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Topic: The Seventy Weeks of Daniel

Scripture text: Dan 9:20-27

1. Rev 6 onwards deal with the events of the end times, especially the period of the Great Tribulation. Dan 9 will help us understand the events of the Great Tribulation. Daniel was in exile but he continued to be faithful to God. He was studying God's Word to understand how the people should react to their circumstances at that time. He knew it had been 69 years since the first deportation. Therefore, he prayed fervently and penitently for God to reveal His will to him.

2. The revelation in Dan 9 is an answer from God to prayer and study. In the midst of tribulation, we should continue to study God's Word and pray. The seventy weeks (70x7) refer to a period of 490 years before the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom, also known as the diamond kingdom, which will abide forever. The kingdom will put an end to sin and its corruption, and establish righteousness.

3. The 490 years are divided into three parts - first 49 years starts from the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem in 445 BC, second 434 years will be where the Messiah will be rejected and Jerusalem will be destroyed. The third and last 7 years is yet to be fulfilled and we are in this interval now. This 7-year period will be the Great Tribulation where Antichrist will come before the Second Coming of Christ. Everything concerning the First Coming of Christ has been fulfilled and we must be prepared for all the tumultuous time that will come during the Great Tribulation. We can be assured and comforted that there will be victory in Christ.