

## DANIEL 9:20-27

1. What was a new thing you learned through these verses? What is a question or two that they raised?
2. We mentioned on Sunday the six blessings listed in verse 25 that God's plan will bring to us. Which one means the most to you?
3. Israel means "he fights with God." Is Israel worse than any other of the world's people groups at doing this? Why do you think God gave them this name?
4. This prophecy predicts much trouble for Israel. Historically Christians have allowed this and even participated in it. Why do you think this mistake on our part came about? Are we free of this now?
5. We have seen over and over in Daniel the fact that God is sovereign over earth's rulers. How will this affect you in November once you know the outcome of our election?

## **MORE ON THE “PRINCE WHO IS TO COME”**

Daniel has learned from God about a prince who would come and rule the earth. He would seek to bring great harm to God’s people (see Daniel 8:9-27). Daniel was deeply disturbed and “rattled” by this prospect.

Many rulers have sought to do this since Daniel wrote what he did. But the writers of the New Testament were inspired by the Spirit to tell us that this ruler is still to come. They remind us of things Daniel said about this prince. They also speak in more detail about him. Their words show us that his time is still in the future, though it is certain that at various times Satan has tried to set up this kingdom. His desire is always thwarted by God unless God’s plan intends for it to come about for a season.

There are two passages you should read about this ruler. One is written by Paul. You can find it in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. Read that chapter. John wrote another chapter on this ruler and another personality that would work with this ruler to influence the world and convince them that he is divine. You’ll find it in Revelation chapter 13. It is important to know as much about this coming leader as you can. His deceptive power will be stronger than has been seen to date. You want to be ready to see through his schemes if you’re alive. Learning his schemes will help you see through schemes that Satan routinely uses in your life to steal from you things God has for you. We want you to win that battle!