

INTRODUCTION

- * The first half of the book of Daniel was primarily historical. Today, we begin considering the final six chapters which are primarily prophetic. Yet, the prophecies of Daniel contain such great detail that liberal scholars have sought for years to prove that they were written after the fact! However, in 1952 Cave 4 at Qumran revealed fragments of a manuscript containing segments of the prophetic portion of the book of Daniel! These are manuscripts commonly referred to as the Dead Sea Scrolls. At least eight manuscripts of Daniel have been found among the 11 caves; only the Psalms (13) and Exodus (9) outnumber that number of manuscripts!
- * This is where we begin to see The Impact of His Writing!
- * Last week, as we began to consider this text, we saw that this prophecy builds up the vision that Nebuchadnezzar had in his dream which is recorded in chapter 2.
- * Today, Lord willing, we will conclude our consideration of the first of Daniel's prophetic visions.

INSTRUCTION

I. OBSERVATIONS

A. The Four Kingdoms (v. 1-8; cf. 2:37-45)

1. THE LION (v. 4; cf. 4:33) ... Babylon
2. THE BEAR (v. 5) ... Medo-Persia
3. THE LEOPARD (v. 6) ... Greece
 - * The Four Heads: the four Generals who reign after Alexander (Cassander; Lysimachus; Seleucid; Ptolemy)
4. THE TERRIBLE BEAST (v. 7-8, 23-24; Daniel 2:40-43; Revelation 12:3; 13:1-8; 17) ... Rome and beyond
 - * The Ten Horns: ten kings which shall arise from this kingdom
 - ... This is end-time ... one comes from among them and supplants three and that one is clearly in Revelation

B. The Pompous Horn (v. 8, 20-25)

1. HIS IDENTITY (cf. Daniel 8:9-12; 11:29-32; Revelation 13:1-9)
 - ... It is not Antiochus IV - Epiphanes (cf. Daniel 8:9-12; 11:29-32)
 - ... This one is during the last days (cf. Revelation 13:1-9)
2. HIS B_____ (v. 8, 11, 20-21, 24-26; Revelation 13:6)

C. The Ancient of Days (v. 9-14, 21-22, 26-27; Revelation 1:14-15)

1. HIS DESCRIPTION (cf. Revelation 1:14-15)

2. HIS COURT (cf. Revelation 20:11-15)

D. The Son of Man (v. 13-14)

1. HE CAME _____ (cf. Matthew 24:30; 26:64; Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 1:7; ... Revelation 10:1-7; 14:14-20)

2. HE WAS GIVEN _____ (cf. Revelation 11:15)

E. The Saints of the Most High (v. 18, 21-22, 25-27; cf. Daniel 9:24-27; 7:25; Revelation 13:7)

II. APPLICATIONS

A. The S _____ of the Ancient of Days

1. HE IS THE ULTIMATE R _____ (v. 14)

2. HE IS THE ULTIMATE J _____ (v. 10,22,26)

B. The P _____ of Daniel (v. 15, 28)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW DOES A CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE EVENTS AFFECT YOU? ARE YOU TRUSTING IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD?
- * DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD MORE FULLY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN?
- * ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE THINGS THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN NOT TO REVEAL TO US?
- * AT TIMES, SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH WILL BE ASKED TO GLORIFY GOD THROUGH SUFFERING AND PERSECUTION. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

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

- * Consider the following verses: Proverbs 21:1; Ezra 7:27-28; Psalm 105:23-26. What is stated regarding God's interaction among nations and history. What other Scripture passages can/should be considered?