

# The Messianic Countdown

## Chapter 9b, Daniel 9:20-24

### Discovering Daniel, by Amir Tsarfati

1. What illustration does the author open the chapter with? How big is his leadoff in years? What does the illustration relate to in Daniel 9?

### God's Quick Response to Prayer

2. “Daniel had presented to the Lord a beautiful 16-verse, 4-paragraph prayer of confession and petition. He concluded it with "O Lord, listen and act,” How does the author say God responded?
3. What “Prayer pro tip” is given about the Lord on page 187?
4. Do our prayers need to be convincing with our well-thought-out reasoning before the Lord?
5. What four words does John give us in 1 John 5:14-15 that give us confidence in our prayers before the Lord?
6. “When we are walking in step with the Holy Spirit, He will direct us to pray for things that God has already prepared for us.” “What was it about the situation the prophet was facing that caused God to respond so quickly?”

7. Daniel was "greatly beloved" (Daniel 9:23). Daniel was greatly loved because he was one of God's children. What else caused Daniel to experience the favor of the Lord?
8. What third reason does the author give for the Lord's quick response to Daniel's prayer?

## Seventy Weeks Are Determined

9. Gabriel describes a period of "seventy weeks" but before he gets too far into what will take place in that period of time, he told why it all matters. What is the six-fold purpose statement, each beginning with the word "to" in (verse 24)?
10. "These first [three] statements point to a time when the Messiah will come and put an end to the eternally destructive ramifications of sin." What do the second three statements refer to?

## The Threefold Purpose of Jesus' First Coming

### *Purpose One: To Finish the Transgression*

11. 'Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us'" (Psalm 2:2-3). The author asserts, "Those are words of open rebellion rather than accidental sin." And speaking of today's "progressive Christians" he says, "What used to be considered sin is now acceptable as a personal choice." Where does the author part ways with these overly tolerant Christians?

12. How long did it take for the people to pay for “purposely acting contrary to the statutes of God’s covenant.”

### *Purpose Two: To Make an End of Sins*

13. “How could there ever be an end of sin in Israel? Daniel would have had no idea how to answer that question. But Gabriel made it clear that it would happen within that 70 weeks of years.” How does Paul respond to this in Romans 11:25-27?

### *Purpose Three: To Make Reconciliation for Iniquity*

14. The word the NKJV translates as "reconciliation" in Daniel 9:24, is better understood by what phrase or two words?
15. “the fulfillment of this "end to sin" promise will not come for the Jews until a time that is still future from ours today.” What is that time?

## **The Threefold Purpose of Jesus' Second Coming**

### *Purpose One: To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness.*

16. Is there any “righteousness in God's creation that can be considered everlasting”?
17. “God told Daniel through Gabriel that within the 70-week period, the people of Israel would turn aside from their religiosity and sinful indulgences.” When will this everlasting righteousness be brought into the world, according to Jeremiah 23:5-6?

### *Purpose Two: To Seal Up Vision and Prophecy*

18. When will the need for vision and prophecy end?
19. “Does sealing up vision and prophecy mean that there are no more prophecies that will need fulfillment?”

### *Purpose Three: To Anoint the Most Holy*

20. “While this could be referring to Jesus Himself, the phrase "Most Holy" is not typically used of a person. Most likely, this is referring to the fourth temple.” The author points to the fact that, “in the middle of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist will desecrate the temple.” What does he call this third temple? How long will it last?
21. What is described in Ezekiel 40:4? What temple is this?