**BAPTISTWAY PRESS—A STUDY OF DANIEL: FAITH UNDER FIRE**

**Lesson 11--“The Beginning of the End” –-9:23-27--Context of the Book of Daniel 9 +**

**AUTHOR is Daniel and was most likely written Around 530 B. C. to the Israelites and the returning Jews back to Jerusalem after their Babylonian captivity of 70.**

### **PURPOSEFUL INFO:** Named after its writer, Daniel’s book is a product of his time in Babylon as a Jewish exile from Israel. While still a young man, Daniel was taken into Babylonian captivity by the great Nebuchadnezzar. While there, Daniel recorded his experiences and prophecies for the Jewish exiles during his years of service in the Babylonian capital. Because of his great skill and faithfulness to his God, Daniel was bless. Daniel stands as one of the only major figures in the Bible to produce a completely positive record of his actions. On last week, we saw Daniel’s prayer of confession to the LORD on behalf of him and his people in reference to Jeremiah’s prophecy of 70 years of captivity in Babylonian**. Today, the angel Gabriel explains the 70 years of seven “weeks" = (490 years).**

***TODAY’S STUDY AIM: On last week, we learned to pray according to God’s Word, in order that we might correctly discern God’s Will for our life, [102]* *but on today we will learn to trust God’s Word, even though we do not know all the details [111].***

***D. QUICK READ: During the final seven years the Antichrist will make and break treaties, desecrate the temple, and be defeated when Jesus returns. [111].***

**BEGINNING OF THE VISION –[DANIEL 9:1-2]**In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus, by birth a Mede, who became king over the realm of the Chaldeans— **2**in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, must be fulfilled for the devastation of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. … **21while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen before in a vision, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22He came[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=daniel+9&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-22011c)**] and said to me, “*Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. 23At the beginning of your supplications a word went out, and I have come to declare it, for you are greatly beloved. So consider the word and understand the vision:***

**1.  THE MESSIAH WILL CANCEL ALL SIN [DANIEL 9:24A] 23At the beginning of your supplications a word went out, and I have come to declare it, for you are greatly beloved. So consider the word and understand the vision:** **24**“Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city: to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity,

**2. THE MESSIAH WILL PROVIDE ULTIMATE VICTORY [DANIEL 9:24B]** to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

**3.  THE SEVENTY WEEKS [DANIEL 9:25-27] 25**Know therefore and understand: from the time that the word went out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the time of an anointed prince, there shall be seven weeks; and for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with streets and moat, but in a troubled time. **26**After the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing, and the troops of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=daniel+9&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-22015e)] end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. **27**He shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall make sacrifice and offering cease; and in their place[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=daniel+9&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-22016f)] shall be an abomination that desolates, until the decreed end is poured out upon the desolator.”