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God Rules the World

Reading Jeremiah

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- **70-year captivity**
 - **Jeremiah 25:11-12**
 - **Jeremiah 29:10-14**
- **Daniel's faith depended on Scripture**
- **Daniel prayed in response to Scripture**



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- 1 – Approach God with full contrition for our sin
 - **“We have sinned” – 10x**
 - **Do we look in the mirror and see our own sin?**
 - **Godly people don’t compare themselves to others, but to God’s holy standard**



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2 – Acknowledge the gravity of our sin (vv. 4-6)

- **Do we take full responsibility – or blame others or our circumstances?**



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3 – See our sin in contrast with God’s righteousness (vv. 7-10)

- **Godly shame leads to repentance, not despair (2 Cor. 7:9-11)**
- **Recognize God’s goodness, compassion, and forgiveness**



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4 – Confess our sin as a breach of covenant (vv. 11-14)

- **Deuteronomy 27-28; 1 Kings 8:46-53**
- **Continual willful sin is turning our back on the Son of God (Heb. 10:28-29)**



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- 5 – Know that God will hear and forgive! (vv. 15-19)**
- **God’s righteous acts (vv. 15-16)**
 - **God’s name / reputation (vv. 17,19; Eph. 1:6,12,14)**
 - **God’s great compassion (v. 18; Eph. 2:8-9)**

“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace...” (Hebrews 4:16)



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Answer – 70 Weeks

- **An answer to Daniel’s prayer concerning (vv. 20-27):**
 - **The restoration of the temple/holy place**
 - **The removal of iniquity and sin**
- **Timeline:**
 - **From the decree to restore Jerusalem (v. 25; 539 BC?)**
 - **To the abomination of desolation (v. 27, Matt. 24:15; AD 70)**
 - **70 weeks – “fullness” of time**



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- **The coming and rejection of the Messiah (v. 26)**
 - **He will restore God's holy place (John 2:19-22)**
 - **He will atone for iniquity (John 1:29)**
 - **...But not in the way anyone would expect!**
- **Jesus is the answer to Daniel's pray for forgiveness – and ours (1 John 1:9)**



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