



**STANDING
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IN TRYING
TIMES**

The Book of Daniel

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom — ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

⁷ “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame — the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. ⁸ O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. ⁹ The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; ¹⁰ we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.

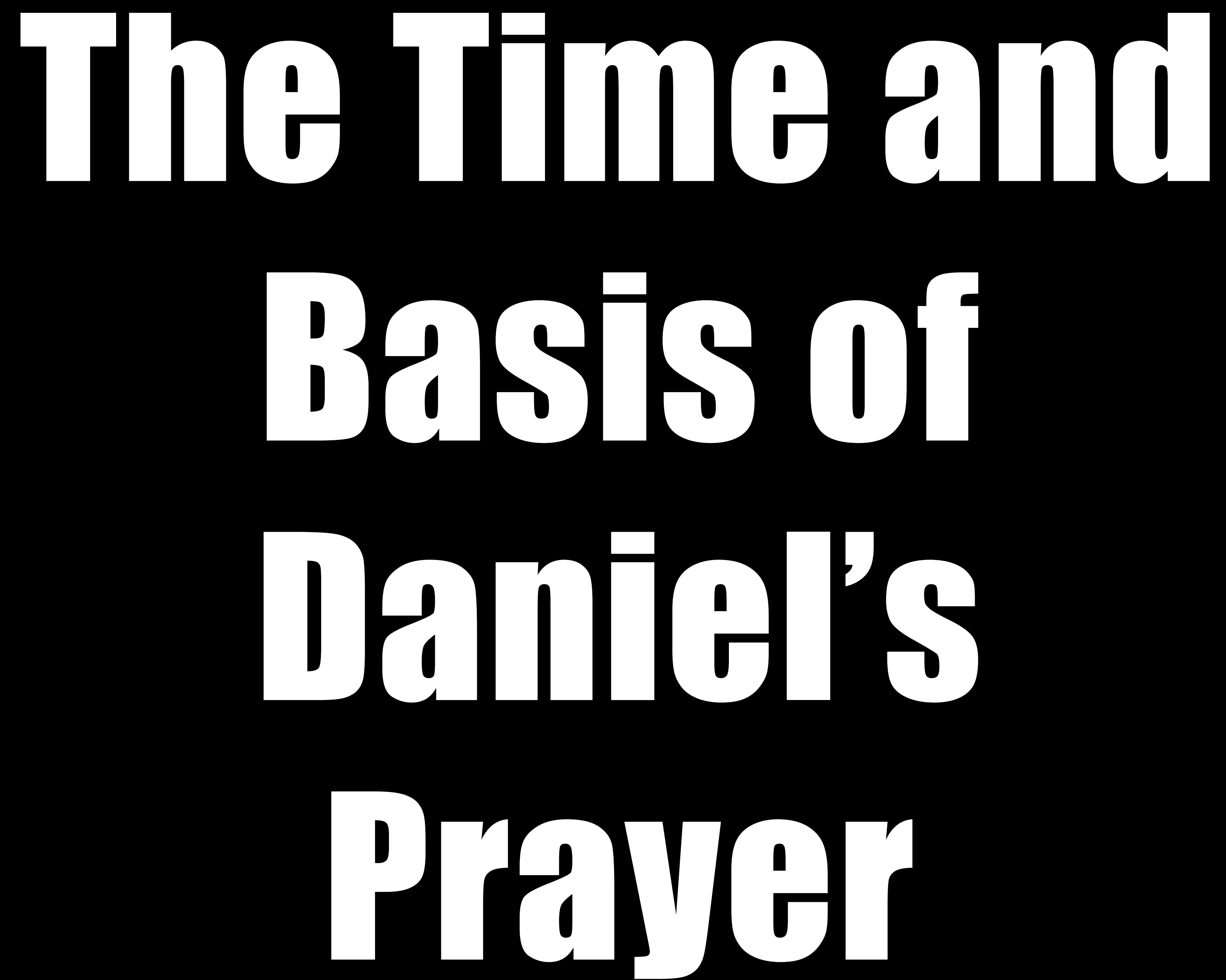
¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. “Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. ¹² You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem.

¹³ Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. ¹⁴ The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

¹⁵ “Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. ¹⁶ O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

¹⁷ “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸ Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

Daniel 9:1–19



The Time and Basis of Daniel's Prayer

A Critical Moment

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Daniel 9:1



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A Scriptural Prayer

in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

Daniel 9:2



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The Exile: 70 Years

This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹²“But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt,” declares the LORD, “and will make it desolate forever.

Jeremiah 25:11–12

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The Exile: The Covenantal Curse

I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. ³⁴ Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

Leviticus 26:33–34



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Yahweh - God's Covenant Name

I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the **LORD** given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years...⁴ I prayed to the **LORD** my God and confessed ...

Daniel 9:2, 4

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A Response of Intense Prayer

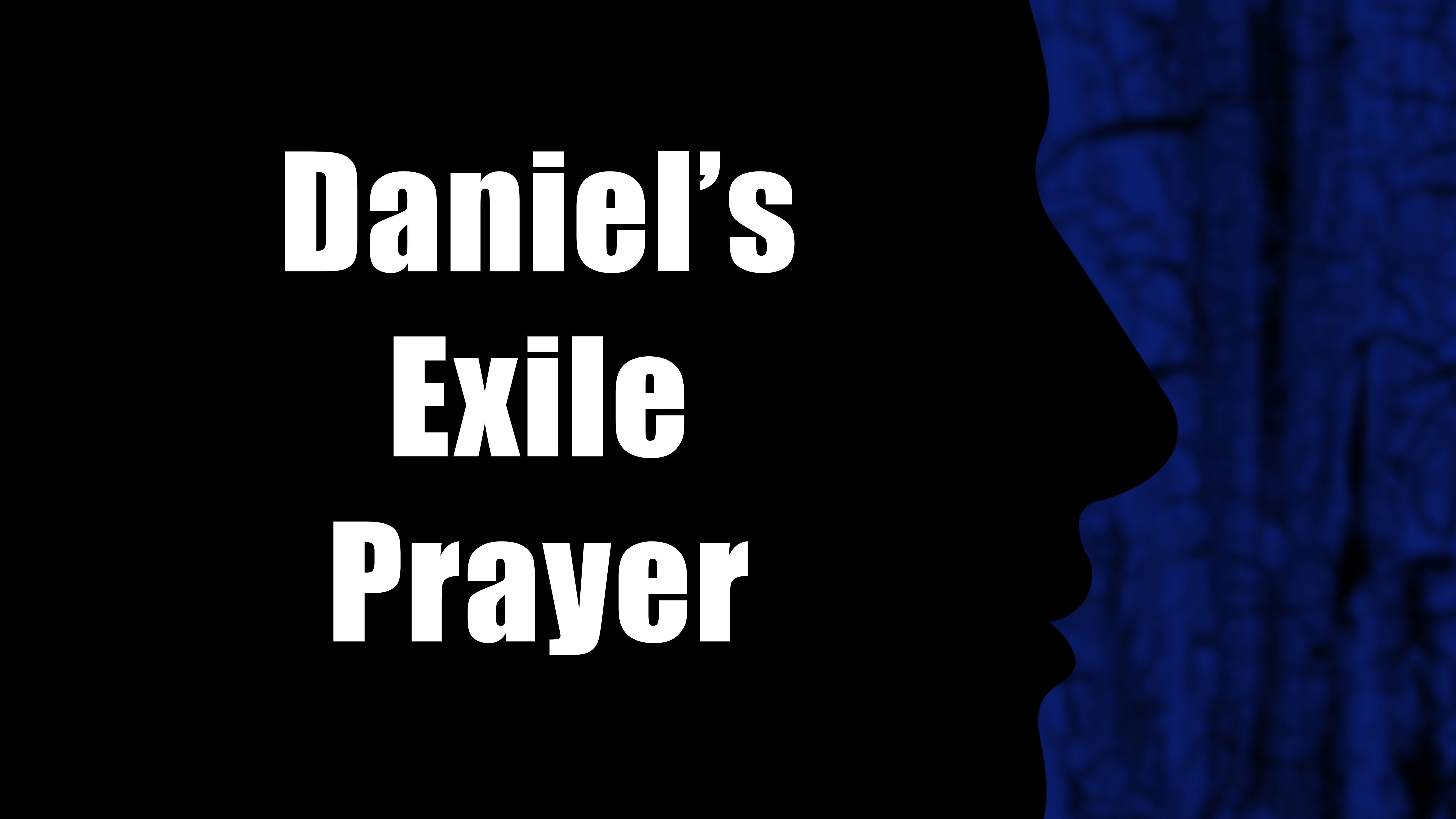
So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

Daniel 9:3



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**Daniel's
Exile
Prayer**

A Prayer of Praise for God's Awesomeness

I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands...

Daniel 9:4

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A Prayer Proclaiming God's Character

I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “O Lord, the great and awesome God, **who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands...**

Daniel 9:4

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A Prayer Proclaiming God's Character

- v7 - LORD, You are righteous
- v9 - The LORD is merciful and forgiving
- v14 - The LORD is righteous in everything He does
- v18 - God has great mercy



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Deep Confession of Sin

We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:5–6

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The Root of Israel's Troubles

Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame — the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where **you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.**⁸ O

LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are **covered with shame because we have sinned against you.**

Daniel 9:7–8



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The Danger of Not Repenting

Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.

Daniel 9:13



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Glory To God, Restore Your People

Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant.

For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary.¹⁸ Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and

see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do

not make requests of you because we are righteous, but

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God, do not delay, because your city and your

people bear your Name. (Daniel 9:17–19)

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Make Your Face Shine On Us!

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD **make his face shine upon you**

and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

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Intense Prayer!

O Lord, listen!

O Lord, forgive!

O Lord, hear and act!

For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city
and your people bear your Name.

Daniel 9:19



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**APPLYING
THE
WORD**



The Table
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Leader:

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Congregation:

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

Leader:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Congregation:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Leader:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation:

If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

Leader:

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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