



THE BOOK OF  
*Daniel*

This May Take a While

Daniel 9:1-27, Jeremiah 9:4-14, Matthew 24:15-30

# Daniel Turns To God's Word

- Jeremiah's prophecy gave Daniel hope that the exile would soon end, and God's people would be restored to their home.
- Daniel was a great man of God, but he recognized that he too was not guiltless.
- Daniel showed a profound understanding of God's righteousness, for God's righteousness does not just punish, it saves.
- Throughout Daniel's prayer, he appeals to the character of God.

# 70 Times 7

- The 70 years of Jeremiah's prophecy were literally fulfilled.
- The literal fulfillment fell short of what God wanted to do for his people.
- The people ignored the law of God and became like their pagan neighbors.
- Ezra took a legalistic approach to the law which became the foundation for the legalism of the Pharisees in the time of Jesus.
- Seventy years was not enough for God to accomplish all He wanted to do for His people.

# Prophecy Fulfilled?

- Some see a fulfillment in historical events in the time of the Greek king Antiochus Epiphanes, around 167 B.C.
- The “*covenant with many*” might be Jews who welcomed Greek rule.
- Others do not see the prophecy fulfilled at any point in recorded history.
- Many have developed elaborate schematics, involving a rapture of Christians, a tribulation, and a thousand-year reign of Christ in Jerusalem.
- Jesus interpreted the prophecy symbolically.
- When will the prophecy be fulfilled? In God’s timing!

# Conclusion

- Daniel prayed for the greatest thing he could imagine: rebuilding Jerusalem.
- God had a greater plan.
- We wait for the end of life on earth, and the beginning of the bigger and better things God has for us.
- What should we do while we wait: We should pray.
- Believing God, we should stand with courage and confidence greater than Daniel's.
- In the end, our prayers will be answered, and they will be bigger and better than we can imagine.