

# THE GREAT PROPHECY OF DANIEL

A Study of Daniel 9 "The Great Prayer of Daniel" • Part Four (v. 26

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • When Pastor Joe's commentary is added, God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with commentary in the smaller faced text. • Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets.

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#### A. REVIEW OF V. 24

AT HIS FIRST COMING... The Messiah will be revealed. (Birth)

Sin will be removed. (Crucifixion)

Sin will be reconciled. (Resurrection)

AT HIS SECOND COMING...

God's Righteousness will replace man's sinfulness.

Prophecy will be ratified.

Christ will reign.

The <u>forgiveness of our sin</u> and the <u>hope we have in Heaven</u> is derived from one source—<u>Jesus, the Messiah</u>.

## B. REVIEW OF V. 25

The Temple would be rebuilt, and the Messiah would be revealed.

"Looking at the Babylonian calendar, and converting years into days, if you started at the day of the decree, March 14, 445 BC, and counted off 173,880 days, you arrive at April 6, 32 AD, the very day of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem during the week of Passover—according to the church historian, Josephus." - Pastor Joe talking about the revealing of the Messiah in Jerusalem.

#### C. STUDY SECTION OF V. 26

STUDY SECTION - Daniel 9:26, NASB - 26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks [this would take us to 171 BC. Onias III was the High Priest of the Temple then. Onias III lead the Jewish people away from the deepest study of Scripture and to a deeper study of what Rabbi's interpretation of Holy Scripture was. He felt the Rabbi's teachings were 'near equal' with Scripture. In the Hebrew, there is a period here. Now, sometime after the Word of God was 'lessened in value'] the Messiah will be cut off lit., die (cf., Isaiah 53:8 "cut off...") and have nothing [His earthly kingdom will be not begin at this time. This whole phrase is a clear reference to His crucifixion of the Messiah—Jesus Christ], and the people [lit., "troops"—not sure why the translators use the word people] of the prince [a reference to the antichrist] who is to come [and his intention] will [be to] destroy the city and the sanctuary [this doesn't happen because of God's intervention]. And its end will come with a flood [a reference to the water flowing out of the Mount of Olives when Christ comes at His second coming]; even to the end that's where we live now] there will be war; desolations [a state of complete emptiness and destruction] are determined [the date is set].

#### **Truths Found in This Verse:**

- 1. God's Word was negated.
- 2. God's Messiah was neglected.
- 3. God's Rescue is needed (and is coming)!

#### D. ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE CHURCH

## Here is God's Encouragement to His Children:

In this verse, we contrast the strength of God with the weakness of man.

**Isaiah 40:28–31, NIV** - <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> <u>He gives strength</u> to the weary and <u>increases the power</u> of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> <u>but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength</u>. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

# 1. Our Need for Strength

"...weary...weak...tired...stumble...fall...."

## 2. Our Source for Strength

"...everlasting/creator God...not tired or weary...understanding."

## 3. The Condition for Strength

<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

"Hope" in the Hebrew means to grab ahold of.

"Renew" in the Hebrew means to exchange (our weakness for His strength).