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He understood that 70 years must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem.

Why 70 years?? **IIChron.36:17-21; Lev.25:1-7**

Israel had refused to honor the land's Sabbath year. Enforced Sabbaths by desolation!

So per the Word in Jer.29:11-12, what does Daniel immediately begin? **9:3** Comment?

He seeks the Lord by prayer/ pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

What are we today also commanded? **Heb.10:25; ITim.2:1-7; Rom.10:1**

Pray for all people, kings/leaders. For their salvation, for peace for Israel, as the end...

What is immediately obvious about Daniel's prayer (by the pronouns)? **9:6-15**

He prays 'we', that is he totally identifies with and is representing the nation of Israel.

How would you describe Daniel's prayer in **9:5-10**?

This is total confession of sins. No excuses, no justifications, just unrepentant open sin.

How would you describe Daniel's prayer in **9:11-15**?

Recognition of God's justified 'great calamity' brought on Israel, We sinned; He is Just!

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Daniel pleads for mercy! Forgive/ hear the prayers of your people called by your name.

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Acknowledge your sins and honestly confess them. Identify w/others in prayer support.

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Now that the 70 years were closing, Israel would be restored, desolations end. But...