PERSONAL REFLECTION

Attention | What caught my attention tonight?

Connection | How does this connect with my life right now?

Invitation | What is God inviting me to do in response?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Fri, Oct 30 | *Revelation's War in Heaven*
Sat, Oct 31 | *The Greatest Issue in the Book of Revelation*
Tues, Nov 3 | *Understanding the Antichrist*
Wed, Nov 4 | *How to Escape the Mark of the Beast*
Fri, Nov 6 | *America in Bible Prophecy*

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Hope RISING

DISCOVERY TIME

1. How would you define a "promise"? And how important is it to you to keep your promises?
2. **Read one** (or more if time allows) of the verses below. What promise is God making? How important is it to you personally that God keep that particular promise?
   a. Genesis 3:15 (p. 10)
   b. Matthew 1:20-21 (p. 1250)
   c. John 14:1-3 (p. 1404)

Merriam-Webster defines the word "promise" as:
a statement telling someone that you will definitely do something or that something will definitely happen in the future.

In this light, the prophecies of Scripture are really God's promises to us. While some may shy away from prophecy out of fear or frustration, the often overlooked purpose of prophecy is to comfort and encourage us (see 1 Cor. 14:3), to ultimately inspire a trust in God (see Jn. 14:29). By revealing His plans, God actually reveals Himself as the faithful Promise-Keeper. Tonight, we will explore prophecy's most important promise — woven throughout Scripture and highlighted in astonishing detail in Daniel 9.

DANIEL'S SICKENING STRUGGLE

- ☐ Daniel 8:27 — The vision of God's promise to cleanse the sanctuary after 2,300 years (Dan. 8:14) left Daniel feeling sick!
  - Incomplete understanding (v. 26a)
  - Distant fulfillment (v. 26b)

- [ ] Daniel 9:1-3 — Daniel is driven to diligent study of previous prophecies and fervent prayer in order to settle this heart question: will God be faithful to keep His promises?

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE

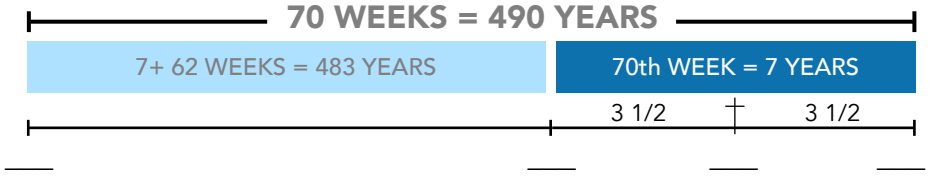
- [ ] Daniel 9:4 — Daniel's humble confession begins with the heartfelt conclusion that God surely is faithful to keep "His covenant."
- [ ] Daniel 9:5 — Daniel's subsequent confession owns up to ways he and his people have been unfaithful. It's a specific and thorough acknowledgement of their responsibility in breaking covenant with God.
- [ ] Daniel's example reminds us that when we feel like we have disqualified ourselves from relationship with God, we can still turn to God in 1) the study of His Word, and 2) in earnest prayer.

PROPHETIC UNDERSTANDING

- [ ] Daniel 9:22-23 — The angel Gabriel is sent to give both assurance ("you are greatly beloved") and skill to understand the vision of Daniel 8:14, the precise portion of the vision he struggled to grasp (see Daniel 8:26-27).
- [ ] Daniel 9:24a — "Seventy weeks are determined"
  - 70 weeks = _____ years based on the year-day principle of symbolic Bible prophecy (see Ezek. 4:6; Num. 14:34).
  - While this time prophecy begins with Daniel's immediate concern for his own people, it is "cut off" from a larger prophecy for _____ people.
- [ ] Daniel 9:24b — The broad scope of this prophetic promise deals with the entire spectrum of sin, undoing every aspect of all humanity's broken relationship with God. God will in fact keep His promises through Jesus!

RIGHT ON TIME

- [ ] Daniel 9:25-27 — Gabriel provides chronological landmarks to identify when the promised Messiah would arrive:
  - start point: decree to _____ Jerusalem
  - way point: Jesus _____/"anointed" (see Acts 10:38)
  - way point: Jesus _____/"cut off" and puts an end to sacrifice (see Mt. 27:50-51)
  - end point: covenant _____ with many



HOPE RISING IN DANIEL 9

- [ ] The 70-week prophecy of Daniel 9 and its incredible fulfillment in the life and death of Christ assures us that…
  - God keeps His promises even when we don't keep ours.
  - God keeps His promises at just the right time.
  - God keeps His promises at all cost to Himself.