

Daniel 38 – Vastness of Christ’s Dominion

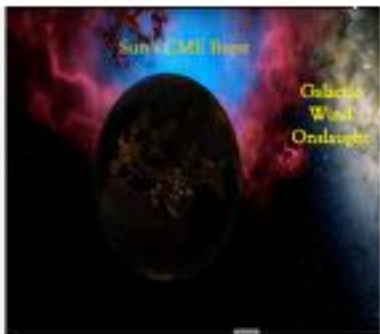
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God’s Perspective

Visible Reveals the Spiritual

- Scripture declares that the visible is a function of the invisible: Energies and Spiritual reality (Isa 43:23-24, 44:11-12)
- Studying the visible, empirical (science) reveals to man reality of God and His biblical truths
- All Creation groans since Adam’s sin (Rom 8:18-23, 17:19, Rom 8:19-23)
- Man denies Bible, relegating the empirical to ongoing steady-state processes to reject God (Eph 3:5-7)

Space: Neither Empty nor Benign

Earth in Hostile Space



Sun's Continuous Assault



Space: Reveals Sin's Destructiveness

- Space is awash in charged particles and ionizing energies that continually bombard the Earth
 - God placed a magnetic shield through and around Earth protecting it, and us, from much of this danger
 - This cyclic onslaught, even from the Sun, affects weather, storms, volcanoes and even earthquakes
- Reveals God's protection despite Satan's ongoing attacks on man; i.e., Salvation: Wrestle (De 31:28-30)

God is Infinite–Universe is Finite

- God's reasoning is not man's reasoning; thus, sinful man substitutes his ignorant assumptions for God's truths (Is 55:6-11)
 - Only infinite God could make such a tremendous, though finite, Universe; specifically, for Man (Isa 52:6-10; Ps 82:2-11)
 - God made Universe on Day 4 in support Man on Earth (Gn 1:14-19)
 - But since earth a tiny speck in Universe, man reasons, from ignorance, that life is present else where: (1Co 2:13-14)

Antichrist's–Satan's Power

- The apparent power of Satan and his small horn, Antichrist, is one of scale
 - Satan knows that he has no power except as allowed by God (Job 1:6-12, 2:4-9)
 - Satan knows it is death to leave Earth's protective fields though he holds out the carrot of space travel
 - Satan knows God controls the Universe; its cyclic nature reveals his powerlessness to dominate; God gives Satan and man space to live their dream of life without Him (Job 1:9-20, 27:3, 3:12)

Daniel's Vision of Christ and Antichrist

- Daniel's vision interlaces exposition of Christ and His dominion against Antichrist, *small horn*, and his dominion
 - Satan, father of all sinners, rules by lies, deception, and violence leading to murder; all who die in sin (Dn 9:24, Jr 23:27-31:8)
 - *Small horn* is depicted as *speaking*, like a man, to dominate
- *Small horn* allowed to exercise dominion for a *short* time on this tiny earth until he is sent directly into the Lake of Fire

Art of Deception

- Deception only works when the deceived join the charade and *allow* themselves to believe the deception
 - Thus, sinners embrace Satan's delusion and small horn's lies as it agrees with their anti-God worldviews
 - Christians struggle to resist his deception; giving *power* to his lies in the World over themselves: Immature (Dn 13:12)
 - Daniel shows Antichrist's kingdom will be judged and his dominion removed, and when revealed, people will marvel Satan had such *power* (Dn 18:12-17, Jr 28:15-18)

Conflating Power with Providence

- God *allows* Satan and sinners to see the effects of their sin in comparison with His promise of Life and Peace
 - Their apparent display of control, *power*, reveals their sinfulness, sealing their judgment by their works (Dn 1:11-18)
 - Their persecution of believers will refine believers as gold to remove the *dross* of sinful worldviews and reveal false teachers and converts who *infiltrate* the Church (Dn 1:19, A12:10)