

Daniel Dialogue

Reading Guide for Daniel 9

God Saves - His plan to rescue all!

Group Discussion

Have you ever been in a dangerous situation? What happened and how did you reach safety?

Kids Activity

Help the life saver find the secret message in the 'word sleuth' activity.

Unaware of the danger!

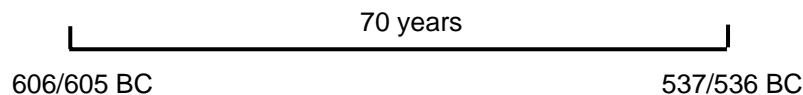
Sometimes, like swimmers, we are unaware of how dangerous the situation is—unaware that the whole world needs to be rescued. Like life-savers patrolling the beaches, God has a wonderful plan to rescue all and Daniel 9 tells us how God is going to save and how we can be part of it.

Daniel wished to understand what was ahead for his world and people. He had every reason to trust God—for in his life he had seen God rescue and protect. As a careful student of the Bible he could see that the message of Jeremiah's prophecy was about to be fulfilled. Jeremiah had written: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:10,11. Daniel was now going to learn more about God's plan to rescue all—and how we can be a part of His plan!

DANIEL'S PERSPECTIVE verses 1-3

Jerusalem's defeat
by Nebuchadnezzar

Medo-Persia's overthrow
of Babylon



DANIEL'S PRAYER verses 4-19

1. What 3 aspects of prayer life are revealed by Daniel's prayer? Daniel 9:4-19

ANS: 1. Vs. 4,7 _____
2. Vs. 5-15 _____
3. Vs. 16-19 _____

2. What contrast between the sinfulness of people and the goodness of God does Daniel's prayer reveal?

People are?

Vs. 5,15 _____

Vs. 5 _____

Vs. 10,14 _____

God is?

Vs. 4 _____

Vs. 7,14 _____

Vs. 9 _____

3. Compare ...

Daniel's definition of sin:

Daniel 9:5,6 _____

John's definition of sin:

1 John 3:4 _____

4. The 70-year captivity of God's people by the Babylonians, and the time for the desolation of Jerusalem and the sanctuary, was up. (See Daniel 9:2) What was Daniel's prayer request? Vs. 16-19

ANS: _____

ANSWER TO DANIEL'S PRAYER verses 20-27

5. Gabriel was sent in response to Daniel's prayer. What did he say? Vs. 20-23

ANS: "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, _____, _____, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision."

6. Gabriel came with the answer to Daniel's prayer. What had Daniel been praying about?

ANS: 1. **The time prophecy:** the end of the _____ years of captivity.

2. **The deliverance of** God's city, sanctuary and people.

7. The message and vision Gabriel brought was the answer to Daniel's prayer. (Vs. 22,23) In your own words – explain what you see as the main answer? (Remember that Daniel was praying for deliverance. He was praying for a Saviour.) Vs. 24-27

ANS: _____

70 _____

X7 _____

490 _____

8. What was to be accomplished during these 490 years? Vs. 24

ANS: "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city

to _____

to put an _____

to _____

to bring in everlasting _____

to _____ vision and prophecy

and to _____."

9. The angel Gabriel made it clear that the restoration of the city and sanctuary and the salvation of God's people was assured. What event was to mark the beginning of the prophetic time periods?

Vs. 25 (Compare Ezra 6:14; 7:11-28)

ANS: _____

10. Daniel prayed for deliverance. Who was he assured would come after “seven ‘sevens’, and sixty-two ‘sevens’”? Vs. 25

ANS: _____

11. In what way were these words fulfilled? Luke 3:1-23; Mark 1:14,15

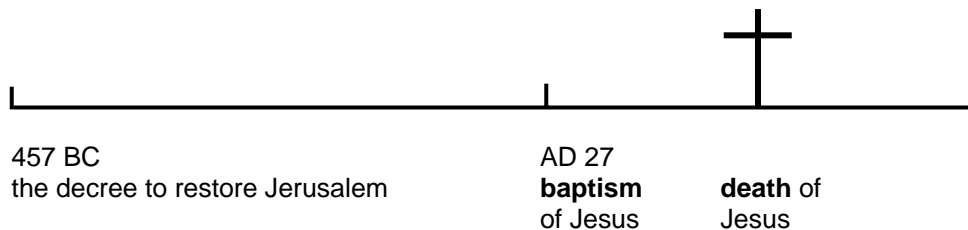
ANS: _____

12. What was Daniel told would happen to the Anointed One, or the Messiah, during the last 7 of the 490 years? Vs. 26,27 (Compare Matthew 27:45-56)

ANS: _____

13. What did the angel Gabriel say the enemy of the Anointed One would do to the sanctuary and city? Vs. 26,27 (Compare Matthew 24:15-25)

ANS: _____



DISCUSSION

1. What reason do you have to trust God as Daniel did? What insights into God's character do you gain from His answer to Daniel's prayer?
2. What is the gospel? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-5) How can this gospel make a difference in our lives?
3. How would our lives be different if we let God save us?
4. **Kids DISCUSSION:** What is the message in the sleuth? How do you ask God to save you?
5. **Daniel 9:24 is a key verse.** This is not just a routine rescue—it is the saving of our lives and the saving of the world. With all that we know about God, will we choose to let him save us? Describe what this means to you.

FINAL PERSONAL WORD ...

Each of the stories and prophecies of Daniel reveal that God is in command. The last prophecy, found in chapters 10-12, is no exception.

Whereas the book begins with God's city and sanctuary in ruins—and His people oppressed, the book ends with God triumphant. Daniel's God cares, knows, rescues, rules, responds, protects, judges, restores and saves. And, the God of the Bible triumphs!