

INTRODUCTION

- * We are nearing the end of our study of the book of Daniel. We have seen the Impact of His God, His Life and His Writings.
- * Recently, we have been considering the Impact of His Writings in the prophetic revelation which YHWH had given to him.
- * Last week, we began studying the final portion of his writings, chapters 10 through 12, which comprise one large prophecy regarding "the latter days." However these "latter days" are broken into two major segments: The Time of the Persians and Greeks ... and The Time of the End. Last week, we considered the Prologue to this prophecy by considering the Prophet of God and the Messenger of God.
- * Today we want to cover the first section of this prophecy - that dealing with the Persians and Greeks (predominantly the Greeks). This prophecy covers approximately 372 years of history! We have already considered the end portion of this time as we studied the prophecy recorded in Daniel 8.
- * Though most of this will be academic, DO NOT MISS the implications as we sore through the fulfillment of this phenomenal prophecy!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE VISION

A. Persia and Alexander (cf. 10:20-11:4)

- * v. 2 ... The Persian Kings: Cyrus II (the Great) - Ahasuerus (Cambyses II) - Artaxerxes (Smerdis) - Darius I (the Great)
- * v. 3-4 ... Alexander and the division of his kingdom

B. Ptolemies and Seleucids (cf. 11:5-35)

- * v. 5 ... Ptolemy I and Seleucus I (323-305 BC)
- * v. 6 ... Ptolemy II and Antiochus II (250-248 BC)
- * v. 7-8 ... Ptolemy III and Seleucus II (248/247 BC)
- * v. 9 ... Seleucus II (246 BC)
- * v. 10 ... Seleucus III and Antiochus III (225 BC ...)
- * v. 11-12 ... Ptolemy IV and Antiochus III (217 BC)
- * v. 13-16 ... Antiochus III (204-198 BC)
- * v. 17 ... Ptolemy V and Antiochus III (197 BC)
- * v. 18 ... Antiochus III (195 BC)
- * v. 19 ... Antiochus III (192-187 BC)
- * v. 20 ... Seleucus IV (187-175 BC)
- * v. 21-35 ... Antiochus IV (175-164 BC)
- * v. 22-24 ... Antiochus IV and Judea (174-170 BC)
- * v. 25-27 ... Ptolemy VI and Antiochus IV (169 BC)
- * v. 28 ... Antiochus IV and Judea (169 BC)
- * v. 29-31 ... Antiochus IV and Judea (168 BC)
- * v. 32-35 ... Maccabean Revolt (168-164 BC; 164-160 BC) ... Daniel 8:8-14, 23-35

II. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VISION

A. Toward YHWH

1. THE O _____ OF GOD
2. THE S _____ OF GOD (v. 27, 29, 35; 8:19; 10:1)

B. Toward The People Who Understand (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

1. THE CALL TO BE S _____ (v. 32)
2. THE CALL TO BE E _____ (v. 33)
3. THE CALL TO BE S _____ (v. 34-35)

INTROSPECTION

- * DOES THE OMNISCIENCE OF GOD BRING YOU COMFORT OR CONCERN?
- * ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD ... AND YOUR LIFE?
- * WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO POTENTIAL FOR PERSECUTION? ARE YOU ASKING GOD TO MAKE YOU STRONG?
- * IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING TO THOSE AROUND YOU - TO DISPEL THEIR IGNORANCE?
- * IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO TRULY BE SANCTIFIED ... TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST ... WHATEVER IT TAKES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What implications does, or should, fulfilled prophecy have upon our evangelistic efforts?