

# Studies in Daniel: Lesson Nine

Daniel 9:1-17

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## Wait Upon the Lord

Throughout Scripture we are encouraged to wait upon the Lord. What does it mean to wait upon Him? For what are we to wait? In Chapter 9 we find Daniel waiting upon the Lord and in his testimony there is rich insight in what it means to Wait upon God. Some of the various passages are listed below and we are encouraged to wait upon God? What does Daniel teach us about this?

14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD. *(Psa 27:14-1 NAU)* 7 Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. 8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; it leads only to evil doing. 9 For evildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land. *(Psa 37:7-9 NAU)* 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait, And in His word do I hope. 6 My soul waits for the Lord More than the watchmen for the morning; Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning. *(Psa 130:5-6 NAU)* 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. *(Isa 40:31 NAU)* 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. 26 It is good that he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD. *(Lam 3:24-26 NAU)* 7 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. 8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me. *(Mic 7:7-8 NAU)*

### I. Background of Chapter Nine

- A. Darius the Mede, also known as Cyrus, in his first year (537 BC)
- B. Cyrus took Babylon one year before he permitted the Jews to return to Jerusalem from the exile
- C. Sixty-nine years after Daniel had been carried to exile in 606 BC

### II. Daniel Is Reading Jeremiah

- A. Sixty-nine years has passed since the exile and it is about time for the Jews to return
- B. Jeremiah 29:10—31:38 (30:18) Jeremiah prophesies the 70 years of captivity
- C. Daniel trusts in the Word of the Lord and derives His promises from Scripture

### III. God Has Made Promises to Abraham's Offspring

- A. God is a covenant keeping God Who cannot lie and Who keeps His Word
- B. Lev. 26:39-42; Deut. 30:1-5; Nehemiah 9:1-38—a few of the promises of God which Daniel would have known
- C. Daniel bases his hope upon the promises of the Lord and His faithfulness

### IV. Daniel Confesses His Sin and the Sins of His People

- A. Daniel prepares himself for prayer and supplications with sackcloth and ashes
- B. He first praises and honors God for His nature: lovingkindness, great and awesome, covenant keeping
- C. He then repents for himself and his people (vv.4-15) [Deut 30:1-5]
- D. He implores God to keep His Word and to restore His honor in Jerusalem
- E. Daniel now asks God to hear his prayer and answer his petition (supplication) (v. 17)