

## 5. Supplications From the Heart



Read

• Daniel 9:15-18



Comment

The pattern of sin leading to God's wrath (cf Daniel 8:19) and desolation and destruction of God's sanctuary reflects elements of the vision in the preceding chapter. The long prophecy of Daniel 8 is still in the back of his mind.

## 6. Please Do Not Tarry!



Read

• Daniel 9:19



Comment

The supplications in verses 15-19 are all preliminary and lead to the specific petition raised by Daniel in this long prayer. This specific petition is the climax of the prayer and has to do with time: "Do not tarry!" or "Do not delay!"

Reflect

Why would Daniel think that God might delay His intervention for the Jewish people to bring them home from Babylon?

### Background

Daniel was well acquainted with the fact that divine promises and threats may be conditional, not only from the story of Jonah, but also from the book he had just studied so diligently (see Jeremiah 18:5-10).

## 7. God Sends His Reply



Read

• Daniel 9:20-23

Reflect

Where has Daniel met Gabriel before? What is the vision referred to in verse 21? What is Gabriel now going to explain to Daniel? How did Daniel have such a marvellous communication and contact with Heaven?

## 8. A Timely Answer Regarding Daniel's People



Read

• Daniel 9:24

Reflect

Why does Gabriel introduce his explanation by speaking about time? For whom is this time period determined? Why is that important as an answer to Daniel's prayer?

### Summary

Daniel had a problem. He searched the Scriptures. He prayed to God. Daniel was afraid the time for the return of his people would be delayed. He entreated God not to tarry. In response, God sent him an answer to explain the role of Daniel's people in relation to the long time prophecy in Daniel 8:13-14. Study guide 12 will take a closer look at the content of that answer.



## Number 12. God Solves Problems

# ClearView

## Bible study guide

Study Guide 11 closed as Gabriel was about to share a word from God with Daniel in response to his prayer in chapter 9. This prophecy about the 70 weeks explains the role of Daniel's people and the fate of Jerusalem. It also explains what Daniel had not been told regarding the vision in chapter 8. It presents the keys to the long time prophecy about the 2300 evenings and mornings in Daniel 8:13, 14.

## 1. What It Is All About



Read

• Daniel 9:24

### Background

Verse 24 is a preamble to the time prophecy. It summarises what God will accomplish within the period. The focus is on two areas: sin and the fate of Jerusalem and the Temple. The weeks represent periods of seven years.

Reflect

For who are the 70 weeks particularly determined? Which words in this verse refer to the problem of sin, and which concern Jerusalem?

## 2. An Answer to Prayer



Read

• Daniel 9:25-27

### Background

The prophecy answers Daniel's prayer in parallels, typical of Hebrew literature. The first part of each verse deals with the basic problem of sin and the coming of the Saviour. The second part of each verse describes the fate of Jerusalem and its Temple.

## 3. Messiah Will Come



Read

• Daniel 9:25 and John 4:25, 26

Reflect

*Messiah* means "the anointed one" and is used about the king. When was the true Messiah to come?

### Background

The decisive decree by Persian rulers to entrust the Jewish people with authority and self-determination was issued by Artaxerxes in 457 BC; 483 years (69 weeks) later, Jesus was anointed at his baptism in 27 AD.