

## DANIEL CHAPTER 9

### READING: Jeremiah 25:11-12

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### INTRODUCTION:

Moses, the servant of God, warned Israel that their disobedience to God’s law, will result in their dispersion and deportation.

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28** “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.”

Later, God predicted through Jeremiah the prophet, who the conquering nation would be and how long they would live in exile.

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Daniel consulted the scrolls of Jeremiah’s prophecy and understood that the time of their release from Babylonian captivity was at hand and implored God to facilitate their release from captivity and repatriate them to the homeland to rebuild Jerusalem.

Darius, the Mede, acted on the petition and Cyrus the Persian acted on the promise.

### DISCUSSION:

Jerusalem’s reconstruction and repopulation, and again its depopulation and destruction is foretold in verses 24-27. (being at the core of the recording in chapter 9)

This is what caused Daniel so much anguish (to think that the Jewish people would still not have learnt the lesson, that any opposition to God’s ways will always end in disaster **Acts 5:39** “But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice”

### CONCLUSION:

Gabriel was sent to give Daniel understanding in these matters. The fulfillment of God’s promise of release and repatriation of the Jewish people, was not intended for Daniel alone, but for the people of God then, as well as the people of God later on.

**Daniel 2:30** “But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that...”

**1 Corinthians 10:6** “Now these things took place as examples for us, that...”