

## Study Notes and Questions for Daniel 9

- Chapter 9 has been called the key to the book of Daniel. Why do you think some believe that to be the case?
- What is the important background to Daniel's prayer in this chapter (see verses 1–2)?
- In verses 3–10, what do you find significant in Daniel's manner of praying?
- In his prayer in verse 11, Daniel makes mention of the consequences of Israel's disobedience. According to Leviticus 26:14–45 and Deuteronomy 28:15–68, how did God make these plain beforehand?
- What are the specific requests Daniel makes in verses 16–19, and why are they important?
- What do you find most significant in God's encouraging response to Daniel's prayer (see verses 21–23)?
- What are the major points Gabriel makes in his words to Daniel in verse 24?
- What are the six things that will take place at the end of the “seventy ‘sevens’ ” or “seventy weeks” mentioned in Daniel 9:24? Describe how you see these specific things connected to the work of Jesus.
- What further specific details does Gabriel give in verses 25–27?
- What connections do you see between the prophecies given in Daniel 9:26–27 and the words of Jesus in Matthew 24:15–28?
- In Daniel 9, what would you select as the key verse or passage—one that best captures or reflects the dynamics of what this chapter is all about?
- If you were talking to someone who had never studied the book of Daniel, how would you explain the importance of this chapter?