

Lesson-12 Study Guide: The Prayer of a Righteous Man...

Lesson Focus Passage: [Daniel 9](#)

Background: The captivity of **Judah** in **Babylon** was predicted **150** years before it happened in [Isaiah 6:11-12; 11:12](#). Both Isaiah ([39:6](#)) and Micah ([4:10](#)) foretold that the place of captivity would be Babylon, and **Jeremiah** told for how long-- **70** years ([Jeremiah 25:11-12](#)).

The 70 years of captivity correlated with the number of Sabbath years (every seven years) which Israel did not allow the land to lie fallow, or rest from crops ([Lev 25:4; 26:40-45](#)). The period stretched from approximately **605 B.C.** (when Daniel was deported) to **538 B.C.** which marked the return of Judah from Babylon.

Preparatory Questions

1. Read [Leviticus 25:1-7](#).
 - a. What is the overall focus of this passage?

 - b. Explain the Sabbath year of rest for the land.

2. Read [Leviticus 26:14-33](#) and [Leviticus 26:40-45](#).
 - a. If Israel did not follow God's commands, what did He promise to do?

 - b. What would God if Israel confessed her sins while under judgment?

3. Read [I Corinthians 12:12-26](#).
 - a. If one member of the Body of Christ is "ill" with sin, how much of the rest of the Body is affected?

 - b. From the perspective of the health of the whole body of Christ, how does [I John 1:9](#) take on new meaning for the person who has sinned?