

# DISCERNING DANIEL

## What Has Seven to do with 9/11?

Text: Daniel 9; Lev. 26:14-35, Ezk. 4:3-6; 38; 39

**INTRODUCTION: America remembers 9/11, but does America understand?**

We all remember where we were when we first heard the news.

We remember the shock, the dismay, the anger, the grief.

Most of us in this room can say with our fellow Americans, “We will never forget.”

But can we say, “We understand.”

The last two lessons we have focused on the revelation in God’s Word that **God set a \_\_\_\_\_ for the history of the world to culminate in a final \_\_\_\_\_ - year period of tribulation and trial upon the world and then the return of the Lord Jesus to establish His Kingdom upon the earth.**

We saw last week that Jesus told us how to know when we were getting close to the final seven years. He said in essence, watch what happens to \_\_\_\_\_. **When God causes Israel to be born as a nation**, when God starts re-gathering the Jews to their homeland from where they have been scattered over the centuries around the globe, **know that the \_\_\_\_\_ seven years of God’s timetable is about to begin.**

### **I. THE NEW BEGINNING FOR ISRAEL ON MAY 15, 1948, REALLY IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS GAVE US THAT THE FINAL SEVEN YEARS WAS NEAR.**

Speaking of the final seven years to come in God’s timetable revealed in Daniel 9, and of His return following the Tribulation, Jesus said,

Matthew 24:32–33 32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

**We saw that whenever the fig tree is used figuratively in the Bible, it always refers to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. We saw that the return of the remnant after the Babylonian Captivity was \_\_\_\_\_ the new beginning of Israel Jesus was talking about.**

**B. Some may ask, how do we know that the May 15, 1948 rebirth of Israel is the right one. Let me show you.**

**C. God showed Ezekiel the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rebirth of Israel!**

Ezekiel 4:4-6 ... I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6 And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year.

In essence, **God told Ezekiel that Israel would have to endure \_\_\_\_\_ years of chastening for the sins of the northern kingdom and another \_\_\_\_\_ years for the sins of the southern kingdom.**

**This is a total of \_\_\_\_\_ years.** So what happened 430 years after the Babylonians attacked Jerusalem and took Daniel and company captive? Well, as far as we can tell, nothing! But that is because of what God said in

Leviticus 26:14-35 14 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, 15 and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, *but* break My covenant, 16 I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. 17 I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. 18 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, **then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.** ... 21 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you **seven times** more plagues, according to your sins. ... 23 'And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me, 24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet **seven times** for your sins. ... 27 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, 28 then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will **chastise you seven times** for your sins. ... 33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you...

Do the math:

<b>Chastisement for Israel Decreed</b>	<b>430 years</b>
<b>Babylonian _____</b>	<b><u>-70</u></b>
<b>Chastisement remaining</b>	<b>360 years</b>
<b>Most Jews refuse to _____.</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Therefore God multiplies the chastisement by seven.</b>	<b><u>x 7</u></b>
<b>_____ time of chastisement of Israel</b>	<b>2,520 years</b>
<b>Each biblical year is _____ days.</b>	<b><u>x 360</u></b>
	<b>907,200 days</b>
<b>Our calendar years are 365.25 days per year.</b>	<b>907,200 days ÷ 365.25</b>
<b>Number of calendar years remaining after return of _____</b>	<b>2,483 years, 284 days</b>
<b>Date of Return of the Remnant</b>	<b>_____ B.C.</b>
<b>Add 2,483 years, 284 days</b>	<b>+2,483 years, 284 days</b>
<b>Date chastisement ends</b>	<b>May _____, 1948</b>
<b>The day Israel was _____.</b>	

The supernatural reestablishment of Israel as a \_\_\_\_\_ is the sign Jesus described when He said, “When you see it, the final seven years is near.” That is the first thing we have to know if you are going to understand how the final seven relates to 9/11. The second thing that we have to understand is that

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ IS COMING.

Not just any war, but

**A. The war of Gog and Magog described in Ezekiel 38 & 39.**

**B. Israel will be attacked by a coalition of**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (modern day Persia)

**Ethiopia**

**Libya**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Lebanon, Jordan**

**Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, and other \_\_\_\_\_ nations**

Look at that list. What has happened to the relationship between the United States and most of the nations that make up this coalition God describes that is going to attack Israel both before and since the terrorist attacks of 9/11?

\_\_\_\_\_  
**And why do these nations hate us so badly? Because we are \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel!**

**C. 9/11 was the result of the progressing of these wicked \_\_\_\_\_ against Israel, carried out against Israel’s more \_\_\_\_\_ ally, the United States.**

**D. So, what should we learn? What insight do we gain from this understanding?**

**1. Some would say, “We better not be such a good \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel.”**

- a. They better read to the end of chapter 39.
- b. God is going to intervene on Israel’s behalf and wins the war.

Ezk. 39:6-8 6 “And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD. 7 So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not *let them* profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that *I am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Surely it is coming, and it shall be done,” says the Lord GOD. “This *is* the day of which I have spoken.

God’s promise to Abraham is still good.

Gen. 12:3a I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;

**2. We must understand and \_\_\_\_\_ to the time in which we live.**

Marvin Rosenthal says of this day,

The second decade of the twenty-first century may well be the most momentous period of time in the annals of human history. Humanity and nations are in convulsion. The planet Earth, like a great skein of yarn, is unraveling. Sin, transgression, wickedness, and rebellion are the marching orders of the day.

- Russia, which was dismantled in the late 1980s and early 1990s, is again rising to power.
- Europe is in chaos and becoming more and more materialistic and godless.
- Israel and the Middle East remain a powder keg, ready to explode.
- China is growing more powerful, influential, and aggressive.
- Many third-world nations continue in poverty and revolution.
- Radical Islam is wreaking havoc around the globe and has breached the borders of the United States.
- America, once the “Land of the free and home of the brave,” has become like a basket of overripe summer fruit (rotten, smelling, and ready for divine judgment).

All the while, the vast majority of Christendom called to be a mighty army for God sits under a shade tree with trinkets, cutting out paper dolls. In the doing, participation in the “good Christian life” is boastfully proclaimed.

**Everything in our world is moving rapidly toward God’s appointed outcome.**

**The \_\_\_\_\_ seven years of tribulation are near their beginning.**

These challenging yet exciting days offer us unprecedented \_\_\_\_\_ to be intentional in our lives in being a witness of the Lord Jesus wherever we are.

**We have the opportunity, \_\_\_\_\_ than any who have lived before us, to travel anywhere on the globe and take the gospel to people who have not heard or who have not believed.**

- People in St. Andrew Baptist Church have the opportunity daily to minister to the lost and those gone astray by meeting basic human needs at the Center of \_\_\_\_\_ and sharing the gospel with people, young and old.
- People from our church can take vacation and go into the African bush and help lead \_\_\_\_\_ tribes to Christ.

- People from SABC can take an eight hour flight and go to a city in Brazil that has never been exposed to the \_\_\_\_\_ and win hundreds to Jesus and start churches.
- Parents and grandparents can take their children with them on \_\_\_\_\_ and the whole family can lead other families into eternal life for less than it costs to go to Disney World.

What we should understand from 9/11 and the prophecy of Daniel is that the time of opportunity is \_\_\_\_\_ and is quickly passing away.

**And if you say, “I’ll go \_\_\_\_\_,” you may not get to go at all.**

**If you say, “I’ll get things right with God later,” you may \_\_\_\_\_ get right at all.**

**If you say, “I’ll get saved later,” you may never be saved at \_\_\_\_\_.**