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Bible study guide

4. He Was Cut Off



Read

- Daniel 9:26, 27; Isaiah 53:7, 8; Luke 23:27, 28 and Hebrews 10:4-10

Reflect



On the cross of Calvary Jesus died as a sacrifice once and for all. What was the significance of the animal sacrifices and the temple service before that event—and after?

Background

In the middle of the last week, during April in 31 AD, Jesus died to solve the problem of sin. The consequences of the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders were the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. Jesus Himself refers to this event when He quotes Daniel 9:27 in Matthew 24:15.

6. The Heavenly Sanctuary Service Anointed



Read

- Hebrews 8:1-5 and 10:16-21

Reflect



After the death of Jesus the Temple in Jerusalem no longer had any significance in God's plan. What Most Holy Place or sanctuary is to be anointed according to Daniel 9:24?

7. God's Answer



Read

- Daniel 9:24 and Daniel 8:14



Comment

Of the long period of 2300 years, a period of 490 years were cut off for his people and holy city. In the last of the 70 weeks Jesus would bring the perfect sacrifice, and the heavenly sanctuary would be anointed. It is in this sanctuary the cleansing and judgment will take place after the period of 2300 years.

8. God Gives a Second Chance



Read

- Daniel 9:24 and Acts 7:44, 48-60

Background

Three-and-a-half years after the crucifixion, the Jewish leaders gathered again. This time they did not meet to condemn Jesus, but His follower, Stephen. Stephen pointed them to the heavenly sanctuary and reminded them of Jesus. They took a tragic decision and in a way crucified the Son of God anew. That was their second—and final—chance.

Reflect



What does it tell you about God that He does not condemn people because they crucify Jesus, but gives a second chance?

Study Guides 9 and 10 turned our attention to the universal judgment at the end of the long time prophecy in Daniel 8. This lesson returns to Daniel during his exile in Babylon. Today we have the total biblical picture and are able to understand the end-time judgment and the heavenly sanctuary. Daniel did not—and he had a problem.

1. Communication Stopped



Read

- Daniel 8:26-27

Reflect



The vision in Daniel consists of four elements: the ram, the goat, the little horn, and the conversation about time. Which elements did Gabriel explain to Daniel in verses 20-26? What did Daniel not understand?

2. Searching for God's Revealed Answer



Read

- Daniel 9:1-2

Reflect



When you look for God's answers to the challenges of life, where do you go to find them? Did Daniel understand the prophecies of Jeremiah?

3. Seeking God Through Prayer



Read

- Daniel 9:3-5

Reflect



Why did Daniel say "we" in his confession? What wrong had he done? If he understood the time prophecy in Jeremiah, why is he still so concerned? Does God not always fulfil His prophetic promises?

4. Acknowledging History



Read

- Daniel 9:11-14



Comment

Daniel mentions a clear sequence. Sin and apostasy of the people was the cause, the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple the consequence. This is often called a covenant pattern. To restore the situation, repentance and confession of sin was necessary.