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Daniel

C1-3

C1 all of the prophets before Daniel, Biblically have warned about captivity. Now the prophets continue to speak in and through captivity. The chapter opens with four young Hebrews who are bright, and spiritually ironic. They have grown up in captivity apparently, but already we can see the signs of repentance in them. Daniel determines that they will not defile themselves with the diet of the kings table. The presiding officer is so concerned, but he learns that the boys being obedient to the Hebrew dietary laws of Scripture look even more healthy after days of not eating from the kings table (15).

We are able to see a loyalty and dedication that we have not seen by anyone other than the prophets.

They were furthermore so impressive before the king they became administrators in the king's service.

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C2 This chapter opens with Nebuchedbezzars disturbing dreams that no one could answer, but Daniel. God was continuing to distinguish His people. Daniel also became a savior of all the wise advisers and officers (24). Again we see that people are blessed by being in relationship with God's people.

Daniel reveals the king's dream. It was a dream of nations represented by various metals. The king saw a vision of successive world empires. Ultimately God launches the Empire of empires.

Imagine the king bowing to Daniel before others and recognizing Daniel's God as the God of all. It does not seem like the same courting and ruthless king.

C3 Nevertheless, the king constructs a gold statue and issues a decree for all to fall down and worship this statue. It becomes the opportunity for the haters to destroy the Hebrew administrators because they refuse to bow.

How striking compared to what we have seen in representatives of God's people who he called adulterers and prostitutes. These young representatives honor the king with great service, but never bow in worship to the king. There is a major difference. It is not clear why Daniel is not cited in this chapter.

The Hebrew administrators refuse to capitulate, and they are executed by fire. However, the fire does not even harm them in any way. Again the king becomes a great admirer of their God. What every believer must understand about this account is the courage of these young men. They were willing to die. Persons in Christ who are willing to die envision a far greater resurrection. Since many believers have died following Jesus, we need to have the appropriate view. Some will prevail when they stand, others will die and see a greater resurrection (Hebrew 12).

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C4-6

C4. It's amazing to witness Nebuchednezzar give testimony about the almighty God. Even the most heathen, ferocious conqueror on the planet recognized God almighty. He calls Belshazzar (Daniel). Daniel reveals the dream and among other things it reveals extreme punishment for the king.

This is extremely important. Simply because he recognized God, and recognized God's representatives was not enough. His knowledge had to lead to acts of repentance. He was destitute and insane for seven periods of time. Again afterwards he had a whole different perspective.

C5 Now, the scene changed with the passage of time during Belshazzar's reign. They designated the articles of the temple. There was writing on the wall. And the king nearly went into cardiac arrest with fear. It's understood that Daniel was not in the same favor, but

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his time comes again. The king calls for Daniel.

Daniel reveals to him that he did not learn from his predecessor. He did not humble himself and his days are over. How similar to the Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. Potentates want to establish their own legacy so often they discontinue relationships with those who help previous regimes.

But it is also wise often to carry forth the proven legacy of predecessors. This is so true in the faith realm. Belshazzar was killed.

C6 The Medes and Persians defeat the Babylonians. Although Daniel has the experience of being favored, than not as favored with a successive regime he maintained his prayer discipline and work ethic. Daniel's haters devise a plan to entrap him representing a shadow of how the Pharisees would attempt to trap Jesus.

Cyrus proclaims a decree of no praying for a thirty day period. The perpetrators cite Daniel for praying and report him to the king. Daniel is executed.

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C7-9

C7 Much like Ezekiel's vision, Daniel has a vision concerning nations. He views four beasts. He views them as a lion, bear, leopard and a beast without a particular animal metaphor but ferocious and all encompassing. He further explains that these are four empires. The fourth with horns will be the ultimate authority who also defied God almighty. Most commentators believe this is the Anti-Christ.

C8 This chapter reveals a ram and goat depiction. The ram had long horns but one was longer than the other. A goat defeats the ram, and the goat had four horns. These horns surely represent rulers. Ultimately the one ruler attacks heaven itself, and succeeds in all it does.

The angel explains an apocalyptic ending. Even one where God's people are being defeated (24). This is not God's wrath but massive martyrdom. Ultimately this power will be broken but not by any human authority (25).

This is the key. Daniel is told it will be a long time before the period would unfold in history.

C9. Daniel discovers the captivity was 70 years based on Jeremiah's revelation. Daniel prays repentance and request forgiveness. The prayer includes a recounting of Israel's history, particularly the Exodus experience. It accepts responsibility for sinning, and shows how the condition of Jerusalem encourages the heathen cities.

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An angel arrives to explain Daniel's vision.

Daniel is precious to God. The Psalmist said, precious is the home going of the saints (Psalm). Daniel is informed the Jerusalem will be rebuilt This is a contemporary rebuilding (25). Another period seems to involve a period when evil personified is ruling (27). Again this seems to refer to the period of the Lawless one (Thessolonians.).

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C10-12

C10. Daniel alone sees an extraordinary vision that only he could see while others are around him. This appears to be the Lamb of God. Daniel's strength leaves him. Again Daniel is reminded that he is precious. This should speak to ever devout believer. We are precious.

As in Chapter 9 (perhaps a continuing description of what happened), the angel was detained by an angel of darkness. Gabriel battles against this higher command angel. Paul refers to the spiritual principalities (Ephesians 6:10 etc.). Jesus teaches persistency in prayer. It is understood persistency is necessary to overcome the angels of darkness fighting against answered prayers delivered by God's angels. Prayer ushers them through to complete their tasks. Nevertheless, it is more revelation if events to come. The angel will reveal the Book of Truth.

C11 Here is what could easily explain events of the animal with four horns in a previous chapter. Three Persian kings with a fourth far greater than the other three appears to be a repeating. Again there is more detail as kingdoms battle and succumb with a series of invasions. Clearly the revelation has significance but it is so shrouded in history and future anyone attempting to make press use predictions is clearly being dogmatic and not Biblicsly accurate. These are revelations that will only make sense when or as they occur.

C12 This chapter represents a resurrection for anyone who does not believe in resurrection. How can anyone miss (Saducees) when is clear people dead will arise. Some to everlasting life others to everlasting shame.

There are two categories of awards: The wise. These are those who follow The Lord with all their heart. Knowledge of a God is the beginning of wisdom (). The other reward category is those who lead others to righteousness. These are the teacher , evangelist, disciple makers.

Again we see an description of when these things will occur. The answers are shrouded in mystery. Again many have attempted to explain what time, time, and a half time means. Jesus was asked the same kind of question. Throughout Scripture, when these questions are asked, the answer always means to simply be ready. Whenever it is, the saints will rise.

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