

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of May 5-11, 2024

## “GOD’S END-TIME CALENDAR FOR ISRAEL”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What do you do to manage distractions and organize your life?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Daniel 9:20-27.

1. Read Daniel 9:1-3. What was Daniel’s response when he was reading Jeremiah’s prophecy? Why does Daniel pray and fast when he realizes that Jeremiah’s prophecy is about to come to pass?
2. What was Gabriel’s instructions to Daniel about the prophecy? What is your attitude towards Biblical prophecy?
3. What is the meaning of “seventy weeks”? Why do you think is “years” the most logical interpretation and not days, weeks, or months?
4. Gabriel says that seventy weeks has been “decreed” for this prophecy. What does this tell you about the purposes of God? Read Isaiah 14:24-27; 46:9-10; Job 42:1-6. How do these verse encourage you?
5. In Daniel 9:24, one of the accomplishments that God has for Israel is to “atone for iniquity.” How has this been accomplished by Jesus on the cross for those who believe in him?
6. In Daniel 9:25-26, Gabriel prophesies 483 years (69 weeks) for the coming of the Messiah? How do you respond to the precision of this prophecy about the coming of Jesus?

7. Read Luke 19:41-44. Why does Jesus weep during the Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday? How does Jesus’ lamentation over the Jew’s rejection reflect God’s longing for his people?

### NEXT STEPS

- I will trust in God’s prophetic words in Scripture.
- I will not take for granted God’s Word.
- I praise God for his love for me through Jesus.
- I will wait in anticipation upon Jesus’ coming.

*Don’t forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a deeper appreciation of the prophecies of Scriptures and a healthy anticipation of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

May 6 Daniel 9:1-19  
May 7 Daniel 9:20-27  
May 8 2 Peter 3:1-13  
May 9 Luke 2:21-35  
May 10 Luke 1:5-17  
May 11 Psalms 6:1-10  
May 12 Hebrews 9:24-28