

Daniel Lesson 32 Study Notes

Daniel 1-9 Review

Daniel 1

2/6/2022 [1] The Bible's Most Unusual Prophet

- Who was Daniel?
 - A young teen from an important family in Jerusalem who was strong, handsome, smart, and gifted
 - Saw Jerusalem fall and was taken captive to Babylon, 600 miles to the east
 - Served in the Babylonian and Persian governments until his 80s
 - A prophet, though his “day job” was government
- How are we approaching the prophecies?
 - From a pre-millennial viewpoint
 - Seeking to avoid going too far or not far enough
- When did these events take place?
 - About 600 years before Jesus
 - At the time of the most devastating events up to that point in Israel's history: “Every visible expression of Israel's very existence collapsed.” (Baldwin)
- What's the point?
 - The purpose of the book of Daniel is to guide, comfort, and prepare the people of God as they live under the authority of the world's political powers until Jesus comes again.
 - How can we be faithful and fruitful when the world is on fire?

2/13/2022 [2] Daniel, Jesus, and the Future of God's People

- Criticism of Daniel: the prophecies are so remarkable that skeptics make up the idea that Daniel was actually written 400 years after Daniel.
- Hebrew and Aramaic: Chapters 2-7 are in Aramaic
- Jesus & Daniel
 - The whole book points to Jesus as the fulfillment of every hope
 - The Son of God may make earthly appearances several times in Daniel
 - The book directly prophecies about Jesus
 - Jesus surely read and studied Daniel
 - Jesus quoted Daniel
 - Jesus taught about the big themes in Daniel
 - Son of Man
 - King of kings
 - A global kingdom
 - The reign of the saints
 - Jesus applied Daniel to future events
- Daniel & the future of God's people
 - Daniel is for suffering believers
 - Daniel is to prepare believers for suffering

2/20/2022 [3] 1:1 A Dark Forecast from a Faithful God

2/27/2022 [4] 1:1-3 Hope in the Darkest Storm

- National conquest
 - Siege
 - The king given into Nebuchadnezzar's hand
 - Exile
- Spiritual conquest
- Hope despite conquest: *The Lord [Adonai, the sovereign ruler] gave Jehoiakim into his hand*

3/20/2022 [5] 1:4-8 A Determined Heart in a Defiling World

- Educational agenda
- Physical agenda
- Identity agenda

- 1:8 *Daniel resolved* (he set it upon his heart)

3/27/2022 [6] 1:4-15 Wise Living in a Defiling World

- God made Daniel wise despite the defilement around him
 - defilement around us and defilement in us are not the same thing
- God gave Daniel wisdom to discern what would cause defilement in him

4/3/2022 [7] 1:3-21 God's Quiet Triumphs

- God gave

5/1/2022 [8] 2:1-13 Desperate for the Mind of God

- 2:11 *The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.*

5/8/2022 [9] 2:14-28 Daniel's People, Prayer, and Praise

5/15/2022 [10] 2:27-45 Towering, Tumbling World Powers

- Nebuchadnezzar's dream statue and the four kingdoms

5/22/2022 [11] 2:31-45 The Guaranteed Direction of Human History

- Human governments will tend to pursue more and more authority and territory
- Human rulers will tend to crave God-like sovereignty and will often set themselves up against the true God
- Human governments will tend to oppress God's people, both the Jews and the church
- The power of human rulers, despite its impressive appearance, is actually very fragile
- The overall trend of human nations and governments will tend to degenerate rather than progress

- The certain direction of all human history is toward the establishment of the kingdom of God.

5/29/2022 [12] 2:31-45 What Are the Four Kingdoms

- It is most likely that the four kingdoms in Nebuchadnezzar's statue are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome – followed by the coming of the kingdom of God

7/3/2022 [13] 2:46-3:7 From Worshipper to Idolater

- Nebuchadnezzar's giant statue

7/10/2022 [14] 3:8-30 Loyal Love at Any Cost

- They would not bow down to any gods or golden image
- Their God was able to deliver them from a burning fiery furnace
- And even if their God chose not to deliver them, they were still not going to worship

- The call to loyal love for God at any cost
- The reminder of the loyal love of our God for us

- 3:28 *they trusted in him*

7/17/2022 [15] 4 When Mercy Chases Us Down

7/24/2022 [16] 4 The Sovereignty of the Most High God

- 4:34-35 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

7/31/2022 [17] 5 That Very Night He Was Tragically Lost

8/7/2022 [18] 5 Bringing Down Arrogance for the Glory of God

- 5:23 *the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.*

8/14/2022 [19] 5 The Historical Background of Daniel 5

- The exact date of the party (Oct 11 or 12, 539 BC)
- The fulfillment of Jeremiah's "Seventy Years"
- The cynics who scorned Belshazzar, until archaeology proved them wrong
- The location of Belshazzar's party
- The queen who came in: it's possible that it was Nebuchadnezzar's wife or daughter who had also come to know and love Yahweh

8/21/2022 [20] 6 Promotion, Persecution, and Prayer

8/28/2022 [21] 6 When Christians Are Made Criminals

9/4/2022 [22] 6 Courageous Conviction and Faith-Filled Confidence

- We need to communicate to the world that:
 - God is the highest authority in our lives
 - our Christian faith changes how we live
 - we are not ashamed of Christ

Chapter 7: a vision about four beasts

Chapter 8: a vision about a ram and a goat

Chapter 9: a vision about 70 weeks

Chapters 10-12: a vision about horrible rulers and a time of unprecedented trouble

Daniel 7 introduces two huge themes:

- a terrible final ruler
- the terrible treatment that God's people will receive as they live under the world's changing empires

10/9/2022 [23] 7 The Comfort of Judgment

- 7:9-11 *The Ancient of Days took his seat ... the court sat in judgment ... the beast [horn] was killed and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.*

10/16/2022 [24] 7:13-14 The Coronation of the Son of Man

- 7:13-14 *I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

10/16/2022 [25] Why Daniel Is Challenging

- the unfolding / repeating / expanding nature of Daniel's prophecies

10/30/2022 [26] 7:15-28 The Saints Possess the Kingdom

- 7:17-18 *'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'*

- 7:21-22 *As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.*
- Hebrews 12:28 *Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.*

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In Daniel 8, the vision is of two beasts, leading up to one final terrible ruler...

11/6/2022 [27] 8 Meet One Terrifying Politician

- The ram and goat, Persia and Greece; Alexander the Great leading up to Antiochus IV
 - Antiochus IV is the closest thing history has ever seen to what the terrifying final ruler (introduced in chapter 7) will be like.

11/13/2022 [29] What Does the Bible Say About the “Antichrist”?

In Daniel 7, the vision was four beasts, leading up to one final terrible ruler.

In Daniel 8, the vision was two beasts, leading up to one final terrible ruler.

In Daniel 9, the vision is about 70 “sevens,” leading up to one final terrible ruler.

11/13/2022 [28] 9:1-23 O Lord, Pay Attention and Act

11/20/2022 [30] 9:24-27 The God of the Seventy Sevens

- “Daniel, I am going to make everything right. But not just in 70 years; in 70 sevens.”
- $7 + 62 + 1$
 - 69 leading up to Jesus
 - 1 still coming
- 490 years
- Like Antiochus helped us understand what the final terrible ruler will be like, so the destruction of Jerusalem in the 1st century helps us understand what the final terrible assault on Jerusalem will be like.