

DANIEL, VOLUME 2: GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

THE BACKBONE OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

DANIEL 9:2–27



The Heart of the Matter

People often make the mistake of not only judging books by their covers but also by their length—believing that longer is more difficult and shorter is easier. Many times it is the reverse. This is especially true of the last four verses in Daniel 9. They are not difficult to read but pose a challenge to understand. Daniel had Gabriel to help him. We'll rely on the Holy Spirit and the rest of God's Word, not only to help us understand this prophecy of the seventy weeks but also to help us apply some principles to our lives.



Discovering the Way

1. Background and Introduction (Daniel 9:1–23)

Daniel was in concentrated prayer (9:1–19) when Gabriel came to help him understand the vision of the seventy weeks (9:20–23).

2. Vision and Prophecy (Daniel 9:24–27)

The prophecy of the seventy weeks is difficult but can be understood if we look at three general facts and then explore four specific facts.



Starting Your Journey

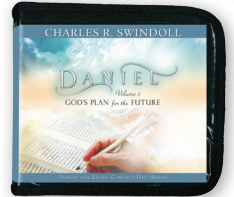
Two principles arise out of this study. First, God deals in specifics—He's a God of detail. Therefore, when we pray we should pray for specifics. Second, God keeps His promises—He's a God of integrity. Thus, we should claim the promises of God in faith.



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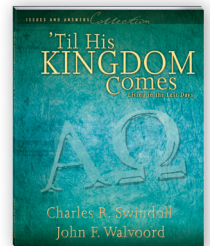
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