

sermon notes

Sept 23, 2026 | Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Every Knee Shall Bow**
“Seventy Sevens and Two Princes” | **Daniel 9:20–27**

- 1) God _____ Daniel’s prayer
(9:20–23)

- 2) God _____ the Messiah Prince to come
(9:24–25)

- 3) God _____ the rise and the fall of the pretender prince
(9:26–27)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Daniel 9:20–27. How does this passage relate to Daniel 9:1–19? Who is Gabriel, and why does he come to Daniel after his prayer? Was Daniel’s prayer answered? Does Gabriel come to tell Daniel that his prayers have been answered?

Who is the first prince mentioned in verse 25? Why is he called “the anointed one”? What does Gabriel reveal to Daniel about this prince? How and why is he “cut off” (9:26)?

Who is the second prince mentioned in verse 26? How do we know that this prince is different from the previous prince? Look up the following passages that speak of this “pretender prince” and make some observations about him (see Dan 7:8; 7:20–25; 8:23–25; 9:27; 11:36–45; Matt 24:15; John 5:43; 2 Thess 2:3–10; 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; 2 John 7; Rev 11:7; 13:1–8, 11–18; 17:8–14; 19:20; 20:10). In the book of Revelation, what’s the relationship between the antichrist and Satan? What is their ultimate destiny?

GET PERSONAL

Why is Daniel referred to as “greatly loved” in verse 23? What does this say about Daniel’s character? Was Daniel sinless? What does this statement say about Daniel’s faithfulness to the Lord? How has that faithfulness been displayed throughout the book of Daniel?

What does this passage teach us about prayer? Does God always answer our prayers? What does this passage teach us about God’s sovereignty over our world? What does it teach us about evil in our world? What does it teach us about God’s plan of redemption?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Review the sermons and manuscripts on Daniel 9:1–19 and Daniel 9:20–27. Work through the dates and timing of Jeremiah’s prophecy and its fulfillment in Ezra 1:1–4. When did these events occur? In what year did Daniel pray the prayer recorded in Daniel 9? How do the dates work for the prophecy in Daniel 9:24–27? When does the clock start for the sixty-nine weeks (see Neh 2:1–8)? When does the clock end? What about the seventieth week? Where is the math still hazy for you? Where is the prophecy still hazy? Why did God give this prophecy to Daniel in such a cryptic way? Pray through these issues and ask God for understanding.

ADVANCED QUESTION

For more on eschatology (the study of the end times), see Pastor Tony’s eight-part series “Final Things”: <https://www.messiahbible.org/final-things-a-comprehensive-study-of-end-times-events>. Concerning Daniel 9, see especially Lesson 6 on the Rapture and Lesson 7 on the Tribulation.