for would be killed? Have you ever waited for something a long time, only to have the answer be different than you expected?

6. Some people believe that God's dealings with Israel come to an end at the destruction of the temple. What evidence show that this is not the case?

7. How does the final week of Daniel unfold as far as the activity of the Antichrist is concerned?

8. What piece of God's prophetic plan makes you want to worship Him more?