

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Daniel's Seventy Weeks, Part 1

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Daniel 9:20–24

Synopsis:

Three Directives that Reveal the Future of Israel and the End of the World

1. **The Person Sent by God (9:20–23)**
2. **The Prophecy Set Forth by God (9:24)**
3. The Period of Time Secured by God (9:25–27)

Questions:

Warm Up:

1. What is one way that the sermon encouraged, exhorted, challenged, or corrected you?
2. Why would Pastor Scott characterize this section as one of the most important prophecies in the Bible?

Discussion:

1. Why was Israel punished for seventy years? What happened to the nation for those seventy years?
2. What does God do immediately in response to Daniel's speaking, praying, confessing, and presenting? Who is Gabriel and why has he come? (Consider Luke 1:19)
3. What does seventy weeks mean in verse 24?
4. What are the three main views surrounding this topic that Pastor Scott explained?

Application:

1. How can you be encouraged by the fact that the Lord will one day bring in everlasting righteousness?
2. How can you cultivate a Berean heart this week in studying God's Word even when it gets complicated?
3. How can the history of Israel lead you to gratitude for the grace and work of Christ?

Prayer Suggestion: This week, pray for the faithful study of God's Word by the members and attenders of Grace Church of the Valley.

Missions Prayer Requests

This month, we are praising God for the return of our short-term mission trips to Mexico and Albania! Team Mexico served alongside Hector and Indira Ortega in their work in El Fuerte at a pastors conference. Team Albania served Cory and Kristine Cramer and their church in Pogradec as they hosted a marriage conference through marriage counseling and a childcare program.

Please pray for the work of both the Ortega Family and the Cramer Family.

1. For God to keep them safe as they labor for gospel growth.

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2. For the message of the cross to be accepted by those in Sinaloa, Mexico and Pogradec, Albania.
3. For believers in the churches to stand strong against persecution in varying forms.