

# Sermon Study Questions

October 30, 2022

1. Read Daniel 9:20-27
  2. This is one of the most complex and often cited prophetic passages in the OT. In order to properly understand it we must first of all understand the context. What is the context of this passage? How does God's covenant with Israel tie into it, and in light of that, what is the overarching theme of Gabriel's message?
  3. In v.24 there are six things Gabriel says are decreed for the seventy weeks. What are they? Who or what are they pointing to? Read for example Hebrews 9:26.
  4. In v.25 Gabriel breaks down the seventy weeks. The first such period consists of seven weeks, which Gabriel says represents the time between the decree to restore and build Jerusalem until the time the building is complete. What does this refer to? Be specific.
  5. The second period of weeks is the sixty-two weeks, which speaks of the period of time between the completion of the building to the coming of the anointed one. Who is the anointed one, and what does that time period refer to?
  6. The seventieth week is spoken of in v.26-27. In v.26 Gabriel says after the sixty-nine weeks (7 weeks + 62 weeks) the anointed one will be cut off. What does that refer to, and what does it mean that the anointed one will be cut off? Again, be thorough.
  7. In v.26 Gabriel then speaks of the prince who is to come who shall destroy the city and the sanctuary, bringing desolation, which he reiterates in v.27. Who and what does this refer to? Hint: this is the same thing Jesus speaks of in Matt.24 when speaking of the abomination of desolation, which we looked at the week before.
  8. In v.27 Gabriel says "He shall make a strong covenant with many for one week." Who and what does this refer to?
- \* note: In v.26-27 we see the seventieth week comes after the anointed one is cut off. This one week speaks of the church age, or the Last Days. But for half of the week, spoken of in v.27, sacrifice and offering will no longer be, which means for the first half they will still be taking place. Thus the first half of the seventieth week corresponds to the time between the anointed one being cut off and the destruction of the temple (the abomination of desolation). And the second half of the seventieth week corresponds to the time after the temple's destruction (when sacrifices and offerings have ceased) until the consummation when Christ returns and restoration is complete.
9. Summarize the theme of Gabriel's message to Daniel. How does this message apply to you?
  10. Pray!