## Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church The Lord's Day, August 30, 2020

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Heb. 12:1

	10:50 AM Church Family Announcements	
	11 AM Morning Worship	
Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Welcome and Prayer		Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	"How Great Is Our God" "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"	
Children's Sermon	Turn Tour Lyes Opon Jesus	Rev. Karen Pruette
*Hymn of Preparation	"Jesus Is Coming Again"	Page 753
*Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	"I Saw the Light"	
Sermon	THE BIG PICTURE OF THE END TIMES	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Dedication	"At the Name of Jesus" vv. 1 & 2	Page 66

**SERMON: THE BIG PICTURE OF THE END TIMES** part 1.

Rom. 11:25-28; Matt. 24:14-15; Rev. 3:10; 1 Thes. 4:13-15, 5:9-11

Scriptures: Daniel 9:24-27, 12:8-11; Ezra 1:1-4; Matt. 24:2-6; Acts 1:6-11; Eph. 3:2-6;

## **Atoning for Iniquity**

"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness" - Daniel 9:24–27

Once sin has been conquered, there is no need for atonement, so including the Day of Atonement on Israel's yearly calendar indicates there was no way the rituals of that day, repeated each year, could put an end to sin (Lev. 16; 23:26–32). Something more would have to be done to achieve final atonement and the age of righteousness.

The prophet Daniel defines that something in today's passage. Daniel is living in exile in Babylon, and while reading the book of Jeremiah he discovers that the seventy- year period of exile is about to end and that the Israelites will soon be restored to their land (<u>Dan. 9:1–2</u>; see <u>Jer. 25:1–14</u>). Knowing the law of Moses, Daniel also understands that the return of Israel to their land and their victory over the kingdoms of this world is dependent on their repentance for the sins that brought them into exile in the first place (<u>Lev. 26:14–46</u>). Yet Israel has not repented. So Daniel prays, asking the righteous Lord to restore the people in keeping with Jeremiah's prophecy without overlooking their sin (<u>Dan. 9:3–19</u>). God sends the angel Gabriel to answer His servant (vv. 20–23) and explain to Daniel that he has not seen the whole picture. .....it is interesting to note that the 69 weeks or 483 years mentioned in <u>Daniel 9:24–26</u> between the decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the cutting off of the anointed one correspond roughly to the period of time between the Jews' return to Jerusalem under the Persian king Cyrus (<u>Ezra 1:1–4</u>) and the death of Jesus. Clearly, this refers to a final atonement offered by the Messiah, whose death renders all sacrifices, including those offered on the Day of Atonement, obsolete.

https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/atoning-iniquity/

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