

## E2E- Part 115a

### Daniel 9:20-27

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1. Perhaps the most misunderstood or ignored attribute of the holy God in our generation is that judgment falls because Yahweh is righteous in everything He does.
2. Daniel knows that Israel is not righteous, so his request is not based on any merit of their own. His appeal is based on God's great compassion and mercy.
3. Daniel is confessing sin when God sends Gabriel with an answer. This reminds us that sinlessness is not the condition for answered prayer, and even faithful believers still need to confess sin.
4. Gabriel comes to Daniel because the command was issued at the beginning of his supplications. God hears His people, and Daniel is described as highly esteemed before Him.
5. Daniel was likely expecting restoration for Israel, but God gives him something much bigger. Daniel 9 becomes a very specific prophecy and timeline for the arrival of Jesus on planet earth.
6. The seventy weeks are best understood as seventy sevens of years, totaling 490 years. God has cut out a certain period of time from history for a specific purpose.
7. The seventy sevens are decreed for Daniel's people and his holy city, meaning Israel and Jerusalem. Israel is the staging ground for what God will accomplish on a global and eternal scale.
8. The purpose of the seventy sevens is to deal fully with sin and rebellion, and to bring in everlasting righteousness. Only God can accomplish this because the offenses are ultimately against Him.
9. Gabriel gives Daniel a timeline with a starting point and an ending point. From the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there will be sixty-nine sevens, or 483 years.
10. The Messiah had to come as part of the first sixty-nine weeks of years, but Daniel also hears the shocking news that the Messiah will be cut off. This points to Jesus, His crucifixion, and the final seven that will be completed at His second coming.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Shbu'ah** (sheb-oo-aw' [im]); literal, sevened – a week (specifically, of years):– a period of seven

**Kalah** (kaw-law'); (to cease) or (to complete):–accomplish - to **restrain**, withhold

**Pasha'** (paw-shah'); to break away (from just authority), :–offend, rebel, revolt, transgress

**Chātam** (khaw-tham') - to seal, affix a seal, or seal up – restrain, cease, (come to an) end

**Kaphar** (kaw-far'); to cover - to cancel:– **appease**, make (an atonement, cleanse, forgive), pardon, (make) reconcile(-liation)

**owlam** (o-lawm'); generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. - eternity; ancient (time), long (time) long duration

**Karath** (kaw-rath'); to cut (off, down or asunder); by implication, to destroy

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Every Step  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Goodness of God  
Your Great Name

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Israel's exile was not random or unfair. God had warned them, they rebelled, and judgment came because Yahweh is righteous in everything He does. Why is it hard for us to admit when consequences are deserved?
- When Daniel asks God to restore Israel, he does not appeal to their merit. He appeals to God's great compassion and mercy. How does this shape the way we come to God after we have sinned or failed?
- While Daniel is confessing sin, God sends Gabriel with an answer. This reminds us that sinlessness is not the condition for answered prayer. Why do we sometimes feel like we have to "clean ourselves up" before coming honestly to God?
- The seventy sevens gave Daniel a much bigger picture than he was probably expecting. What makes it difficult to trust God when His answer is bigger, slower, or different than what we asked for?
- The Messiah would come, but He would also be cut off. The cross was not a failure or interruption, but part of God's plan. How does that help us think differently about seasons where God's plan includes suffering before victory?

Daniel 9 reminds us that God is righteous, merciful, and never late. His plan was always bigger than Daniel could see, and it was always leading to Jesus.

This week, take an honest look at where you are with Him. Are you coming to Jesus with confession, trust, and surrender, or are you still trying to stand on your own goodness? God invites us near because of His mercy. Come to Him honestly, and trust the One who came for you.