

**1. Daniel's Bible study and prayer**

- a) Daniel 9:1 What is the setting for Daniel 9?
- b) Daniel 9:2-3 What revelation had been given to the prophet Jeremiah that was carefully studied by his contemporary Daniel? (Jeremiah 25:11-12, 29:10)
- c) Why is prayer important when seeking to understand the Word of God and discern His will?

**2. Daniel—a man of prayer**

- a) Share examples of Daniel as a man of prayer.
- b) Daniel 9:3 What is the significance of praying with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes?
- c) Daniel 9:4, 5-14, 15-19 What impresses you the most as you listen to Daniel's prayer?
- d) Daniel 9:9 Why is it important to focus on the goodness and mercy of God when we pray, rather than simply focus on our sins, failures, or needs?
- e) Daniel's prayer is saturated with the language of the Scriptures. What can we learn from Daniel's example?

**3. Prayers of Intercession**

- a) Daniel 9:5,6,16-19 Why does Daniel ask for forgiveness for sins he has not committed?
- b) Share some other powerful intercessory prayers recorded in the Scriptures.
  - i) Numbers 14:17-19
  - ii) Luke 23:34

- c) How is it possible to offer intercessory prayers with joy in our hearts even before we know the outcome of our prayers? Philippians 1:3-6

**4. Prayers heard and revelation given**

- a) Daniel 9:20-23 What encouragement do you find in Daniel's testimony?
- b) What vision was the prophet Daniel seeking to understand? Daniel 8:14,27

**5. The key to unlock the 2300-days prophecy**

- a) Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined ("cut off") for your people. Cut off from what?
- b) Daniel 9:25 Starting point: A decree with timing and details recorded in Ezra 4:8-9, 11-26 (457 BC)
- c) What happened after 7+62 weeks (483 years) in AD 27? Daniel 9:25-26
- d) What happened in the midst of the 70th week in AD 31? Daniel 9:27
- e) What happened at the end of the 70 weeks (490 years after 457 BC) in AD 34?
- f) 2300 years after the starting point of 457 BC, takes us to 1844 AD, the cleansing of the heavenly Sanctuary, the antitypical Day of Atonement.
- g) Why is this prophecy so important for us today?

