

DANIEL

LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

Finding the 'You Are Here' Dot on God's Map Daniel 9

First: God reveals his timeline to those he e_____ (verses 20-23).

Verses 1-3, 19, “In the first year of Darius...²¹I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes...¹⁹Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

See Jeremiah 25:11-12 and Jeremiah 29:10 (see also 2 Chronicles 36:20–22 and Zechariah 1:12).

Verses 20-23, “While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill—²¹while I was still in prayer, Gabriel...came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²²He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, *for you are highly esteemed*. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision.”

Second: Find the “_____” dot on God's timeline (verses 24-27).

What the seventy “sevens” will accomplish (verse 24): “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.”

How the seventy “sevens” are divided (verses 25-27)

Seven “sevens” and sixty-two “sevens” (verse 25): “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

After the sixty-two “sevens” (verse 26): “After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.”

One “seven” (verse 27): “He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”