

# Monologue

It was the year 538 B.C. I, Daniel, had been studying the Book of Jeremiah. As I studied, I saw that the Babylonian captivity was supposed to last 70 years. Since we had been brought here in 605 B.C., that meant that our exile was nearly over. I decided it was time to begin praying for God to restore us to our homeland.

As I was praying, the angel Gabriel came to me in a vision. He said that as soon as I began to pray an answer was given. Here's what Gabriel told me.

He said that seventy "sevens" were coming.

First, he said, there would be seven "sevens." Maybe that is how long it will take us to restore Jerusalem.

Then, he said, there would be sixty-two "sevens." Then the Anointed One, the Messiah, would be cut off and have nothing.

During the final "seven," the ruler will make a covenant with our people, but he will end our sacrifices and offerings in the middle of that seven-year period. He will also set up an abomination in the temple that will bring about desolation.

What could all of this mean? What does the future hold? Maybe you can help me understand what Gabriel said to me.

## Wrapping It Up

- According to Daniel's visions, suffering is ahead for God's people, but we can be comforted by the assurance that victory will come.
- Call on two or three to lead the class in prayer.



### Faith at Home

Acknowledge that many people see the end of the world as a bad thing, a frightening event to be feared. Ask your family why the end of the world is a good thing to be anticipated.

# Teacher's Toolbox

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and God's Word into your class*

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**Faith at Home** – A specific application of today's Bible passage to family life, to be used for individual reflection, family discussion, or class activity.



## Getting Started

### Question

- **What are some indications that people want to know the future?**  
Wait for responses, which may include the popularity of fortune tellers, palm readers, astrology columns, 1-900 psychic phone numbers, fortune-telling websites, etc.
- **God gave Daniel some information about the future in visions. Some related to the near future, and some to the more distant future, perhaps the time in which we are now living. Some of the prophecies are difficult to understand. Daniel said so himself. But they point to suffering and victory for God's people.**

## Exploring God's Word

### Monologue

- In advance, enlist someone to present the monologue on page 4.
- After the monologue, have members find Daniel 9.

### Choral reading

- Give each person a copy of the following (duplicate Item 1). Assign members to be Reader 1, Reader 2, and Reader 3. Designate half the class as Group 1 and the other half as Group 2. Point out the lines to be read by All. Have Reader 1 begin the reading.

#### Choral Reading

**READER 1** Seventy "sevens" are decreed for your people and your holy city

**READER 2** To finish transgression,

**READER 3** To put an end to sin,

**READER 2** To atone for wickedness,

**READER 3** To bring in everlasting righteousness,

**READER 2** To seal up vision and prophecy

**READER 3** And to anoint the most holy.

**GROUP 1** Know and understand this:

**READER 1** From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven "sevens," and sixty-two "sevens."

**READER 2** It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

**READER 3** After the sixty-two "sevens," the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.

**READER 1** The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.

**GROUP 2** The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

**READER 2** He will confirm a covenant with many for one "seven."

**READER 3** In the middle of the "seven," he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.

**ALL** And on a wing of the temple, he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

**READER 1** At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.

But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

**READER 2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

**READER 1** Some to everlasting life,

**READER 3** Others to shame and everlasting contempt.

**GROUP 1** Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens,

**GROUP 2** And those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

**ALL** But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of

the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.

### Work sheet

- Give each person a pencil and a copy of the following work sheet (duplicate Item 2). Have members work in pairs to complete the sheet.

#### Work Sheet

*Daniel 9:24-27.*

1. What six things would happen during the seventy "sevens"?

A. (finish transgression)

B. (put an end to sin)

C. (atone for wickedness)

D. (bring in everlasting righteousness)

E. (seal up vision and prophecy)

F. (anoint the most holy)

2. What periods would come between the decree to restore Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah? (seven "sevens" and sixty-two "sevens.")

3. What else would happen before the seventieth "seven"?

A. (the Anointed One, or Messiah, would be cut off)

B. (the people of the ruler would destroy the city and the sanctuary)

C. (the end would come like a flood)

D. (war would continue)

4. What events would take place during the final "seven"?

A. (he will confirm a covenant with the many)

B. (he will put an end to sacrifice and offering)

C. (he will set up an abomination that

causes desolation)

D. (the end that is decreed will be poured out on him)

*Daniel 12:1-4.*

5. How is the angel Michael described? (the great prince who protects your people)

6. The total deliverance of Daniel's people would come in a time of great (distress).

7. Daniel 12:2 is the Bible's first clear reference to a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. It also contains the only Old Testament use of the term "everlasting life." What does the verse say will happen to those who awake from death?

● Some will rise to (everlasting life)

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8. What two types of people will shine with brightness? A. (those who are wise)

B. (those who lead many to righteousness)

9. For how long was Daniel to seal the prophecy? (until the time of the end)

10. What would be one indication of the end times? (many will go here and there to increase knowledge)

## Making It Personal

### Group discussion

- Have members discuss how suffering can bring a greater victory. Some may be able to share from their own experiences.

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