

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 31

Daniel (Part 2)

This week we continue our Old Testament survey with a look at the book of Daniel and two key end time prophecies. This week we will examine the statue referenced in Chapter 2, and next week we will analyze the four beasts referenced in Chapter 7. As we study these prophecies, let's continue our use of the "let the Bible interpret the Bible" rule whenever possible.

So for this week put on your prophetic end time thinking caps, read Daniel 2:1-45, and consider the following:

1. King Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon, had a very dramatic dream, and he wanted it interpreted correctly. What did King Nebuchadnezzar do in order to discern who among his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers were genuine?
2. What would happen to the wise men of Babylon if they could not describe the dream to the king?
3. How did Daniel react when the king's men came to hunt down Daniel and his friends in order to execute them?
4. Daniel immediately went about praying to God and asking for His divine intervention and revelation. Who did Daniel ask to pray with him?
5. Daniel prayed for the safety of him and his three friends. When God granted his prayer and Daniel went back to the court of the king, who did he ask the king to spare?
6. Describe the major pieces of the large statue that Daniel saw in the king's dream, and the rock as well.

7. The dream and Daniel's interpretation is provided in Daniel 2:36-45. Using your answers from the question above along with these verses and interpret what each piece of the statue means.

To prepare for next week, read Chapter 7 of Daniel along with Chapter 12 of Revelation, and make notes that will help you with next week's interpretation.

God provided Daniel with these visions so that man would know that God is the God of the universe, and also so that man would know that when these events unfold, or will unfold, they are and will be exact evidences of God's existence and His sovereignty over His creation. Through these visions we can be assured of Christ's return and His victory over all His enemies.

End time prophecy can seem extremely difficult to understand, but with God's grace and via His Holy Word, He will reveal Himself and His plans to us if we are just willing to apply the time and discipline needed to study them.

Thanks again for studying with us; have a great week everyone.

In Christ,

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