

Study Questions
Plans to Prosper?
A Look Into the Future of Israel
May 2, 2010

- 1) Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*
- a. What is the difference between the word translated prosper and the word in the original text?
 - b. What is the meaning of this verse in its original context, as it relates to the Babylonian Exile?
 - c. What is the meaning of this verse as it relates to the future of Israel?
 - d. Does the meaning of this word change based on its context?
- 2) Proverbs 3:1-2, 11-12 ¹*My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;* ²*For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.* ...¹¹*My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof,* ¹²*For whom the LORD loves He reproveth, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.*

- a. What words of wisdom/command are we given in verses 1 and 2?
- b. What is the result of keeping God's commands?
- c. Why should we not reject the discipline of the Lord?
- d. How did we see God dealt with his children in the Old Testament this morning?

- i. Hosea 5:15 *I will go away and return to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.*

3) Daniel 9:24 ²⁴*"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.*

- a. What people and what holy city are we talking about here?
- b. What results will there be at the end of the "seventy sevens?"

4) Daniel 9:25 ²⁵*"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince*

there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

- a. Explain these “sevens/weeks.” How does God view them?
- b. When do the 70 weeks begin?

5) Daniel 9:26-27a ²⁶“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined; ²⁷“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering.”

- a. What happens at the end of 69 weeks?
- b. How do we understand the delay in time?
- c. How does God view these 70 weeks?
- d. What are other names for this week? Can you explain where this week falls in our overall timeline?
- e. What is the firm covenant with the many for one week describing?

- 6) Keys to Understanding the Full Picture-Explain how the following which we examined last week are seen in the future of Israel.
- a. We see God, out of His love, use Nebuchadnezzar and the nation of Babylon to bring about His will.
 - b. We have the people of Israel, living in sin and unrepentant.
 - c. We see the people of Israel living in a land that is not their own until the time has come for them to be brought back out of exile into their inheritance.
 - d. We have the people of Israel, living in sin and unrepentant.
 - e. We see the people of Israel living in a land that is not their own until the time has come for them to be brought back out of exile into their inheritance.
 - f. We have numerous prophets distracting the people from what they should be focused on by proclaiming a message of health and wealth, not a message of repentance and accountability.
 - g. We see those taken into exile, a part of the whole, turn their whole hearts back to God while others were destroyed by the nation of Babylon as they chose to not repent.