

Prophecy – Lesson #9: “Daniel: Israel’s Ultimate Destiny”

“Daniel answered and said, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. “And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, And knowledge to men of understanding. “It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him...”

Daniel 2:20-22

“And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:14

I. Introduction: The book of Daniel is takes place in the days before the Babylonian captivity and inside Babylon with the remnant of the kingdom of Israel. Though the word kingdom is prominent, the key idea is the plan of God for Israel which will end in the establishment of God’s Messiah King as ruler on the earth.

II. Key themes in Daniel:

- Daniel and his friend’s deportation and faithfulness in Babylon
- God’s revelation of His future plans for the Gentile nations and His people, Israel.

III. Key People in Daniel

- Daniel
- Shadrach
- Meshach
- Abednego
- Nebuchadnezzar
- Darius
- Michael (the archangel)

IV. The Outline of Daniel:

1. The Personal History of Daniel (Ch. 1)
2. The Prophetic Plan for the Gentile Nations (Ch. 2-7)
3. Prophecies Against Gentile Nations (Ch. 8-12)

Conclusion: “The theme of Daniel is God’s sovereign power as the one true God, who judges and destroys the rebellious world powers and will faithfully deliver His covenant people according to their steadfast faith in Him. Daniel was written to encourage the exiled Jews through revealing God’s sovereign plan for Israel during and after the period of domination by the Gentile world powers. This is the time of the Gentiles which began with the Babylonian captivity but will end with the establishment of Messiah’s kingdom as the stone, one cut out without hands, became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”