

## **Israel's Future, Part 3**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel 9.
- B. Israel is still a part of God's plan. (1 Samuel 12:22; Psalm 89:31-37; 94; Romans 11:1)
- C. Daniel prays that Israel would be restored, and God moved. (Isaiah 65:24)

### II. The person of God.

- A. Sin would be dealt with, and Israel would be restored.
- B. God planned 490 years until Christ would return.
  - 1. It would begin with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. (Nehemiah 1-2)
  - 2. It would end with the Triumphal entry of Jesus Christ.
- C. There is a gap between the seventieth week, which is common in prophecy.
- D. Messiah would be killed before the last "week."
  - 1. The cross was a stumbling block.
  - 2. Even the disciples could not handle this.
  - 3. This happened exactly as Daniel said it would.
  - 4. It is tragic that the Jews did not recognize this. (Psalm 22, Isaiah 53)

### III. The antichrist would be revived with the return of Antichrist.

- A. There would be a holocaust beyond any holocausts.
- B. The destruction of Jerusalem matches this pattern.
- C. There are many gaps in Scripture. (1 Peter 1:11; Luke 4)
- D. There will be an abomination in the middle of the seven week tribulation. Antiochus Epiphanes previews this.
- E. The Antichrist makes himself an idol. (2 Thessalonians 2)
- F. The Antichrist will be destroyed at the end of the seventh week.

**Application Questions:**

1. What are some of the most remarkable features of Daniel's prophesy?

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2. What are some other texts that predict the death of Christ?

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3. What are some examples of the gaps in prophesy? Explain.

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