

## **A God's call and the prophecies.**

- ❖ In 538 BC, God called Cyrus to fulfill the end of the seventy years prophecy.
- ❖ In 457 BC, God called Artaxerxes to fulfill the start the seventy weeks prophecy (Ezra 7:11-27).
- ❖ The prophecy of the 70 weeks goes from 457 BC to 34 AD. In 34 AD, the nation of Israel showed they had definitely rejected Jesus as the Messiah by stoning Stephen.
- ❖ According to Daniel 9:24, the 70 weeks are part of a longer time period (they're châthak, which means "cut" in Hebrew). That longer period is the 2,300 days (Daniel 8:14).
- ❖ In Daniel 9, Gabriel explained Daniel that the 2,300 days vision begins with a 70-week period.

## **B God's call for Ezra and Nehemiah.**

- ❖ Why did God choose Ezra? Ezra 7:10.
  - Ezra was decided to seek God. He studied the Bible with passion. He gladly accepted the task God was entrusting to him.
- ❖ Why did God choose Nehemiah? Nehemiah 1:4.
  - Nehemiah was passionate about God's people. His heart was broken because of Jerusalem's disgrace. He volunteered to fulfill God's work.

## **C God's call for you.**

- ❖ Paul said God's call is the result of a predestination. What has God predestined us to?
  - To be transformed in the image of Jesus (Romans 8:29).
  - To be justified and glorified (Romans 8:30).
  - To know God's plans (1 Corinthians 2:7-10).
  - To be adopted as sons and daughters (Ephesians 1:5).
  - To receive an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11).
- ❖ God's call is universal. We are all called to be saved, and we've been specially called to carry out a specific task in His plan.

## **D Your response to God's call.**

- ❖ Jesus died so that everyone is predestined to be saved by God (John 3:16). However, God lets us choose if we want to accept His calling.
- ❖ God also calls us to carry out specific tasks in His plan. Some people rejected Jesus and moved away from God, like Saul or Judas.
- ❖ Some other people had objections to God's call, like Moses (although he finally accepted it). Others gladly accepted their part in God's plan and carried it out to the end, like Ezra and Nehemiah.
- ❖ Which will be your response to God's call?