

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

Daniel 9

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Daniel chapter nine is one of the most studied of all the prophecies in the Bible. It contains the prophesy of the "seventy weeks." No short commentary can even begin to address the vast implications of this prophesy, so that task will be left to a broadcasts and podcasts. However, it is important that we do not skip over the great and fervent prayer that preceded this incredible answer from heaven that brought assurance one day all things will be set in order by God's great Messiah.

Beginning in verse three is one of the greatest models in the entire Bible for understanding what a prayer of repentance, contrition and confession looks like. These words of Daniel are a pattern for every child of God seeking personal, corporate, and even national forgiveness. God had told King Solomon in answer to his prayer, if His people would indeed humble themselves, pray, seek His face, turn from their wicked ways, that God would hear from heaven, He would forgive their sins and heal their land. Are these promises to Israel? Yes! But the application is pertinent to any age concerning God's people. The half-brother of the Lord Jesus', James, said, "That the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous

man, avails much" and it does. God wants His people to cry out to Him in repentance, contrition in prayer for our own lives, our churches and nation.

"O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name." (vv.16-19)

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear God in heaven, hear our prayer and heal our hearts and heal our land. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
