

INTRODUCTION

- * We are in the prophetic portion of the book of Daniel.
- * Today, we are considering a vision of Daniel that has already been fulfilled, and historically recorded, in the writings of the Hasmonians in First and Second Maccabees. Though we do not recognize these writings as Scripture, we do understand the importance of them as historical records.
- * As we consider this vision, and its fulfillment, we must ask ourselves two questions: "How would I respond if I were alive then?" and, "Am I ready to respond if I am to live through some, or all, of the events of the end times?"

INSTRUCTION

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE VISION

A. The C_____ of the Vision (v. 1-2)

1. THE TIMING:

2. THE LOCATION.

B. The C_____ of the Vision (v. 3-26)

1. THE TIMING (v. 14-19)
 - a. The Length (v. 14)
 - b. The Period (v. 15-19)
2. THE PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS
 - a. The Ram (v. 3-7, 20)
 - b. The Goat (v. 5-8, 21-22)
 - c. The Little Horn (v. 9-12, 23-25)
 - * HIS RISE TO POWER (v. 9, 23-24)
 - * HIS POMPOUSNESS (v. 10-11,25)
 - * HIS PROVOCATION (v. 12-14,24)
 - * HIS DEMISE (v. 25)

C. The C_____ of the Vision (v. 26-27)

1. ITS C_____ (v. 26)
2. ITS P_____ (v. 27)

II. THE FULFILLMENT OF THE VISION

A. The A_____

1. THE R_____ OF ANTIOCHUS
 - a. His Power (1 Maccabees 1:9-10, 16-24)
 - b. His Provocation (1 Maccabees 1:41-57)
2. THE D_____ OF ANTIOCHUS
 - a. The Indignation of Mattathias (1 Maccabees 2:17-41,49-64)
 - b. The Exploits of Maccabeus (1 Maccabees 4:36-56)
 - c. The Perishing of Antiochus (1 Maccabees 6:1-13,16)

B. The T_____ (1 Maccabees 1:10, 20-24; 6:16)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WOULD YOU HAVE RESPONDED IF YOU WERE ALIVE DURING THE TIME OF ANTIOCHUS?
- * WOULD YOU HAVE CAPITULATED AND PERFORMED THE PAGAN RITUALS, OR WOULD YOU HAVE STOOD FOR THE WORD OF GOD?
- * ARE YOU PREPARED TO GO THROUGH PERSECUTION TODAY?
- * WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO ... TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE TIME?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

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

- * Discuss those initial two questions further. How does this impact our need for evangelism today?