

A watercolor illustration of three lions. The lion on the right is roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The other two lions are looking towards the right. The background is a mix of yellow, orange, and red watercolor washes on a grey, textured surface.

THE BOOK OF  
*Daniel*

This May Take a While

Daniel 9:1-27, Jeremiah 9:4-14, Matthew 24:15-30



# Daniel Turns To God's Word



- Jeremiah's prophecy gave Daniel hope that the exile would soon end, and God's people would be restored to their home.
- Daniel was a great man of God, but he recognized that he too was not guiltless.
- Daniel showed a profound understanding of God's righteousness, for God's righteousness does not just punish, it saves.
- Throughout Daniel's prayer, he appeals to the character of God.



# 70 Times 7

The background of the slide features two lions. On the right, a lion is shown in profile, roaring with its mouth wide open, revealing its teeth. On the left, another lion is shown in profile, resting its head down. The background has a textured, painterly appearance with warm tones of yellow, orange, and red.

- The 70 years of Jeremiah's prophecy were literally fulfilled.
- The literal fulfillment fell short of what God wanted to do for his people.
- The people ignored the law of God and became like their pagan neighbors.
- Ezra took a legalistic approach to the law which became the foundation for the legalism of the Pharisees in the time of Jesus.
- Seventy years was not enough for God to accomplish all He wanted to do for His people.



# Prophecy Fulfilled?

- Some see a fulfillment in historical events in the time of the Greek king Antiochus Epiphanes, around 167 B.C.
- The “*covenant with many*” might be Jews who welcomed Greek rule.
- Others do not see the prophecy fulfilled at any point in recorded history.
- Many have developed elaborate schematics, involving a rapture of Christians, a tribulation, and a thousand-year reign of Christ in Jerusalem.
- Jesus interpreted the prophecy symbolically.
- When will the prophecy be fulfilled? In God’s timing!



# Conclusion

- Daniel prayed for the greatest thing he could imagine: rebuilding Jerusalem.
- God had a greater plan.
- We wait for the end of life on earth, and the beginning of the bigger and better things God has for us.
- What should we do while we wait: We should pray.
- Believing God, we should stand with courage and confidence greater than Daniel's.
- In the end, our prayers will be answered, and they will be bigger and better than we can imagine.