

DANIEL'S DREAMS

A LOOK AT DANIEL'S PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING OF JESUS

"But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets..."

~ Daniel 9:28

1. Daniel and Jesus

- a. Daniel's visions/dreams reveal secrets about the coming Christ and his kingdom.
- b. Daniel read Isaiah and Jeremiah: Israel's return and coming kingdom – Dan 9:2
- c. Daniel spoke to the same angel that spoke to Zach & Mary - Dan 9:21, Lk 1:19, 26
- d. Daniel (Revelation of the OT) has such amazing prophecies skeptics claim fraud.

2. Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

- a. 2:1-9 - Neb has a dream and requests his wise men reveal and interpret it
- b. 2:10-13 – Only God can do that, so Neb orders them all dead
- c. 2:14-18 – Daniel, and 3 others, pray the Lord for an interpretation.
- d. 2:19-23 – Daniel receives the dream and interpretation, praising God for revelation
- e. 2:27-30 – Daniel tells the king, only God can do this.
- f. 2:31-35 – The dream: an image made of 4 materials: gold, silver, brass, iron, clay
 - i. A stone smites the image at the feet, and destroys it all
 - ii. The stone becomes a mountain filling the whole earth
- g. 2:36-45 – The interpretation: the materials are future kingdoms
 - i. The stone is God's kingdom from heaven that destroys others, stands forever
- h. 2:46-49 – The God of Daniel praised by the king: Hebrews given high positions.
- i. God reveals secrets. His purpose knows history. His kingdom timeline now revealed.

3. Daniel 7 – Dream of Beasts

- a. 7:3-14 - Dream: 4 different kinds of beasts come up from the sea
 - i. 1) Lion w/2wings, 2) Bear raised up on one side, 3) Leopard w/4wings, 4 heads
 - ii. 7:7- The 4th beast – Iron teeth, 10 horns. A little horn grew, 3 horns gone,
 - iii. 7:9 – Thrones cast down at the Ancient of Days
 - iv. 7:10 – Fire surrounds the Ancient of Days, judgment is set, books opened
 - v. 7:11-12 – The beast was slain, body destroyed, given to the flame
 - vi. 7:13-14 – Son of Man comes with clouds and given a forever kingdom
- b. 7:15-28 – Interpretation: 7:17 4 beasts = 4 kings
 - i. 7:18 – Saints of God shall take the kingdom and possess it for ever
 - ii. 7:21-22- The horn made war with the saints, until the Ancient of Days came
 - iii. 7:23-24 – 4th beast is the 4th kingdom, 10 horns = 10 kings from the kingdom
 - iv. 7:24-25 – One (horn) shall rise speaking against God
 - v. 7:26-27 – His kingdom falls, and the everlasting kingdom comes to the saints
- c. This prophecy gives significance to Jesus calling himself the Son of Man – Lk 1:31-33
- d. Historical kingdom lineage testified as Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman

4. Daniel 8 – Vision of the Ram and Goat

- a. 8:1 – The vision: during the reign of Babylonian king
- b. 8:3-4 – A ram with 2 high horns (one higher) pushing west, north, south
- c. 8:5-7 – A goat from the west came with a single notable horn, smote the ram
- d. 8:8 – When he was strong, the horn was broken; 4 others replaced it
- e. 8:9 – A little horn waxed great to south, east, pleasant land, host of heaven
- f. 8:10 – The horn magnified against the prince, destroys sanctuary, sacrifice removed
- g. 8:15 – The interpretation: Ram = Media Persia; Goat = Grecia; horns = kings
 - i. History - Great horn = Alexander the Great; little horn = Antiochus Epiphanes

5. Daniel 9 – 70 Weeks

- a. 9:1-2 – Daniel studied Jeremiah to learn the 70 years of captivity was over Jer 29:10
- b. 9:3-19 – Daniel's confession of sins, plea for mercy, salvation of Jerusalem/Zion 9:20
- c. 9:21-23 – Gabriel gives revelation useful for Daniel to "consider the vision"
- d. 9:24 – 70 weeks determined upon Israel and Jerusalem to finish, end, make, seal up
 - i. Also make reconciliation, bring in everlasting righteousness, anoint most Holy
- e. 9:25- 7 weeks (49yr) + 62 weeks (434yr) = 69 weeks (483yr) til the Messiah
- f. 9:26 – Messiah will be cut off after 69 weeks, then the city and sanctuary destroyed
- g. 9:27 – Then, war, broken covenant, abominations of desolation, judgment. Mt 24:15
- h. Daniel's 70th week (last 7yrs) brings the kingdom, Christ died after 69th week, then...

6. Revelation 17 – Vision of Mystery Babylon

- a. 17:1-6 - The vision: A woman sitting on a red beast, 7 heads, 10 horns
 - i. The woman wears the name Babylon and drinks the blood of the saints
- b. 17:7-18 - The revelation:
 - i. 17:9-11 – 7 heads = 7 kings – 5 are fallen, one is, other not yet
 - ii. 17:12-17 – 10 horns = 10 kings, making war with the saints
 - iii. 17:15 – The waters are peoples, nations, tongues
 - iv. 17:18 - The woman is Babylon the Great
- c. Revelation 18 – The destruction of the great city Babylon and her lies (v23)
- d. Revelation 19 – The Lord Jesus Christ is the one who comes – 19:7, 10-16
- e. Revelation 20 – The start of the everlasting kingdom is 1000 years with his saints

7. What We Learn

- a. Fulfilled prophecy proves Biblical inspiration through history
- b. When Christ came, prophecy predicted a kingdom – Mk 1:15, Lk 19:11
- c. The book of Revelation truly reveals who is coming – Rev 22:20 "come, Lord Jesus"
- d. But now, the times of the Gentiles are not yet over – Rom 11:25
- e. Christ has not yet returned in his kingdom, for the sake of grace – 2 Pet 3:13-15
- f. This mystery dispensation of God's grace reveals the mystery of his absent kingdom.

"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;..."