

# Israel's Future, Part 1

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel 9.
- B. Daniel knew that Jeremiah predicted a seventy year captivity, and he was counting.
- C. He began praying that the people might return to the land.
- D. God gave him a great prophecy in response.
- E. There are three features and three characters in this prophecy.

## II. The circumstances of Daniel.

- A. Daniel was a man of prayer by conviction.
- B. God began to move while that prayer was still going on.
- C. Certain characteristics of God's prayer moved him.
  - 1. He prayed in response to the Word of God. (Jeremiah 25:11)
  - 2. He prayed according to God's will.
  - 3. He was resolute.
  - 4. He prayed with humility.
  - 5. He prayed for others.
  - 6. He prayed with confession.
  - 7. He prayed dependent upon God.
  - 8. He focused on God's glory.

## III. The coming of Gabriel.

- A. He came in a recognizable human form because God wanted Daniel to know he sent his chief messenger angel. (Luke 1:26)
- B. Just when Daniel prayed, the answer came because he prayed correctly and lived a life of character.

## IV. The communication of God.

- A. God suggests that he has a plan. He has cut off a portion of time—seventy weeks—for the deliverance of Israel.

B. There are six objectives.

1. To finish the transgression.
2. To make an end of specific sins.
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity.
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness.
5. To bring an end to prophesy and visions.
6. To anoint a kingdom temple.

**Application questions:**

1. Which characteristic of prayer do you find to be most important?

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2. How would you respond to someone saying that it doesn't make sense that God would condition prayer on character because no one is perfect?

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3. What stands out to you about God's future objectives for the redemption of Israel? Explain.

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