

# Promises Made, Promises Kept

Chapter 9a, Daniel 9:1-19

Discovering Daniel, by Amir Tsarfati

1. The Author writes, “Sometimes promises fail simply because we make dumb mistakes. We forget things. We misplace stuff. Or we come up with lame excuses because we just don't want to follow through with our commitment.” Daniel takes thanks God for being a faithful promise keeper. Then, what does he remind God about?

## Exile Winding Down

2. How old does the author estimate that Daniel is at this point in Chapter 9?
3. What time line for Israel’s captivity is given in the letter that Daniel would have been aware of concerning Jeremiah’s message of hope for those going into captivity in Jeremiah 29:11-13?

## Seventy Years, Then Home

4. Prophetic Interpretation is rarely allegorical. The author insists on a literal approach to understanding scripture, but for one exception. What is it?
5. Author writes about prayer, “Claiming one of His promises? Pray a reminder to Him of His words. You don't do this because you're worried that He has forgotten His commitment.” Instead, why do

we pray God's words back to Him?

6. What promise of God did Daniel pray and ask God to fulfill? How did he make his request?

## God's Promises to His People

7. What was the first promise from God that the author notes?
8. What action and consequence did God give to Adam and Even in Genesis 2:16-17?
9. What action and consequence did Moses share with the people in Deuteronomy 28:1-2?
10. Why would Daniel (the good prophet for God) include himself in this prayer for nation?
11. What is "Promise Two" as noted by the author in this chapter?
12. For what reason does the author for the length of time that God chose for the 70-year Babylonian captivity?
13. How did Daniel know the length of time? See Daniel 9:2
14. What is "Promise Three"?

15. What response does the author give for some who would reason, "God needed to discipline Israel. Babylon was kind enough to oblige. And then God punished the Babylonians for doing it? Shouldn't He have thanked them?"
16. What was the reason for God's punishment of the Babylonians according to Jeremiah 25:12-14?

### Reminding God of His Promises

17. Why is Daniel so bold speaking out in the last part of his prayer in Daniel 9:16-19?
18. On page 183, The thought of moving forward without God was horrifying to Moses. He pleaded with God to change His mind, saying, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here" (Exodus 33:15)  
  
"The Lord saw Moses' faith. The prophet's dependence on Him softened His heart toward the people." What amazing recognition does The Lord give to Moses in Exodus 33:17?
19. When did God send the answer to Daniel's prayer?