

Daniel 9:22-27

Today's passage, Daniel 9, records Daniel's prayer and God's response to his prayer. In verses 21-23, God blesses Daniel, saying, "You are greatly beloved," and He declares that He will grant Daniel wisdom and understanding to live in this land. Then, in verses 24-27, God gives a prophetic message about His people and His holy city.

Specifically, a period of seventy weeks is determined. The term "seventy weeks" refers to "70 times 7," meaning 70 cycles of 7 years, which equals 490 years. According to verses 25 and 27, these 490 years are divided into three parts. Verse 25 mentions that the period is split into seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. This means 49 years (7 cycles of 7 years) and then 434 years (62 cycles of 7 years). Verse 27 then speaks of one final week, meaning a period of 7 years.

What events are foretold within this time? Verse 25 states that from the time the decree is issued to rebuild Jerusalem, there will be seven weeks before the city is restored, including its streets and moat. It would take about 49 years for the decree to be given and for the reconstruction of Jerusalem to be completed. Then, after 434 years, the Anointed One will come, which refers to Jesus Christ beginning His ministry on earth.

Verse 26 states that this Anointed One will be cut off and have nothing. This prophecy foretells the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It also describes a ruler who will come to destroy the city and the sanctuary, leading to war. This period lasts for one week, or seven years. During this time, sacrifices and offerings will be stopped, and an abomination will stand in the holy place. This prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD when General Titus conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the temple. Titus later became the emperor of Rome.

God is revealing to Daniel that Jerusalem and the temple will be restored after the current period of judgment and tribulation. However, this temple will again be destroyed in the distant future by another Antichrist. Yet God will send Jesus Christ, who will be crucified to bring forgiveness of sins and reveal everlasting righteousness.

Did Daniel grasp the meaning of this prophecy? What insight did he gain? And how did this revelation lead him to live wisely and with understanding?

First, he realized that God's work is far greater and longer-lasting than his own lifetime. He also understood that, although Jerusalem and its temple are precious, they are not eternal. Most importantly, he realized that God's work, fulfilled through Jesus Christ, is eternal.

Thus, God calls Daniel to look beyond the temporary temple and city and instead to set his sights on something far greater and everlasting. God instructs him to focus on the kingdom of God and the gospel—to hope in Jesus Christ.

In our lives, let us not forfeit eternal treasures in pursuit of temporary gains. Do not trade the joy of heaven for the fleeting glory of this world. Instead, let us fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, who died for us and will come again. May we run toward eternal values and live with an everlasting perspective, in the name of the Lord.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

**Bible
Reading**

3/10(Mon)	3/11(Tue)	3/12(Wed)	3/13(Thur)	3/14(Fri)	3/15(Sat)	3/16(Sun)
Deut. 11-12	Deut. 13-15	Deut. 16-18	Deut. 19-21	Deut. 22-24	Deut. 25-27	Deut. 28

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Quiet Time Passage

3/10(Mon)	3/11(Tue)	3/12(Wed)	3/13(Thur)	3/14(Fri)	3/15(Sat)	3/16(Sun)
John 19:31-42	John 20:1-10	John 20:11-23	John 20:24-31	John 21:1-14	John 21:15-25	Numbers 1:1-19

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share an experience of God's grace in your life from last week's sermon or your personal devotion time.
2. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?
3. Reflect on whether your hopes are set on temporary or eternal things. Commit to seeking eternal values and pray together for strength to live with this perspective.