



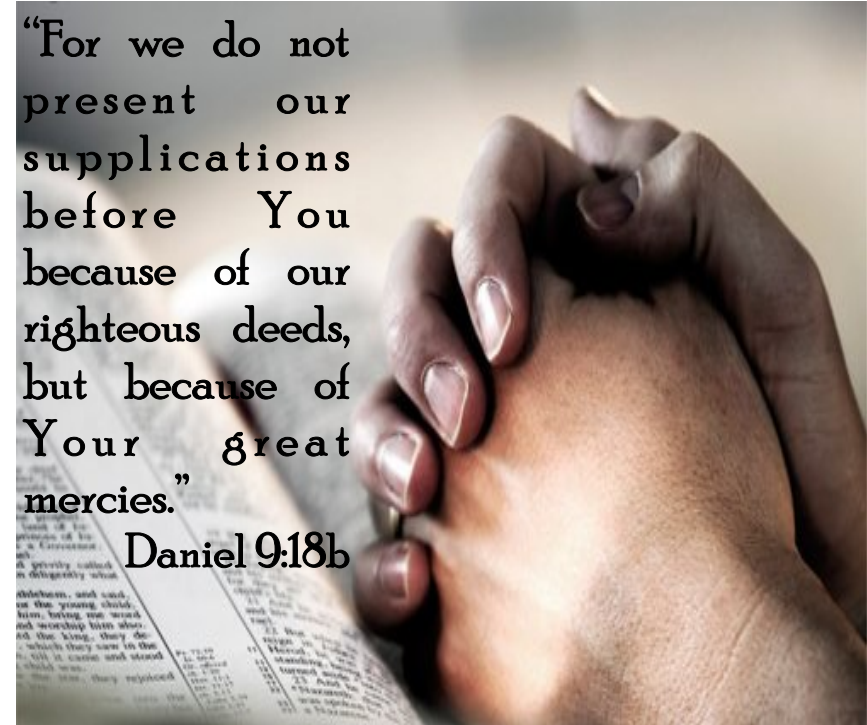
Notes

If you have questions during the week, please drop us an e-mail at jim@calvaryroswell.com or phil@calvaryroswell.com

For a digital form of this booklet, an mp3 version of the teaching and/or powerpoint slides from the teaching, visit our website at <http://www.calvaryroswell.com/biblestudies/index.htm>



Thru the Scriptures 2006-08



Daniel 7-12

June 26th– July 2nd, 2008

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Ti 3:16-17)

Daniel-

We find in this second section of Daniel some very detailed and accurate prophecies. Though they were given to Daniel over two thousand years ago, we find within them relevance for our world's history today. What a thing to marvel at – that the God of time and space chose to unveil to a man such as Daniel, secrets that open up to him historical truths and also take him further into knowing God Himself. One truth that arises from these pages of prophecy is that God is the I AM of all time. May the Lord bless you this week as you mine out the truths that are hidden within this brilliant section of Scripture! May He give you skill to understand His ways that you might pluck them up as your very own! And may you enjoy the gems you find knowing that you are a beloved saint of the Most High!

Helpful Study Links:

Additional Commentary: (Great Resource!)
http://preceptaustin.org/daniel_commentaries.htm

Commentary on Daniel by David Guzik
<http://www.studylight.org/com/guz/view.cgi?book=da>

Sermon Links:

“God’s Countdown” by Ray C. Stedman
<http://www.pbc.org/files/messages/3979/0366.html>

Commentary:

The commentary used with permission throughout this booklet is

With the Word Bible Commentary

by Warren W. Wiersbe.

ISBN 0-8407-9108-9

Daily Bible Study

Saturday, June 28th, 2008

Passage for today: Daniel 7

Questions to Ponder

1. Seek to list the items seen in the vision and their interpretations. What does this show us of God's plan for the kingdoms of the earth? In reality what kingdoms are pictured here?
2. What do we see of the saints of the Most High here? What do we see of Christ and His kingdom? How might this bring hope to our lives today?
3. Why do you suppose these visions troubled Daniel? Should they trouble us? Explain.

With the word Bible Commentary

Daniel 7

A vision of world history (1–8). Man views human kingdoms as valuable metals (chap. 2), but God sees them as vicious animals that fight and devour each other. Human history will culminate in a worldwide kingdom under a satanic world ruler (Antichrist) who will defy God and eventually be defeated by God's Son.

A vision of heaven (9–14). While the beasts are fighting on earth, God is holding court in heaven, and everything is under His control. Jesus Christ will one day establish a righteous kingdom that nobody will overthrow.

A vision of saints on earth (15–28). These "saints" are believers during the end times, just before the Lord returns to set up His kingdom. But what Daniel says about them has spiritual application to believers today. They are involved in a war (v. 21) and suffer persecution (v. 25), but they will receive the kingdom (v. 18) and reign with Christ (v. 27).

When the course of world history depresses you, look at events from heaven's point of view.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Da 7:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Sunday, June 29th, 2008

Passage for today: Daniel 8

Questions to Ponder

1. Who do the ram and the male goat represent here? Who do you suppose the horns represent? How does this prophecy line up with world history? What does this say to us about the validity of Bible prophecy?
2. What is Daniel's response to this prophecy that is some two years after the one listed in chapter seven? Why do you suppose he responded so? Should the coming wrath that we know of bring similar response in our lives? Explain.
3. How does this vision concern the people of Israel? How does it concern us today?

With the word Bible Commentary

Daniel 8

Daniel saw himself in the Persian capital, for Persia would be the next world power after Babylon. In this vision, God pictured Persia as a ram and Greece (the next power) as a male goat (vv. 19–22). We have moved from wild beasts to beasts that have been domesticated.

The “notable horn” (v. 5) is Alexander the Great, who conquered many nations, including Persia, and built a great kingdom. After his death, his kingdom was divided into four parts by four of his generals (v. 8). The “little horn” (vv. 9–14) represents the evil general, Antiochus Epiphanes, who invaded Palestine, defiled the Jewish temple, and put the Jews under bondage. He is a picture of the world ruler to come, the Antichrist (vv. 15–26).

Daniel was so overwhelmed by the vision that he became ill and could not do his work! He could never be the same again, knowing what God had planned for his people in the latter days. How does Bible prophecy affect you?

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Da 8:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Monday, June 30th, 2008

Passage for today: Daniel 9

Questions to Ponder

1. What was it about Jeremiah's prophecy that stirred Daniel to prayer? (See Jeremiah 29:10-14.) How might Daniel's study of the word and belief in what he found be an example to us today?
2. Note Daniel's approach to prayer. What might we learn from this? In his prayer, what was Daniel's perspective of the Lord and of the people? On what grounds did Daniel beg to have the fury of the Lord turned from Jerusalem and Israel? Lessons for us?
3. What does the vision given here speak to us concerning world history? What is revealed here about the coming of the Messiah? What is seen of the antichrist and the great tribulation?

With the word Bible Commentary

Daniel 9

Insight (1–2). Even though he received visions from God and could interpret dreams, Daniel still read the Scriptures and sought to understand them. While pondering Jeremiah 25, he understood that the seventy years of Jewish captivity would soon end. Not all world events have prophetic significance, but God's people should keep their eyes open.

Intercession (3–19). The Word of God and prayer go together (Acts 6:4), as do prayer and fasting (Acts 13:3). Compare this prayer with the prayers in Nehemiah 9 and Ezra 9. Daniel emphasized the sinfulness of himself and his people and the righteousness of God, and he asked for God's forgiveness. Note that he especially prayed for Jerusalem. Had he read Jeremiah 29:10–14 and 30:10–24?

Instruction (20–27). God gave Daniel a preview of Jewish history. Jerusalem would be rebuilt and the temple restored. Messiah would come and die. An evil prince would break his covenant with the Jews and trigger desolation. But God would triumph, and Jerusalem would become truly a holy city. Men are free to make decisions and even rebel against God if they want to, but He will accomplish His purposes in the world. With confidence, you can pray, "Thy kingdom come!"

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Da 9:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Tuesday, July 1st, 2008

Passage for today: Daniel 10-11

Questions to Ponder

1. How would you describe Daniel's countenance in chapter 10? What does this show us about the cost for those who enter into a deeper walk with the Lord? Can you relate with Daniel at all in this way?
2. What insights are we given into the spiritual realm in chapter 10?
3. Much of chapter 11 predicts events that would take place over a period of approximately 400 years, while verses 36-45 point to a time that is still future. What is God's purpose in recording such a detailed prophecy?
4. Consider how many of the kings in this chapter were self-willed. What does this teach us about God's purpose and His sovereignty?

With the word Bible Commentary

Daniel 10

The Jewish exiles had returned to the land and were rebuilding the temple when Daniel had this experience. He had been fasting for three weeks, and the vision of the angel left him even more weakened. When you pray for deeper experiences with the Lord, expect to pay a price.

God assures us. Daniel was a man "greatly beloved" by the Lord (vv. 11, 19). The Father loves us as He loves His Son (John 17:23) and wants to share His love with us (John 14:21-23). God also said, "Fear not" (vv. 12, 19). You can rest today in the love of God and His promise that you need not be afraid.

God touches us. God's touch awakened and aroused Daniel (v. 10), enabled him to speak (v. 16), and gave him strength (vv. 18-19). By His Word, God gives us the peace and power that we need (v. 19).

God instructs us. Why did it take so long for the angel to come to Daniel? Because of a spiritual battle in the heavenlies (vv. 12-13, 20; Eph. 6:10ff.). When you pray, you become a part of spiritual warfare, so do not take lightly your times of prayer. The angel also instructed Daniel about the future of his people (v. 14), explained in chapters 11-12. Daniel's companions did not see the vision or hear the voice, but in terror fled away. God still needs people like Daniel who see the glory of God, hear the Word of God, feel God's touch, and enter into the spiritual battle.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Da 10:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daily Bible Study

Wednesday, July 2nd, 2008

Passage for today: Daniel 12

Questions to Ponder

1. How would this chapter be a comfort to those experiencing persecution and tribulation?
2. What does this chapter teach us concerning the resurrection of the dead?
3. Consider verse 8. What do we often have in common with Daniel's question? What response is he given? What is the right response to prophecy? How can you apply this to your life?

With the word Bible Commentary

Daniel 12

Keep in mind that this prophecy has to do with the Jewish people in the end times. But it gives encouragement to all of God's people in every generation to know that God is in control and will accomplish His purposes in spite of the forces of evil.

God assures His servant that the living believers will be delivered (v. 1) and the ones who die will be resurrected to shine in glory (v. 2; Matt. 13:43). No matter what kind of affliction or tribulation God permits you to experience, He is still in control.

What, then, are your responsibilities? To seek to win others to the Savior (v. 3), to leave the hidden things with the Lord (vv. 8–9), to grow in holiness (v. 10), and to wait on the Lord and rest in Him (vv. 12–13). This is the way Bible prophecy should affect us personally.

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). *With the word Bible commentary* (Da 12:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson

Outline

The Personal History of Daniel (1–6)

- Ch1 - Daniel's preparation - Dedication
- Ch 2 - Nebuchadnezzar's dream - Opportunity
- Ch 3 - The fiery furnace - Faithfulness
- Ch 4 - Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation – Witnessing
- Ch 5 - The handwriting on the wall - Boldness
- Ch 6 - The lions' den – Devotion

The Prophetic Ministry of Daniel (7–12)

- Ch 7 - His vision of the four beasts
- Ch 8 - His vision of the ram and he goat
- Ch 9 - His prayer of confession—the seventy weeks
- Ch 10-12 - His final vision of the future
 - Ch 10 – Preparation of Daniel
 - Ch 11 – Revelation of the end
 - Ch 12 – Conclusion of visions to Daniel

The Chronological Order of the Book of Daniel

- Chapters 1–4 Captivity and interpretation of dreams and visions
- Chapter 7 Vision of the four beasts
- Chapter 8 Vision of the ram and he-goat
- Chapter 5 Belshazzar's feast—conquest of Babylon
- Chapter 9 Vision of the seventy weeks
- Chapter 6 Daniel in the lions' den
- Chapters 10–12 Daniel's prayer and visions

Daniel 7 Notes

Daniel's Vision: *Daniel's vision in chapter 7 parallels what Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream (chap. 2). The lion (v. 4) is Babylon, the head of gold. The bear (v. 5) is Media-Persia, the arms and chest of silver. The leopard (v. 6) is Greece, the thigh of brass. The dreadful beast (v. 7) is Rome, the legs of iron. The little horn (v. 8) represents Antichrist and his kingdom, the toes of iron and clay. The Ancient of Days on the throne (vv. 9–14) parallels the smiting stone.*

Bible Prophecy: *How should believers respond when they get an understanding of God's prophetic Word? Daniel was affected physically by his visions and was left weak and prostrate (7:15, 28; 8:17–18, 27; 10:8). Those who are proud of a knowledge of Bible prophecy may have learned only what it says and not what it means. Revelation always brings responsibility with it. If we really believe these things, we will obey what God tells us to do.*

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Da 7:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Daniel 9 Notes

The Seventy Weeks: *The seventy weeks are in three periods: seven weeks (49 years), sixty-two weeks (434 years), and one week (7 years). The first period starts in 444 b.c. with the decree allowing the Jews to return to their land and rebuild the city. The next sixty-two weeks (434 years) take us up to the time of Christ (vv. 24, 26). The "missing" seventieth week is fulfilled in the end times and parallels Revelation 6–19. The "prince who is to come" (v. 26) is the Antichrist, who will make a covenant with the Jews to protect them for seven years. After three and one-half years, he will break the covenant and usher in a terrible time of trouble for the world. That final seven-year period climaxes with the return of Christ, the defeat of His enemies, and the establishment of His kingdom on earth (Matt. 24:29–31; Rev. 19). The New Testament declares, "Known to God from eternity are all His works" (Acts 15:18).*

—Wiersbe, W. W. (1997, c1991). With the word Bible commentary (Da 9:1). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

The Messiah Cut Off

Daniel 9:26

By C H Spurgeon

Taken From *Morning and Evening*

Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined."

Blessed be his name, there was no cause of death in him. Neither original nor actual sin had defiled him, and therefore death had no claim upon him. No man could have taken his life from him justly, for he had done no man wrong, and no man could even have lain him by force unless he had been pleased to yield himself to die. But lo, one sins and another suffers. Justice was offended by us, but found its satisfaction in him. Rivers of tears, mountains of offerings, seas of the blood of bullocks, and hills of frankincense, could not have availed for the removal of sin; but Jesus was cut off for us, and the cause of wrath was cut off at once, for sin was put away for ever. Herein is wisdom, whereby substitution, the sure and speedy way of atonement, was devised! Herein is condescension, which brought Messiah, the Prince, to wear a crown of thorns, and die upon the cross! Herein is love, which led the Redeemer to lay down his life for his enemies!

It is not enough, however, to admire the spectacle of the innocent bleeding for the guilty, we must make sure of our interest therein. The special object of the Messiah's death was the salvation of his church; have we a part and a lot among those for whom he gave his life a ransom? Did the Lord Jesus stand as our representative? Are we healed by his stripes? It will be a terrible thing indeed if we should come short of a portion in his sacrifice; it were better for us that we had never been born. Solemn as the question is, it is a joyful circumstance that it is one which may be answered clearly and without mistake. To all who believe on him the Lord Jesus is a present Saviour, and upon them all the blood of reconciliation has been sprinkled. Let all who trust in the merit of Messiah's death be joyful at every remembrance of him, and let their holy gratitude lead them to the fullest consecration to his cause.

People Who Know Their God

Daniel 11:32

By C H Spurgeon

Taken From *Morning and Evening*

The people who know their God will display strength and take action"

Every believer understands that to know God is the highest and best form of knowledge; and this spiritual knowledge is a source of strength to the Christian. It strengthens his faith. Believers are constantly spoken of in the Scriptures as being persons who are enlightened and taught of the Lord; they are said to "have an unction from the Holy One," and it is the Spirit's peculiar office to lead them into all truth, and all this for the increase and the fostering of their faith. Knowledge strengthens love, as well as faith. Knowledge opens the door, and then through that door we see our Saviour. Or, to use another similitude, knowledge paints the portrait of Jesus, and when we see that portrait then we love him, we cannot love a Christ whom we do not know, at least, in some degree. If we know but little of the excellences of Jesus, what he has done for us, and what he is doing now, we cannot love him much; but the more we know him, the more we shall love him. Knowledge also strengthens hope. How can we hope for a thing if we do not know of its existence? Hope may be the telescope, but till we receive instruction, our ignorance stands in the front of the glass, and we can see nothing whatever; knowledge removes the interposing object, and when we look through the bright optic glass we discern the glory to be revealed, and anticipate it with joyous confidence. Knowledge supplies us reasons for patience. How shall we have patience unless we know something of the sympathy of Christ, and understand the good which is to come out of the correction which our heavenly Father sends us? Nor is there one single grace of the Christian which, under God, will not be fostered and brought to perfection by holy knowledge. How important, then, is it that we should grow not only in grace, but in the "knowledge" of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Nothing to Alarm Us

Daniel 12:13

By C H Spurgeon

Taken From *Faith's Checkbook*

“But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.”—Da 12:13

WE cannot understand all the prophecies, but yet we regard them with pleasure and not with dismay. There can be nothing in the Father's decree which should justly alarm His child. Though the abomination of desolation be set up, yet the true believer shall not be defiled; rather shall he be purified, and made white, and tried. Though the earth be burned up, no smell of fire shall come upon the chosen. Amid the crash of matter and the wreck of worlds, the Lord Jehovah will preserve His own.

Calmly resolute in duty, brave in conflict, patient in suffering, let us go our way, keeping to our road, neither swerving from it, nor loitering in it. The end will come; let us go our way till it does.

Rest will be ours. All other things swing to and fro, but our foundation standeth sure. God rests in His love, and, therefore, we rest in it. Our peace is, and ever shall be, like a river. A lot in the heavenly Canaan is ours, and we shall stand in it, come what may. The God of Daniel will give a worthy portion to all who dare to be decided for truth and holiness as Daniel was. No den of lions shall deprive us of our sure inheritance. (Faith's Checkbook)