

Daniel 58 – Filthiness of Daniel's Flesh

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Daniel 10:7-9

Prologue: Daniel's Vision: Son of Man

- This presentation differed from Daniel's earlier vision conveying a different message
 - Previously Daniel saw God on His holy fiery Throne (Da 7:9-10)
 - Now Daniel sees Christ as Man {*Son of Man*} (Da 7:13-14)
- Christ's appearance as High Priest like Melchizedek (He 7:1-22)
 - White linen, purity, with gold sash, refined holiness: Salvation attained through sacrificial atonement (He 7:26-28)
 - Christ depicted as the One who sits in judgment able to pierce the guise of the Flesh with righteousness; thus, the depiction of bronze and flame (He 10:12-18; 2Ti 4:1)
 - His voice of many waters (Heaven: Water Duality) speaks the mind of the Father for all to hear (Jn 1:1-18)




Prologue: Christ Theophanes – Metaphoric Message for YOU

- Christ's theophanic appearances varied depending on the message conveyed to recipient, and readers {Us}
 - Christ treated Abraham as a ruler of a great people; thus, he gave Abraham an opportunity to demonstrate godly leadership, which he did {Abel} (Ge 18:17-33)
 - Christ appeared to Samson's parents as God: He only accepted worship, {הלל} ola offering, not a meal: His mission was to show the weakness of the Law in managing the Flesh: Samson – Thus the Name {אלי; pjl'ly} (Ju 13:8-20; Ro 8:2-8)
 - Isaiah saw Christ as holy God, distant on His throne until sin's atonement; given message Jews ignored as Samson ignored until end: Repeated {אלי; pjl'ly} (Ju 16:23-30; Is 6:1-7; 9:6)
 - Daniel's view of Christ synonymous with John's view of Jesus on Patmos: Glorified Christ in Peace toward His Redeemed: Message of Comfort in the end (Re 1:12-20)




Daniel's Vision: Basic Elements

- We know Daniel was on the banks of the *Great River*, Tigris River, moving water picture of eusebeic, godly, spiritual forces which also implies the presence of asebeic, ungodly, spiritual forces at work in this Creation {Later}
 - Christ as Melchizedek-High Priest appears to Daniel over the River (Da 10:5-6)
 - Christ visually appears **only** to Daniel, but His exuding righteousness affects everyone causing them to hide from His righteousness (Re 6:15-16)
 - Daniel is left alone to receive the vision without interference from his attendants
- This is the only time in the Old Testament Christ appears as Melchizedek-High Priest hinting at His coming, our time reference frame, victory over sin
 - Implies Jews salvation will come to fruition just as He said in their beginning (Ex 17:3)
 - Christ will be High Priest over all the earth including believing Gentiles (Ex 9:16; Re 19:15)



Daniel's Vision: Mirrors Paul's and John's Visions

- While Daniel's vision is unique in the Old Testament, it is mirrored in Paul's and John's visions
- Paul's Damascus Road Vision:
 - Paul's vision was visual, bright light, and auditory, understandable voice – To him (Ac 9:3-9)
 - His companions heard *something* and saw Paul struck with blindness (Jn 12:27-29)
- John's Patmos Vision:
 - John heard Jesus speak, turned and saw Christ as Melchizedek-High Priest
 - Daniel's theophanic vision was now John's post-resurrection vision bringing Old and New Covenants together: Completion of Jewish Promises via Himself
 - As the letters of Revelation are a parenthesis, Church, First Fruits, is a parenthesis; Christ showing mercy to us who deserve none showing His people that He always desires mercy; lesson for Christians to also remember, daily (Mic 6:6-8; Hos 6:6-7; Mt 12:1-8)



Daniel's Vision: Experiencing Pure Righteousness

- John, like Daniel, fell down before Melchizedek-High Priest Christ; Daniel gives us a clue as to why he was suddenly without strength, *weak* {Astheneia}
 - Daniel reports, "For my glory was turned within me into corruption {sin}..." (LUV)
 - Daniel described how he forsook his usual pleasures to demonstrate depth of his troubled soul to God; yet his was simply an outward, though sincere, display
 - When he encountered true, pure righteousness the sinfulness of his flesh was immediately apparent; he fell down in absolute terror of judgment (1 Jo 4:17-18)
 - Isaiah had a similar experience during his vision and Christ purified his lips, saved him, to be a vessel of use to Jew and Gentile (Is 6:1-8)
 - End-point of New Covenant salvation, make us Christ-like: Pure in Spirit, Meekness (Is 1:18; Je 31:31-34; Mt 5:2-12; 2Co 5:21; He 7:20-25)




Absolute Truth of Sin: Total Corruptibility

- Daniel, like all people, does not experientially understand extent the of his fleshly sinfulness; heart is deceitful beyond understanding (Jb 17:9)
 - Man and Woman deliberately chose corruption because they loved their flesh greater than they loved God; this remains true of all people (Ro 1:21-25; Ep 5:29a)
 - Sinner's worldview presents one's fleshly way as *right* justifying one's sin; root of religiosity and works even among the faithful: Elijah and Peter (1Ki 19:9-14; Pt 21:2; Mt 16:21-23)
 - Flesh is altogether corrupted; Christ only able to control His flesh via Holy Spirit (Is 61; 1Co 1:29; Hb 2:14-18) (Is 61:6 cf. Ex 19:5)
 - Flesh must be destroyed, changed, from corruptible to incorruptible just as the old nature had to be destroyed and replaced with *new nature* (1Co 15:50-55; 2Co 5:17)
 - Daniel had to learn, as we all, God's kingdom is not eating and drinking, or lack thereof (Legalism), strengthens flesh; it is righteousness in Christ (Ro 14:17; Col 2:20-23)



Jews Trust Their Flesh: God Gives His Spirit

- Inexorably we all trust our flesh because it is all we know (Experientially)
 - Unless one experiences God's righteousness, through Christ or one of his angels, it is impossible to grasp the complete degradation, sinfulness of the flesh
 - Jews warned early on that they would trust in their flesh and go astray into Captivity; sinful flesh does not learn by experience (De 8:17-20)
- Essence of New Covenant salvation is changed nature from God alone
 - God promises to give everyone who believes a *new heart of new flesh* (Ez 36:26)
 - True Jews will receive a *new heart* which will never reject God again (Jb 24:7)
 - Paul describes True Jews as those who have received the *new heart* (Ro 2:29)
 - Daniel's vision shows process by which *False Jews* are revealed resulting in their judgment and the salvation of *True Jews*, and believing Gentiles (Mt 25:31-46; Ro 2:1-12)



Christians First Fruits of New Covenant: Looking Through an Enigma

- Christians first receive the seal of the New Covenant, indwelling Spirit with our *new minds*; however, we retain our fleshly bodies which war against our minds (Ro 7:7-24; 2Co 1:21-22; Ep 1:13-14; 4:30)
 - Paul whose vision of Christ in Heaven preparing him for his ministry, declared he only knew Christ partially, limited by his flesh (1Co 13:12)
 - Our fleshly bodies lust to sin and cannot be controlled by us, only by the indwelling Spirit; it will never submit to God (Ro 8:3-10)
- Why do we retain fleshly bodies? Why are we not changed into our new bodies like Christ as we are adopted sons of God? (1Ki 19:9-14, 18; Ga 4:5-6)
 - Image if we, clothed in Christ's righteousness with a similar body appeared to those remaining in the flesh; the effect would be the same: Falling down weakness
 - They would seek to worship us and we would be in danger of not only accepting such worship, we would also be tempted to lose the very quality for which Christ donned the flesh: Mercy and Compassion
 - We would be tyrants rather than helpers fulfilling the goal of Satan; not Christ (Ge 3:5; Hb 2:14-18)