

Daniel Describes the King's Dream and its Interpretation

Daniel 2:24-49

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Because God is omniscient, He is able to tell His prophets exactly what the future holds.

I. After receiving the revelation from God, Daniel requested audience with the king and the sparing of the wise men. (v. 24-26)

II. Daniel first glorified Yahweh rather than himself (v. 27-30)

The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he fully accomplishes
the purposes of his heart.

In days to come
you will understand this. (Jeremiah 30:24)

III. By God's grace Daniel was able to give a correct account of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. (v. 31-36)

IV. Daniel was given the ability to provide an accurate interpretation of future events as predicted by the dream. (v. 37-45)

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,

establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” (Luke 1:30-33)

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” (Revelation 11:15)

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21:25-28)

Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” (Revelation 19:15)

Why the Premillennial Position?

- 1) First four were actual earthly nation-states
- 2) No coalition of 10 kings fits first century Palestine (first advent)
- 3) First advent did not destroy kingdoms

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)

- 4) Dream describes sudden overthrow not gradual transformation
- 5) Church is not conquering world kingdoms
- 6) Parallels chapter 7 which describes Christ’s return

V. Nebuchadnezzar was impressed with Daniel and his God, Yahweh, but not yet ready to accept Him as the One True God. (v. 46-47)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (John 17:3)

VI. Daniel and his Hebrew friends were then honored with promotions to high office. (v. 46-49)