

Daniel models a lifestyle of increased devotion in the midst of promises of divine fulfillment



*2In the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of YHWH through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

*3Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. Daniel 9:2-3*

## **Increased Expectancy, Increased Devotion**

In the first year of Darius's reign Daniel (as an 80+ year-old man) came to the understanding through reading the Scriptures that the fulfillment of Jeremiah's 70-year prophecy of Jewish exile was coming to an end. Ironically this divine promise made Daniel more devoted and intentional to press in to God for His

favor and the fulfillment of this promise. Instead of getting some popcorn, relaxing, and settling down for a front-row seat to watch the divine fulfillment of prophecy; Daniel pressed in for the fulfillment through a time of increased prayers, repentance, fasting, and devoted seeking. Daniel's answer came 21 days after he began to pray and seek YHWH.

I believe this coming season is one of greater breakthrough and spiritual blessings for us. I've had this growing sense for the last several weeks. In light of this anticipation and growing confidence, I'm asking Yah to remove passivity and for a greater desire to draw near and to press in with increased devotion and intensity to see these breakthroughs manifest.

I know that many dear saints are going through greater challenges right now. Often I've seen over the years that these greater challenges come before a greater breakthrough. I would encourage you, don't give up! Press in to God, stay connected to community, and continue to contend for these breakthroughs that are most assuredly coming.