

# Inspired:

*Life-changing truth in  
the Story of Daniel*



*Today's Topic: Inspired by God's Sovereignty*

*Daniel 9:17-24*

*Sunday, January 30, 2022*

## 1. Reasons to \_\_\_\_\_

*"Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our \_\_\_\_\_ to you."*

*Daniel 9:4 (NIV, 2011)*

## 2. Reasons to \_\_\_\_\_

*"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your \_\_\_\_\_."*

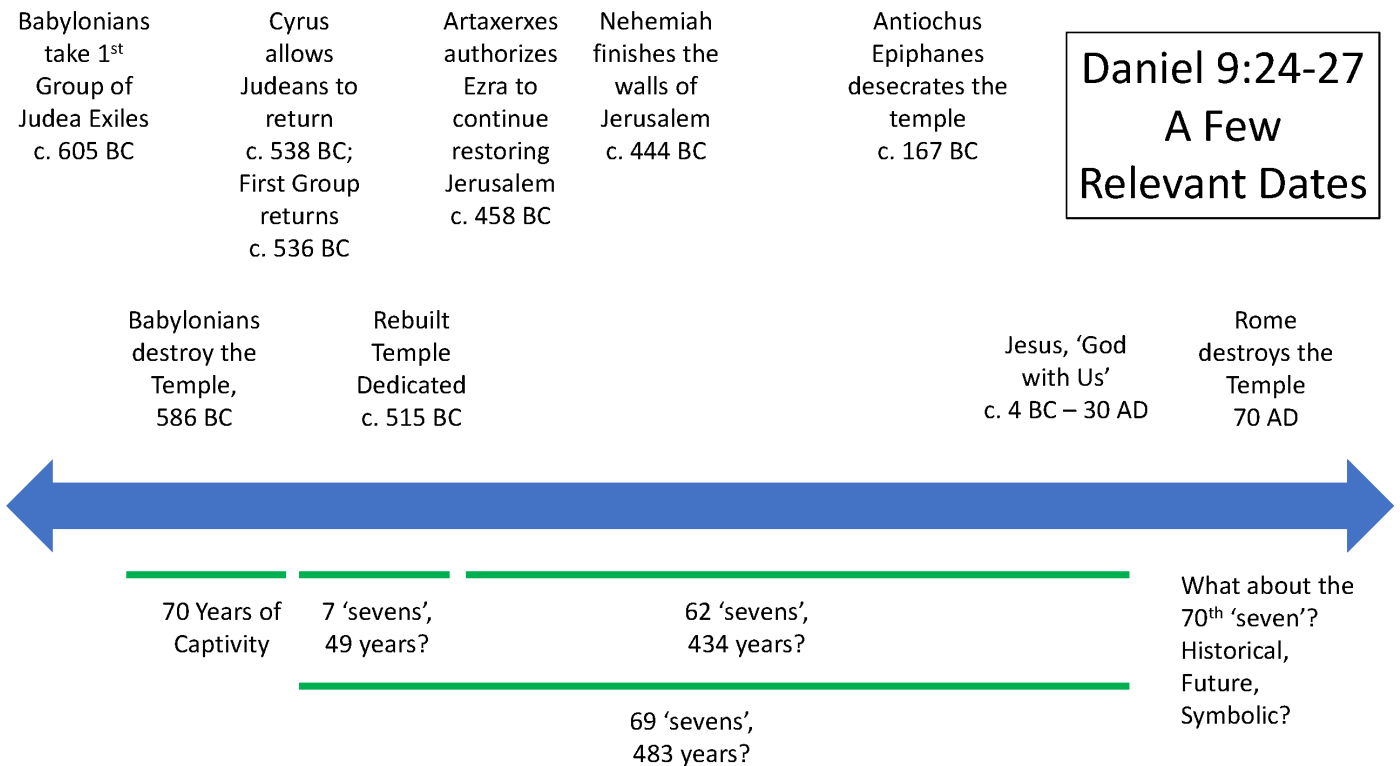
*Daniel 9:17-18 (NIV, 2011)*

## 3. Reasons to \_\_\_\_\_

*"This is what the LORD says: 'When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good \_\_\_\_\_ to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"* Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV, 2011)

*"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your \_\_\_\_\_ 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."*

*Daniel 7:13-14 (NIV, 2011)*



## The Point:

*Next Steps: When things get out of control this week, rest in God's sovereignty.*

## Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time when you were skeptical about something that you eventually realized was true. For example, when I was younger, I thought you could eat pizza every day and stay thin. Eventually I discovered this was not true!
2. Read Daniel 9:1-3 and Jeremiah 29:10-11. What inspired Daniel to offer his prayer?
3. Read Daniel 9:4-19. Why does Daniel spend so much of his prayer confessing the sin of his people? Why does Daniel include himself among the people who must confess, even though he seems to have done nothing wrong?
4. Read Daniel 9:20-27. What six things must be accomplished before the end comes? (Hint, look at verse 24.) Have all six things been accomplished yet? Why or why not?
5. Regardless of whether the "seventy 'sevens'" are literal or figurative, why would God reveal additional struggles ahead, just as the people's 70 years of captivity were coming to a close?
6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?