



# THE "FINAL" STANDS

Chapters 7 and 8 are more visions that Daniel receives

Daniel is not a chronological book

Chapters 1-6 are in order of events

Chapters 7 and 8 happen under the same time as Belshazzar

Chapter 9 happens during the first year of Darius thus  
it's most likely before the lion's den

Chapter 9 does not have a battle with an  
earthly King



# THE INNER BATTLE

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

Chapter 9 is special because we finally get a peek behind the curtain at Daniel's private relationship with God

It should come as no surprise that is centers around Prayer



# **TEACH ME TO PRAY**

**One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”**

**Luke 11:1**

**The Disciples already knew how to “pray”**

**They were Jewish, since there early days as a child they had participated in the times of prayer**

**what the Disciples saw was relational prayer  
not just ritual prayer**



# STANDING PRAYERFUL

Daniel Chapter 9



# UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

v. 1-2



# **UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE**

**As our chapter opens Daniel is not in prayer mode, he is in study mode**

**He is reading through the “book” of Jerimiah**

**These are words on a page for us, but this was the worst time in Daniel’s life**

**Jeremiah was the prophet of Israel as the fall of Jerusalem -- (Jeremiah 39)**

**His book is all about a call for Israel to repent**



# **UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE**

**Daniel's study probably has much to do with his visions from the previous two chapters**

**From his readings he understands Israel would begin to return after 70 years of captivity (Jeremiah 25:9-13)**

**He must realize there is a very real chance he never makes it home**

**This is the backdrop for Daniel's prayer**





# **THINK ABOUT IT**

**I find my best times of prayer come from my best times of study**

**When my study life is going good God and I have a ton to talk about**

**My prayers are more conversations asking God about himself**

**Weirdly enough the more I talk, the more I want to go back and study**

**Then I come back with an entirely new set of questions**



# **THINK ABOUT IT**

**Conversely when I hit dry spells in my study, my life suffers**

**Those are times my prayer life goes dead**

**I pray but it more about lists and wants**

**I am constantly trying to ask God for guidance**

**Here is the takeaway your praying lifestyle will only be as dynamic as you are studying of scripture.**

**Likewise, your studying of scripture will only be as understandable as your praying lifestyle**



# **A PRAYERFUL APPROACH**

**So, I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

**Daniel did not read something in scripture and then go running to God**

**v. 3**

**It did not sound like Daniel spouted off a prayer and moved on**

**Daniel was not asking for God to heal an illness**

**Daniel was not involved in a ritualistic act**



To get where Daniel was in prayer took

**TIME**  
**ENERGY**  
**COMMITMENT**

Did you see the words that went  
with this praying lifestyle?



# **A PRAYERFUL APPROACH**

**Pleading: the action of making an emotional or earnest appeal to someone**

**Petitioning: make or present a formal request to an authority with respect to a particular cause**

**Fasting (Submission): abstinence from food or drink or both for health, ritualistic, religious, or ethical purposes. The abstention may be complete or partial, lengthy, of short duration, or intermittent.**

**Mourning (Sackcloth and Ashes): The act of sorrowing**



# PERSONAL REPENTANCE

**We** and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because **we** have sinned against you. The Lord **our** God is merciful and forgiving, even though **we** have rebelled against him; **we** have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave **us** through his servants the prophets. **All Israel** has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

v. 8-10

He acknowledges their obstinance (v. 13)



# A PRAYERFUL START

I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

v. 4-6



# THE RESPONSE

While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed.

*v. 21*





# THE RESPONSE

I have now come to give you, insight and understanding

It was a nice intro but, in the verses, following basically God said sorry Daniel, **NO!** you are not going home

Daniel, the mighty prayer warrior, but that did not mean God gave him everything he asked for

A praying lifestyle is not a wish machine, its insight and understanding

We are not diving into them, but the answer Daniel got was there a bigger plan at work here, be patient



# THE RESPONSE

It also meant Daniel  
“Stay the Course”  
the job is not done yet

# SATISFIED!





Is THIS  
Our Place  
To Take a  
**STAND?**

**Is THIS how  
We Will STAND?**

