

## Reminder of Context

- Illustration of all the kings...

## Prayer of Repentance (v.1-19)

- Flowed out of Scriptures
  - he's clearly been studying them...
  - (Jeremiah 25:11-12) *This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever.*
  - (and Jeremiah 29:10) *This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.*
- His prayer included fasting, sackcloth and ashes
  - how serious are we about our praying?
- And is a prayer of repentance:
  - you are holy, we are not...
  - eg, v.11, ALL Israel has transgressed (includes himself!)
  - and indeed God is faithful in bringing judgement
- For the honour of God's name - not for his own success or pleasure...
  - and God should listen, not because Daniel or the people are especially repentant, but for his own sake (the sake of his name, his honour, his glory; v.17)
- Are we repentant for the state of the church?
  - even if we are not sure what we might have done?
  - just general sin...

## While praying, future revealed (v.20-27)

- While praying, future revealed
  - in particular, at time of evening sacrifice - place and time of worship...
- Future includes Messiah (v.25)
  - and an end to the trouble and hardship - a message for future generations as well as Daniel's generation
  - judgement from God will come, even if for a time it is held back
- An answer to reassure, to have people place again their trust in God