

Israel's Future, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 9:20-27.

B. Jeremiah was called to preach the exile of Israel, but also the future freedom after seventy years. (Jeremiah 29)

C. Daniel prayed knowing that a spiritual response would precipitate the end of the captivity. (Leviticus 26)

D. God gave Daniel a message.

II. The goals God set forth were to...

A. Deal with sin generally

B. Deal with sin specifically.

C. Make reconciliation.

D. Bring in everlasting righteousness.

E. Seal up the need for revelation. (Isaiah 2)

F. Establish a kind of worship the world has never seen.

III. There is a seventy week period of time until eternity.

A. The Hebrews saw weeks in terms of years.

B. The Hebrews had constantly violated Sabbath years, which is one of the reasons that they were removed from the land. (2 Chronicles 26:31)

C. The 3.5 years of the tribulation equals 42 months of 30 days. (Genesis 7:11, Revelation 11-12)

D. The freedom from the captivity probably took place during the decree of Artaxerxes in 445 BC. (Nehemiah 1-2)

E. 483 years after this (the sixty nine weeks) brings the prophesy to conclusion at the crucifixion of Christ. God told Daniel the very day that Jesus would enter the city as Messiah. (Isaiah 46:10)

Application Questions:

1. Why was exile necessary for the Hebrews?

2. What do you think is the significance of the fact that God announces restoration in the same book that he announces exile?

3. What is the significance of the timing of Daniel's prophesy? Explain.
