

I. Recap

Daniel 7 (1st vision)

1. 4 Beasts
2. The Son of Man's Coronation before the Ancient of Days
3. The Fourth Beast and the Little Horn
4. The Saints of the Most High and The Heavenly Court
 - a) The saints must pass through suffering into glory just as Jesus, the Son of Man, would do. The servant is not greater than the Master.

Daniel 8 (2nd Vision)

5. A Goat and a Ram
6. A little Horn
 - a) Daniel was sick for Days after seeing the cruelty of the Anitchrist toward Jerusalem.
 - b) We must fully appreciate just how terrible the antichrist will be.
 - c) It takes nothing less than the vision of the Son of Man from chapter 7 (confidence in nothing else) in order to have hope. The eschaton is God's severe mercy for idolatrous hearts.

II. Daniel 9:1-16

Here we are in 538 B.C. It's the first year of King Darius' reign over the former region of Babylon. Daniel knows that something will happen in just under 2 years which will end his people's captivity in Babylon.

1. **in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. (Dan 9:2 ESV)**
 - a) **"For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill**

to you my promise and bring you back to this place. (Jer 29:10 ESV)

In Daniel we see a prototype of the end-time praying church.

2. 2 Men in the Old Testament are known for their interpretations of Dreams. Joseph and Daniel.
 - a) Joseph was a “type” of Christ: rejected by his brothers, only to then be “exalted to the right hand of power” as it were; he then blesses the families of the earth amidst a famine and forgives his brothers when they come to him.
 - b) Daniel was really a “type” of the end-time praying church: an exile in a foreign land that’s not his home, he prophesies the word of the Lord where He is assigned and partners with God’s purposes for Israel in prayer.
3. The role of prayer in God’s redemptive purpose.
 - a) As menial as it might seem, God has chosen prayer as the vehicle through which He moves His redemptive plan forward in the earth. Both in Daniel 9 and 10 an angel is “resisted” as it attempts to bring Daniel a revelation about the plight of his people at the end of the age. In both chapters it is as Daniel prays and fasts that the angel is sent to Daniel. It is much the same principle as James 1:5.
 - b) The end-time church will have a prayer and missions focus toward the people of Israel that characterized Daniel but has not characterized much of the historic church.
 - c) Praying the Word: Daniel took what was written in Jeremiah about the day that he was living in. The end-time church will take the details of scripture about that day, pray them back to God, and watch Him supernaturally do those very words before her own eyes.

III. Daniel's 70 weeks

Incredible promise

1. Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place."

69 Weeks

2. Dan 9:25-26 "Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed."

The 70th Week

3. Dan 9:27 "And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

a) 2,300 Days (Daniel 8:14). 6 Years and 4 Months until the sanctuary is restored. 9 Months into Daniel's 70th the Antichrist will do something to show that he cannot be trusted to uphold his peace treaty. The prophetic church will boldly declare that this leader is the antichrist.

(1) This time period is referred to twice as 1260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6); twice as 42 months (Rev 11:2; 13:5); three times as "time, times, and half a time"

(Rev. 12:14; Dan. 7:25; 12:7); and once as “middle of the week” (Dan. 9:27;

b) 3 World Leaders are plucked up by the root and fall before the Antichrist (Dan 7:8,20).

