

**“Daniel Prays For His People
Part 1 - Confession”
Daniel 9: 1-14**

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Why 70 years of captivity?

*The nation fell into
persistent idol worship*

God says enough when a nation who had the blessing of God (was protected by God and provided for by God) are corrupted and turn from God

The final straw is when the
government is corrupt (*king*)

The religious leaders are corrupt
(*prophets and priests*)

The people are corrupt

[Ezekiel 22: 23-31](#)

Verse 1 - 3

**Daniel realizes the 70 years
are ending**

How does Daniel know the 70 years are up?

He reads a letter written by Jeremiah, from Jerusalem, to encourage those in captivity

Jeremiah 29: 1-14

**The remedy for cultural
indoctrination is to study God's
Word, *and you will know the truth!***

Jeremiah says:

**Settle in, don't listen to the
false prophets - this too shall
end**

***SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD WORD
FOR US TODAY!!!***

Let's review:

God says Jerusalem will fall;
A summary statement is found in
2 Chronicles 36: 15-16

How are the true messengers of
God treated?

*They are mocked, despised,
and scoffed at*

Jesus told us what to expect -
John 15: 18-19

Can you sense this today?

Knowing this, what does Daniel
do?

HE PRAYS!!

Verse 4 - 14

Daniel's prayer

Part 1 - *Confession*

Confession = agree with God, I have sinned; no excuses, no cover up, no blaming others

Sin = missing the mark; being off target; falling short of God's standard; breaking God's law

Iniquity = to be bent over, crooked

No human can meet God's standards of perfection - *we need a SAVIOR!!*

The reason God sent His only begotten Son was to *save us* - *John 3: 16*

Israel's main sin was idolatry -
God hates idolatry!

What is idolatry?

Allow A.W. Tozer to help us:

“One substitutes the true God for one made after his own likeness. Always this god will conform to the image of the one who created it.”

An idol is *anything* that you place above God - *good or bad*

**Verse 7-8: Daniel talks about the
people's shame; shame of face,
downcast face**

Verse 10-12

*“We have not obeyed the voice
of the LORD”*

The curse Moses wrote about will
be on us

People, then and now, choose
blessings or curses, based on
obedience to God - Leviticus 26

God is merciful >

God is gracious >

God is longsuffering

God's heart is expressed in

Lamentations 3: 22-41 (selected verses)

Verse 13-14:

**The state of the nation of Israel
and most humanity -**

AN UNREPENTANT HEART!!

God's cry is to repent and turn to God!

“ we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn (repent) from our iniquities (crooked walk) and understand Your truth” verse 13b

CONCLUSION:

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You may ask:

**Why pray if God, who is sovereign,
already knows what He will do in
any situation?**

**The answer is simple:
*God tells us to pray!***

**Matthew 7: 7-8 - Jesus tells us to
*ASK - SEEK - KNOCK!!***

To keep on asking, to keep on seeking and to keep on knocking!! *Keep on praying!*

IMPORTANT:

Somehow, God uses our prayers in fulfilling His will;
our prayers matter to Him!

He wants us to engage Him, talk to Him, believe Him, and trust Him!

**God is relational and truly desires a relationship with you;
so talk to Him - *He cares for you!!***

Did Israel pray?

NO!! - Through all the mess,
they did not pray

Why do people not pray?

Why do people not repent when
warned?

What is wrong with us?

*Could it reflect the condition of our
hearts?*

The principle is that one is unlikely to give attention to God's truth, or prayer, if there is no sincere turning from one's iniquity, from one's sin ***in REPENTANCE!***

REPENT AND PRAY!

This is our lesson: ***Keep praying!***

It starts with confession - ***"I have sinned!"***

The prayer that God hears comes from a confessed, repentant, contrite, humbled heart

This moves the heart of God!

In life, through the good, the bad, and the ugly, pray and keep on praying!

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER!

SO PRAY!!