

Major Event: RESTORATION

Lesson 1: Prophecy

Scriptures: Jer. 25:11-12, 2 Chr. 36:20-23, Dan. 9:2-3, 16-19, 24-25

- Jeremiah 25:11-12 – Prophecy that Judah would be exiled for 70 years until the fall of Babylon
- 2 Chronicles 36:20-23 – Account of Judah being exiled to Babylon for 70 years until Cyrus, king of Persia, conquered Babylon
- Daniel 9:2-3 – Daniel understood from Jeremiah that Judah would be in desolation for 70 years (from Jer. 25), so he prayed to God for restoration of the Jews to Judah
- Daniel 9:16-19 – Daniel's prayer that the Jews would be returned to a rebuilt Jerusalem with no more opposition sent from God because of their disobedient sins
- Daniel 9:24-25 – Gabriel told Daniel the prophecy: there would be a difficult restoration now in Jerusalem, but after a time, the Anointed One (Messiah - Jesus Christ) would come with complete restoration (verse 24) from the Jews' sins

Central Text: Daniel 9:24-25 (NIV)

24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish

Transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting Righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. The exiled Jews who were obedient to God wanted restoration to be like it was before: worshiping God in a rebuilt Jerusalem with blessing (Dan. 9:16-19).
2. The Word of God came through Gabriel that the Jews would be returned to a rebuilt Jerusalem, but times of trouble would continue. (The restoration that the exiled Jews wanted was not the complete restoration planned by God.)
3. Gabriel explained God's complete restoration from the Jews' disobedience to God: an end of sin, atonement for wickedness. This would happen almost 500 years after Jerusalem was rebuilt when Jesus Christ would come to die (as The sacrifice). The realization of "Everlasting righteousness", and a true restoration of the "Most Holy Place" await the future millennial kingdom of Christ.

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God God ALWAYS keeps His word – He will not only protect a Jewish remnant, but He will provide for the complete restoration from the penalty of sin by sending Jesus Christ to die for the sins of mankind
- 2: Of Man Prayer to God for what He has promised

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Jer. 25, Dan. 9, Ezra, Nehemiah