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(24) And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power: and he will destroy wonderfully, and will prosper, and practice, and will destroy the mighty and the holy people.

(25) And through his policy also he will cause craft {craftiness; deceit} to prosper in his hand; and he will magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace will destroy many: he will also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.^k

(26) And the vision of the evenings and the mornings which was told *is* true: therefore you shut up the vision; because it *will be* for many days.

(27) And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but no one understood *it*.

Chapter 9

(1) In the first year of Darius {3587 A.H./C-455 B.C.}^a the son of Ahasuerus, of the descent of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

(2) In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, of which the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.^b

(3) And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and requests, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

(4) And I prayed to the LORD {Jehovah} my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments;

(5) We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and from Your judgments:

(6) Neither have we listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your Name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

(7) O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us confusion of faces {minds}, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to those who live in Jerusalem, and to all Israel, *who are* near, and *who are* far off, through all the countries where You have driven them, because of their sin that they have sinned against You.

8:25k – he will exalt himself and stand up against Jesus, but Jesus will destroy him by simply saying: “It is finished” - see Rev. 16:17; Rev. 21:6

9:1a - in the first year of Darius [3587 A.H./C-455 B.C.] - which is the end of Belshazzar's third year of reign and 3 years before Cyrus becomes sole king over Babylon and grants Jews right to return to Jerusalem at the end of the seventy year exile. See note on Dan. 9:25 [Is. 44:28]

[Sometime during the reign of the Persian kings 82 years was added to the “traditional” time period due to errors in secular history – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History]

9:2b Daniel understands that the exile will be over in three years. - Jeremiah's book - Jer. 25:11; Jer. 29:10

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(8) O Lord, to us *belongs* confusion of face {mind}, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

(9) To the Lord our God *belongs* mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him;

(10) Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

(11) Yes, all Israel has sinned against Your law, even by departing, that they might not obey Your voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.

(12) And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: because under the whole heaven *there* has not been done as has been done upon Jerusalem.

(13) As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come upon us: yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, that we might turn from our sins, and understand Your truth.

(14) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has looked upon the evil, and brought it upon us: because the LORD {Jehovah} our God is righteous in all His works which He does: because we did not obey His voice.

(15) And now, O Lord our God, Who has brought Your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and has been made known to all, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

(16) O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I beg of You, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the sins of our forefathers, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a reproach to all *who are* around us.

(17) Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his requests, and cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary {temple} that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

(18) O my God, incline Your ear, and hear; open Your eyes, and see our desolation, and the city which is called by Your Name: because we do not present our requests before You due to our own righteousness, but because of Your great mercies.

(19) O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act; do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God: for Your city and Your people are called by Your Name.

(20) And while I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my request before the LORD {Jehovah} my God for the holy mountain of my God;