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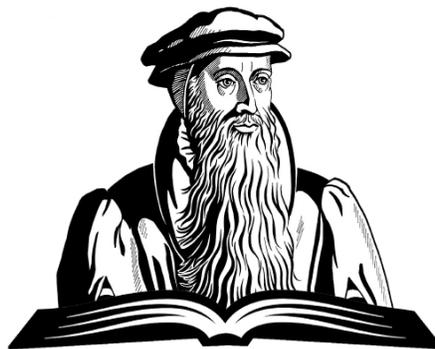
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Daniel's Visions and Dreams

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Daniel's Visions and Dreams

The Book of Daniel, chapters 7 through 11

Memory Verse

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

Daniel 7:13–14

Daniel's Dream

Now, Daniel takes us back to the time when Belshazzar was King of Babylon, and tells us about his own dream. Daniel saw four frightening beasts come up out of the sea. The first was a lion with wings as an eagle. The second was a savage bear. The third animal was like a leopard, with four wings and four heads. The fourth beast was dreadful, with iron teeth that devoured everything. It had ten horns—three were broken off, and were replaced by another horn which had eyes and a mouth speaking great things. As Daniel watched with horror, he saw a fiery throne and "The Ancient of days" sat on the throne, surrounded by innumerable beings. It was like a court of judgment, and "the books were opened." The fourth beast was slain and cast into burning flames. The other beasts were kept alive, but their power was taken away. Then Daniel saw someone "like the Son of man" coming down in the clouds of heaven, to the Ancient of days. To him was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom over the whole world for ever.

Daniel was troubled by the strange things he saw. So he asked, what does it all mean? He was told that the four beasts were four kingdoms which would come in the future, but God's kingdom would overtake them all. Daniel especially wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast which was so terrible, and the little horn which was so boastful. He was told that this little horn represented a final king who will excel all others in wickedness and oppression over God's people for a time. But in the end of time, the saints of God would prevail.

Another Vision Given

Two years later, Daniel tells us he was given another vision. He saw a ram with two horns, pushing in every direction. Then he saw a goat from the west, which had a great horn, and the goat struck the ram and destroyed him. Then the goat grew very great, and his one horn became four horns, and out of them another horn which became great, and he took away daily sacrifice. Daniel heard a saint say this would be so for 2,300 years. Daniel was trying to know the meaning of all this. He saw a man, and a voice saying, "Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." Gabriel tells him that the Ram represented the kings of Media and Persia. The goat is the king of Greece, which we understand to be Alexander the Great. Then Gabriel tells Daniel, "Shut thou up the vision," for these things will not happen for many years to come.

Daniel's Prayer

In the year of Darius, king of the Medes, Daniel was an old man. He studied carefully the book of Jeremiah. According to the prophecy of Jeremiah, Jerusalem would lay in ruins for 70 years, and then the time would come when God would allow his people to return to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. So Daniel began to pray for God to fulfill that promise. He confesses to God the sins of the Jewish nation, including himself. This is a model prayer for all of us.

As he was praying, Gabriel visits Daniel again, and tells Daniel many things about the future of Jerusalem and the Jewish people, and the Messiah to come. There are many different understandings today about the meaning of Gabriel's message to Daniel.

A Third Vision of Daniel

When Cyrus was king of Persia, Daniel was given another vision. He saw a man with the appearance of lightning, and eyes like fire, his arms and legs like brass, and a voice like a large crowd. The people with him didn't see the vision, but a great fear came on them and they ran and hid. Daniel fainted and was raised up by the man who spoke. This man told many things about the future, most likely about the kings in power during the last centuries before Christ's coming.

Conclusion

Let these powerful and mysterious prophecies given us through Daniel remind us that God is always in control of all things. We should remember that God will not tolerate the wicked forever, that God will always remember his people, and that God will never forsake the work of his own hands.

Review Questions

Chapter 7

1. Who was king of Babylon when Daniel had his first dream and vision?

- a. Alexander the Great
- b. Belshazzar
- c. Darius
- d. David

2. Match the descriptions with the beasts which Daniel saw in his first dream.

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| <i>a. Like a bear</i> | <i>g. Had four heads</i> |
| <i>b. Had eagles wings which were removed</i> | <i>h. Devoured and brake in pieces</i> |
| <i>c. Had great iron teeth</i> | <i>i. Like a leopard</i> |
| <i>d. Had four wings</i> | <i>j. Had three ribs in his mouth</i> |
| <i>e. Like a lion</i> | <i>k. Was told to devour flesh</i> |
| <i>f. Received a man's heart</i> | <i>l. Had ten horns and grew another horn</i> |

First beast

Second beast

Third beast

Fourth beast

3. What does Daniel 7 say about the little horn? _____

4. How is the Ancient of days described? _____

Chapter 9

5. Read the remarkable prayer of Daniel in chapter 9. What words does Daniel use to describe the sins of the people of Israel? _____

6. What words does Daniel use to describe the Lord? _____

7. In verses 17 to 19 what does Daniel ask the Lord to do? _____

8. Who did God send to answer Daniel's prayer?

a. The Lord Jesus

b. Michael

c. Gabriel

d. Jeremiah

9. What does Daniel 9:26 reveal about the Messiah?

a. He shall receive dominion and glory

b. He shall be cut off, but not for Himself

c. He shall come with the clouds of heaven

d. He shall cause the sacrifice to cease.

Discussion Questions

1. How was Daniel 9, verses 24 and 26 fulfilled by the Lord Jesus? _____

2. In Revelations 13:1 to 7, how is John's description of the beast out of the sea similar to Daniel's description of the fourth beast? _____

3. Compare Daniel 12:2 with John 5:28. How are they the same and different?

4. In Matthew 24, verses 15 and 16, the Lord Jesus refers to Daniel 12:11. What does he tell his disciples to do? When do you think this took place? _____
