

The Israelites were taken into captivity in three waves.

In the first wave, Daniel was taken with other leaders and their children, who were to serve in the king's court.

In the second wave, the Babylonians took about 10,000 people, including Ezekiel.

In the third wave, they took most everyone else. They destroyed the temple and plundered the city.

It was because of their disobedience. Now in Chapter 9, we get to see what their disobedience was.

Israel had a _____ Sabbath. They also had a _____ Sabbath –Leviticus 25:1-4.

The Ancient Jews had seven-year cycles. Six years they sowed the land, the seventh they let it go fallow.

Every seventh year the slaves were to go free –Deuteronomy 15:12, Jeremiah 34:12-14.

After every seventh group of seven years, they had the year of Jubilee –Leviticus 25:8-13, II Chronicles 36:20, 21.

❖ **God wants us to set aside a time of rest, where we can rest in Him.** ❖

Daniel had been in captivity for seventy years now. He recognizes the time, but he didn't know exactly what it meant. What should the saints do when the things of God baffle them? _____

We mix human error with God's Truth. When you mix something that is perfectly pure with something that is impure, you come up with something that is impure.

Daniel prayed and fasted.

Explain the terms in verse 5:

Sinned: _____

Iniquity: _____

Done wickedly: _____

Rebelled: _____

Daniel confessed the sins of the nation as though they were his. He was representing the nation before God.

❖ **Remember: One man and God is always a majority.** ❖

In verse 19, Daniel pleads to God. He based his prayer upon God's mercy, not upon his righteousness or his nation's righteousness; They didn't have any. Daniel was more concerned about God's honor and God's people than he was himself. He was concerned about how God's honor plays out in his life and the lives of those around him.

Daniel still honored those times of prayer and worship he had set aside since childhood.

In verse 24, six things are listed. The first three deal with getting rid of sin. The last three deal with bringing in the kingdom.

49 years – the rebuilding of the wall and the city.

434 years – the Messiah shall be cut off.

Totaling 483 years leading up to the introduction of Messiah to the nation Israel.

483 years after the decree to rebuild the city, Jesus hung dying on a Roman cross.

Explain "flood in the end" –Revelation 12:15-16. _____

Daniel 9 is more than just a study on prophecy – It is a study on prayer also.

Daniel was praying for God's promise to be fulfilled. He also confessed sin.

God wants us to recognize we are terribly wicked in how we act, how we think, how we respond to Him and how we respond to others.

Until we're willing to accept that, we regard iniquity in our hearts and we're not willing to open up to God and confess that sin. And we wonder why He doesn't hear us.

God can and will do a mighty work in our lives.