

# The Big Picture

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- Like **Daniel 7** that we looked at last week, **Daniel 9** gives us an overview of Israel's entire prophetic history – from Daniel's day to the very end.
- Here are some lessons we hope to gain.

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- Daniel was familiar with and trusted the prophecies given through Jeremiah.
- He spent his life in exile in Babylon, but still trusted in God's Word.
- What was he reading?

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## Jeremiah 25:11-12 (ESV)

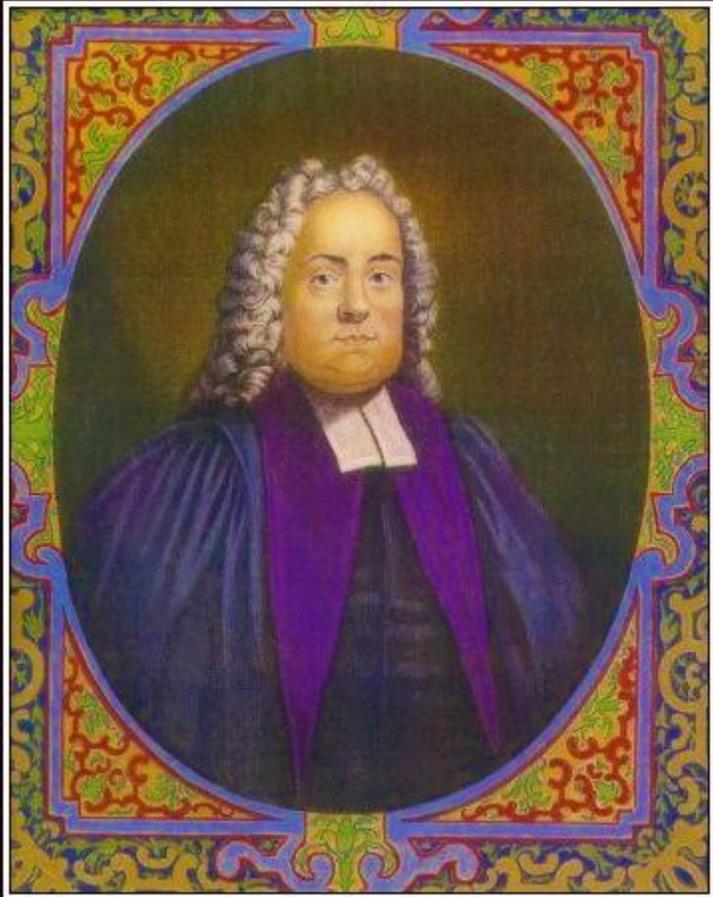
<sup>11</sup> This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. <sup>12</sup> Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity ...

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## Jeremiah 29:10 (ESV)

For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

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*God's promises are to encourage our prayers...and when we see the [fulfillment of the promises] approaching, we should more earnestly plead them with God.*

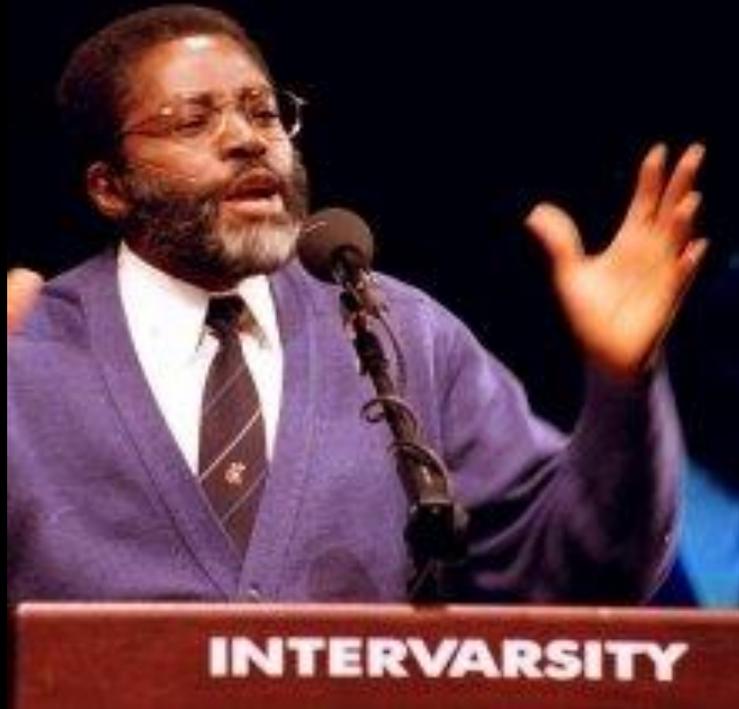
*– Matthew Henry (1662 – 1714)*

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- Daniel brings God's own promises before him.
- He pleads for mercy based on the faithfulness and the character of God.

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*When a prayer is about nothing but God's own interest, it cannot go unanswered.*

*– Tokunboh Adeyemo (1944 – 2010),  
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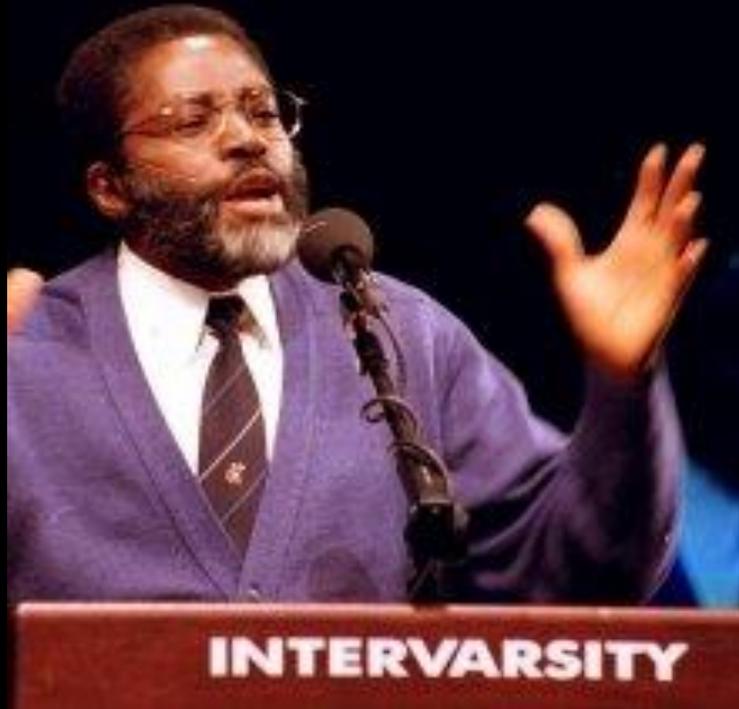
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- Daniel mentioned his **trust in God's mercy** several times throughout this prayer. (9:3, 9, 12, 17)
- **Trust in God's faithfulness** is visible in that Daniel knows that God has always been faithful in the past.
- Still, this is largely a prayer of confession.

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- We know nothing specifically bad about Daniel.
- We only know he was human just like the rest of us.
- That is reason enough to make confession a proper way to approach God.

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*How many ... Christians carry this type of burden for their nations? We tend to blame others, especially leaders, and excuse ourselves. But Daniel does not say 'they have sinned' but we have sinned (9:5, 6, 7, 8, 15) ... He recognizes that 'God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble' (Prov 3:34; 1 Pet 5:5).*

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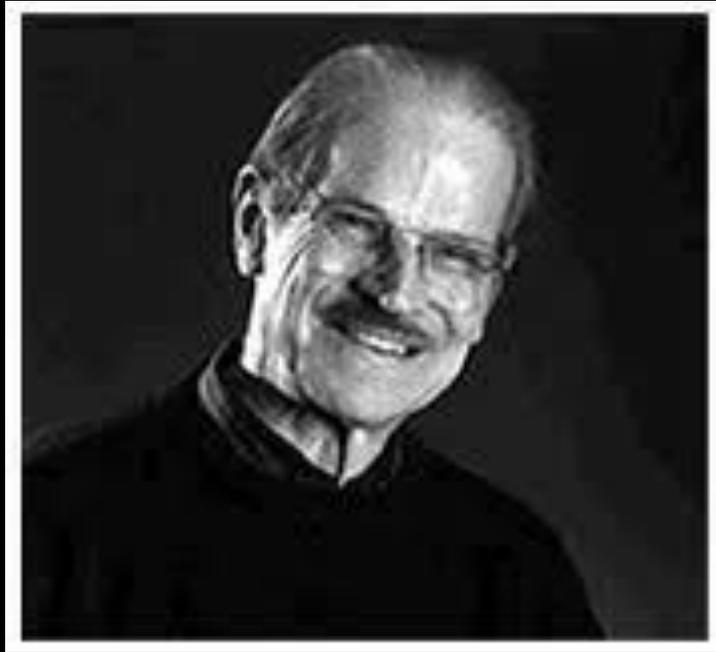
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- 9:21 the man Gabriel Angels sometimes appear as men in the Bible.
- We could probably do a long study on that, but not now.

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- Gabriel first appears by name in Daniel 8.
- He appears again in Luke 1, first to Zechariah and then to Mary.
- 9:23 A word went out “at the beginning of [Daniel’s] pleas for mercy.”

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*The Lord is more eager to answer than we are to ask, and in Daniel's case there were powerful grounds for a speedy reply, reassuring him of the Lord's intention to bring to an end the seventy years of Israel's captivity.*

*– Gleason Archer (1916 – 2004)*

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- Gabriel assures Daniel that he is **greatly loved**.
- Maybe Daniel needed this reassurance.
- We may struggle with the idea of God's love for us.
- It's important that we **trust in God's love**.

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This next part will show us all of this:

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- 9:24 The word “weeks” might better be thought of as “sevens.”
- In Bible times, the Jewish calendar traditionally marked time in sets of seven days and seven years.

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- 9:24 If you are reading an ESV, the footnote makes this clearer. The same is true for the HCSB, NASB, NKJV
- NLT reads, “A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city ...”
- NIV, “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city ...”

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- 9:25 This verse does not read well in the ESV. (Sorry!)
- It reads better in all of these:
  - NET Bible
  - the Amplified Bible
  - NKJV
  - HCSB
  - KJV
  - NIV
  - NASB
  - NLT
  - NRSV
  - the 1599 Geneva Bible (GNV)
  - Lexham English Bible (LEB)
  - Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

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### Daniel 9:25 (NKJV)

“Know therefore and understand,  
*That* from the going forth of the command  
To restore and build Jerusalem  
Until Messiah the Prince,  
*There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks*;  
The street shall be built again, and the wall,  
Even in troublesome times.

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### Daniel 9:25 (Amplified Bible)

So you are to know and understand that from the issuance of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Messiah (the Anointed One), the Prince, there will be seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it will be built again, with [a city] plaza and moat, even in times of trouble.

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- 9:25 The 69 (7 + 62) “sevens” or “sets of seven years” mark out the history of Israel from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the arrival of the Messiah.
- Look at your handout for the math.

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- 9:25 The trick is you have to use lunar years of 360 days.
- That is how the Jewish and Babylonian calendars both worked, so that the only kind of calendar that Daniel could have had.

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- 9:25 To my knowledge, this was first explained by Sir Robert Anderson around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- His calculation pinpoints the date of the Messiah's presentation to Israel as Palm Sunday, April 6, A.D. 32.

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### Lunar Calendar:

Add 69 weeks of prophetic years  
of 360 days (or  $69 \times 7 \times 360$ ) = 173,880 days

### Solar Calendar:

$476 \times 365 = \dots\dots\dots 173,740$  days

Add (March 14 to April 6,  
both inclusive).....24 days

Add for leap years.....116 days

173,880 days

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- 9:26 The Messiah (the first prince) will be “cut off.”
- The city and the sanctuary (Jerusalem and its temple) will once again be destroyed by a conquering army.
- The “prince who is to come” (antichrist or anti-messiah) will come from the people who destroy the city.

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- 9:26 After the crucifixion, the next time Jerusalem was conquered was by the Romans, in 70 A.D.
- Thus, the people of the Roman Empire would be the “people of the prince who is to come.”

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- **9:27** This verse clearly connects the coming prince with the final antichrist, so this prince must come from the (still to be revived) Roman Empire.
- It also outlines events of that leftover **70<sup>th</sup> week**.

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*Now this seventieth week is admittedly a period of seven years, and half of this period is ... described as "a time, times, and half a time," ... (Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:14) twice as forty-two months; (Revelation 11:2; 13:5) and twice as 1,260 days. (Revelation 11:3; 12:6).*

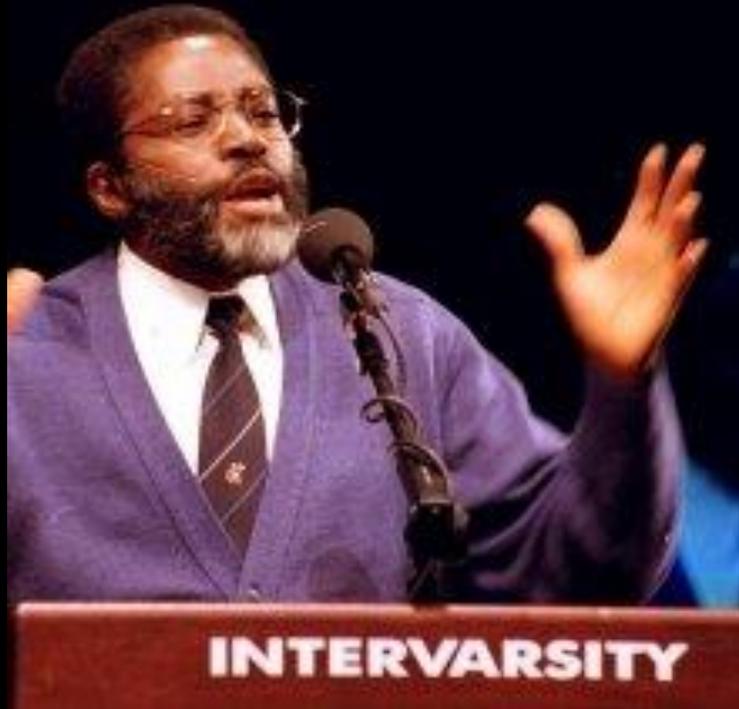
*– Sir Robert Anderson 1841 - 1918,  
Assistant Commissioner of Police of the  
Metropolis (aka Scotland Yard) 1888 - 1901*



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- 9:27 And from this verse we can briefly outline the events of the final seven years before Christ's return.
- The whole prophecy put together gives us a very quick but accurate timeline of Israel's national prophetic history.

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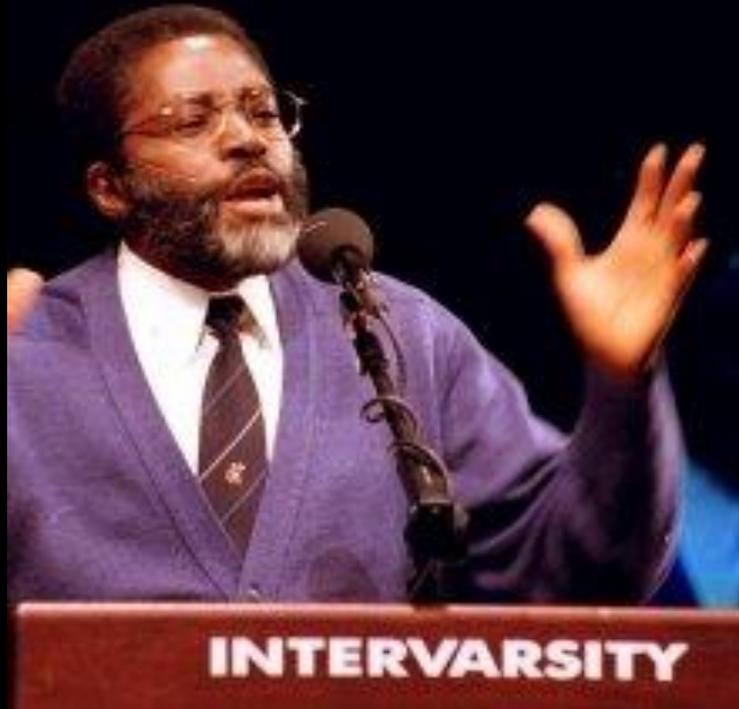


*Using the broad timeline, the prophetic agenda that Daniel sees is as follows. First, there will be a decree to rebuild Jerusalem (9:25a) ...*

*Next, the Messiah, the ruler, will come (9:25b). ...*

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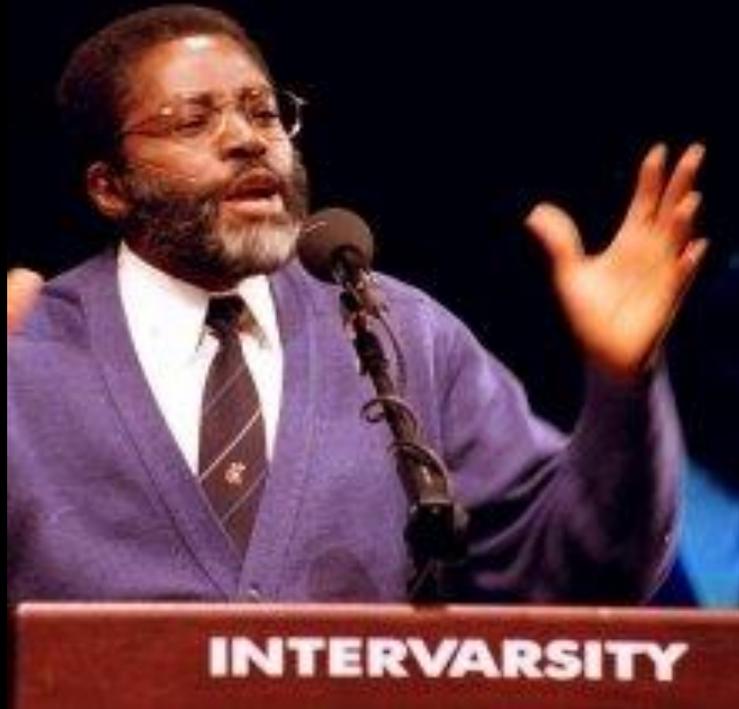
*After the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah is crucified (9:26a).*

*His death is followed by yet another destruction of Jerusalem and the temple (9:26b) ... this prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70 when the Roman legions destroyed Jerusalem.*

*Finally, during the seventieth week, the antichrist will arise (9:27).*

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*Key features of the regime of the antichrist will be a week-long covenant (that is, one that lasts seven years), the breaking of this covenant in the middle of the week, the stopping of temple worship, the setting up of an abomination of desolation (see **Matt 24:15**) and the defeat and destruction of the antichrist.*

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- Daniel's prophecy – this message from Gabriel – gives us the Big Picture.
- It shows that Israel's history is running on a very precise prophetic clock.

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- Out of the 70 x 7 or 490 years, there is only one set of seven years remaining.
- That set of seven years will begin when the “prince who is to come” enters into “a strong covenant” with “many.”

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- The “many” are frequently identified with the leaders of the nation of Israel.
- We do not know when this will happen.
- I would suggest that it can only happen after the Holy Spirit (“he who now restrains” in 2 Thess. 2:7), who indwells the church is removed.

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- When the Holy Spirit (“he who now restrains” in 2 Thess. 2:7) leaves, the church will leave with him.
- These events will put the world back into a state much like it was before Pentecost.
- This will clear the way for Israel’s seven-year countdown to start at some point soon after that.

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- Daniel trusted in God's word and God's word led him to pray.
- Daniel's prayers led to further revelation from God.

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- All of this is for our benefit as we can learn from Daniel's example and the insights given to him.
- Once we have this Big Picture, it's easier trust God.

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- If you have questions about this, please ask.
- This happens to a fellowship Sunday, so it's a good day to hang out and talk.