

Thursday Morning Group 2021: The Book of Daniel

Program:

1. Introduction and Daniel 1: Despite appearances God is in control
2. Daniel 1, 2 & 3: The Wisdom of Faith
3. Daniel 4 & 5: God of Nations
4. Daniel 6 and Matthew's Passion Narrative: Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament
5. Daniel 7: The One like a Son of Man

Introduction

A book of intrigue

Two distinct parts

Court Narratives ch 1-6

- The Fiery Furnace
- The Golden Statue
- Daniel and the Lion's Den

Apocalyptic Visions ch 7-12

- The One like a Son of Man (7)
- Strange answers to prayer (9:24-27)
- Unusually precise prophecy (10-12)

But two languages that tie them together (Aramaic 2:4 – 7:28)

Prophecy or Wisdom?

- Christian Bible has Daniel with the Prophets
- Jewish Bible has Daniel with the Writings

Historical Issues

- The date of the siege
- Who is Darius the Mede?
- The King of the North's demise (prophecy after the fact?)

Problems that have been resolved

- The fiery furnace
- Belshazzar

When was Daniel written and who was it written for?

Big debate about when it was written, or at least its final composition

Court Narratives set in 6th C BC, Visions also 6th C

Debate centres around questions of historic accuracy and "prophecy after the fact" (ch 11)

Themes of Daniel

- God's Sovereignty
- Wisdom
- Prayer

Timeline of the Persian Rulers, Daniel Chapter 11

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http://www.thesecondcomingofchrist.org/dan11_timelines.htm

