

The End . . .

Key Scriptures

Daniel 9:²⁴ "Seventy sevens have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place."²⁵ "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress."²⁶ "Then after the sixty-two sevens the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined."²⁷ "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one seven, but in the middle of the seven he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Key Point:

God is ruling in history and through history.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What are your favorite and least favorite months living here in the Binghamton area? Why?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

Before you go through these questions, read through Daniel 9 in your group.

- What was it that motivated Daniel to pray? How do we know he was earnestly seeking God? (V. 3-20) According to Daniel, why should God act and answer his prayer?
- In v. 24, which things do you think are already accomplished, and which do you think are still future? Are there some that apply only to the nation of Israel?
- Can you work through the timetable of v. 25-26? (feel free to use the illustration included)
- Is there anything that you are unclear about in this passage?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- In Daniel's prayers, why do you think he included himself in the confessions of his nations? He wasn't alive during most of the years of Israel rejecting God.
- Is there any portion of the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 that significantly impacts you more than other aspects? Share why.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Use Daniel's prayer in Dan 9:3-20 as a model of how you can pray for our community and country. Think of promises in scripture that God has given and pray them back to God.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- How can you share some of what you learned with someone? What should your attitude and actions be, knowing you are on the winning side? What truths from this passage do you need to embrace?