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**PRAYERS**

• *OF THE BIBLE* •

**Having spent nearly seven decades in captivity in Babylon, Daniel was ...**

- Concerned for his people**
- Overcome with a deep sense of guilt because of the sins of his people**
- Burdened about the future of his people**

***Daniel's Prayer for  
His People***

**Daniel 9:3-19**

## **The four great beasts of Daniel 7 ...**

- (1) Lion with eagle's wings**
- (2) Bear with three ribs in its mouth**
- (3) Four-headed leopard with four wings on its back**
- (4) A “dreadful and terrible” beast with great iron teeth**

## Jeremiah 25:11-12

**“And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.”**

## **Jeremiah 29:10**

**“For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.”**

- 1. Daniel was devoted to meaningful prayer.**
  - A. Meaningful prayer is prompted by meditation on the Word of God.**
  - B. Meaningful prayer is intentional and purposeful.**

## 2. Daniel prayed on the basis of God's character ...

### A. Expressed in the names of God:

- “the LORD” → *Yahweh* (Jehovah)
- “my God” → *Elohim*
- “O Lord” → *Adonai*

**2. Daniel prayed on the basis of God's character ...**

**A. Expressed in the names of God.**

**B. Expressed in the attributes and perfections of God.**

**C. Expressed in the nature of the prayer.**

- 3. Daniel poured out his heart in honest confession for himself and God's people.**
  - A. He identified specific sins.**
  - B. He acknowledged the just consequences for those sins.**

## Deuteronomy 30:17-19

**“But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”**

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## Hebrews 10:30-31

**“For we know him that hath said, Vengeance  
belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith  
the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his  
people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the  
hands of the living God.”**

## **1 Peter 4:17a**

**“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: ...”**

- 1. Daniel was devoted to meaningful prayer.**
- 2. He prayed on the basis of God's character.**
- 3. He poured out his heart in honest confession for himself and God's people.**
- 4. He asked for God's mercy and pardon.**