

What In the World Is God Doing?

Daniel 9:24-27

God Has a Plan

(Daniel 9:2-3, 24-27; Romans 11:25-27; Matthew 28:18-20)

God's plan is reported to a person

God's plan revolves around His people

God's plan reveals a specific future

The *Fulfilled* Parts of God's Plan Guarantee the *Yet-to-Be-Fulfilled* Parts

(Daniel 9:27)

Daniel's Seventy "Sevens"

March 5, 44 B.C. Nisan 1 of Artaxerxes' 20th Year Nehemiah 2:1-8	March 30, A.D. 33 Triumphal Entry on Nisan 10 A.D. 33 Luke 19:28-40	
69 "Sevens"	Messiah Cut Off April 3, A.D. 33 (Church Age)	70th "Seven"
69 X 7 X 360 = 173,880 days March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 days = March 30, A.D. 33		1/2 "Seven" 1/2 "Seven"

Verification for 173,880 Days

444 B.C. to A.D. 33 = 475 years
475 years X 365.24219879 days = 173,855 days
days between March 5 and March 30 + 25 days
TOTAL 173,880 days

Rationale for 360-Day Years

1/2 "seven" (Daniel 9:27)
"time, times, and half a time" (Daniel 7:25; 12:7; Revelation 12:14)
1,260 days (Revelation 11:3; 12:6)
42 months (Revelation 11:2; 13:5)
Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days = "time, times, and half a time" = 1/2 "seven"
Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS--JULY 27- AUGUST 3

Follow-throughs

Monday 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

1) Can you think of a time when you thought you missed an important deadline? How did you feel? 2) What "deadline" do you think the young Thessalonian believers thought they missed? 3) Something in God's timetable has to happen before that "deadline." What is it? 4) How does this passage encourage you today?

Tuesday 2 Peter 1:16-21

1) Who is someone you know who always keeps his/her word? What does that do for you? 2) How exciting do you think it was for Peter to experience what he records in vv. 16-18? (See Mark 9:2-13) 3) In vv. 19-21, why do you think prophecy needs to be accurately fulfilled? 4) How has God's Word been fulfilled in your life?

Wednesday Daniel 9:1-3

1) Can you think of a time when you acted on a clue and you were right? 2) What "clue" is Daniel acting on in this passage? 3) What action does this "clue" cause him to take? 4) What is some action God's Word is moving you to take today?

Thursday Daniel 9:24-27

1) Why do you find the picture on the box important when doing a jigsaw puzzle? 2) From our standpoint in history, the events of vv. 25-26 have been fulfilled literally. What does this tell you about the events of v. 27? 3) How do you see the gospel message in this passage? 4) What does this passage say to you about the One who holds the future?

Friday Acts 1:1-10

1) Think of a time you were so excited about something in the future that you found it hard to concentrate on what you needed to be doing in the present. 2) What future thing are these disciples excited about? 3) How does Jesus refocus them on their present responsibilities? 4) How does their responsibility affect what you do today?

Warm-ups

Saturday Revelation 19:6-9

a) What is it you like most about weddings? b) Carefully observe this passage: Who do you think is the Lamb? Who is the bride? c) When do you think this "wedding" will occur? (Extra credit: When do you think the "wedding supper" will occur?) d) What opportunity will you have today to add to the "fine linen" the bride will wear?

Sunday Matthew 25:1-13

a) Are you usually early, late, or right on time? b) This parable is based on Jewish wedding customs of Jesus' day. Who are you most like in this parable? c) What two key points do you think Jesus wanted His listeners to know about His future return? d) What is one thing you can do today to prepare yourself for "the Bridegroom"?