November 13, 2016 (Week 10) **Divisions and Principles**

The Studies of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark

"Daniel's Seventy Weeks"

Daniel 9:1-27

Division 1: Prayer is essential for a deep and fulfilling relationship with God. Daniel 9:1-19

(Additional passages: Matthew 24:14-15; Leviticus 26:33-35; Exodus 23:10-11; 2 Chronicles 36:19-21)

***Principle #1**: Diligent, sincere prayer repairs, restores, and returns sinful hearts back to God.*

Division 2: God is faithful to answer prayers of a diligent seeker. Daniel 9:20-23

(Additional passages: Isaiah 65:24; Leviticus 26:34-35)

***Principle #2**: Since we know God hears and answers our prayers, we should avail ourselves to this privilege every day in every aspect of our lives*

Division 3: Prophecy authenticates the Bible and its Author when viewed through the lens of history.

Daniel 9:24-27

(Additional passages: Isaiah 46:10)

Principle #3*: Prophecy is often written in symbolic and poetic language, but it reports real things, places, and events.*

Principle #4*: God inhabits eternity, which is outside of time. Therefore, from God's perspective, prophecy is simply history written in advance.*

Principle #5*: Unravelling prophecies require understanding them from the perspective of a Jewish audience, and we should be careful not to casually apply modern American perceptions into their interpretation.*