

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "INTERPRETIVE ISSUES IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL"

Pastoral Panel, moderated by Roger Joe

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Text: Daniel 7-10

Summary of Daniel 7-10:

Vision #1: Four Beasts, the Ancient of Days, and the Son of Man (Daniel 7)

Vision #2: The Ram, the Goat, the Little Horn (Daniel 8)

Vision #3: Daniel's Prayer and the Seventy Weeks (Daniel 9)

(Intro to) Vision #4: Daniel is Strengthened by a Heavenly Being (Daniel 10)

Introduction

Basics of Daniel: Historical Background and Book Overview

Interpretive Challenges and Difficult Passages

1. How do the visions of Daniel 2, 7, and 8 relate? What are their historical referents?

2. Historically, who do the little horns of Daniel 7 and 8 correspond to?

3. How should we understand the vision of the seventy weeks in Daniel 9?

a) Are "weeks" (9:24) seven days, seven years, or an indeterminate unit of time?

b) What historical event does the seventieth "week" (9:27) correspond to?

4. Does Scripture tell us anything else about the nature of these heavenly beings in Daniel?

Conclusion: What is one thing that you have learned from our study of Daniel?