

Daniel - Chapter 1

A Pure Prophet For A Perilous Time Skeletal Outline

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- I. The Time in Which He Lived
 1. Jerusalem - the city of God - had been besieged.
 2. The Temple - the house of God - had been pillaged.
 3. The Israelites - the people of God - had been enslaved.
 4. Revival - the work of God - had been rejected.
 5. Prophecy - the revelation of God - had been affirmed.

- II. The Testing Through Which He Passed.
 1. Removal - to break the influence of his heritage.
 2. Flattery - to break the virtue of his humility.
 3. Conformity to break the distinctiveness of his discipline.
 4. Identity to break the reminder of his relationship.

- III. The Triumph With Which He Stood
 1. The Purpose of his Heart.
 - (1) It was personal.
 - (2) It was pervasive.
 - (3) It was for purity.
 - (4) It was particular.
 - (5) It was protective.
 - (6) It was preparatory.
 2. The Pleasantness of his Ways.
 - (1) He responded with confident courtesy as a child of God.
 - (2) He responded with informed awareness of the work of God.
 - (3) He responded with understanding concern for those who knew not God.
The Eunuch's dilemma:
 - i. I am afraid.
 - ii. I am not responsible.
 - iii. I do not have the confidence you have.
 - iv. You are different even from you own kind.
 - v. I see no reason to endanger myself on your behalf.
 - (4) He responded with counsel that would prove the faithfulness of God.
 - i. Counsel that would not violate his responsibility to human authority.
 - ii. Counsel that would not violate his faithfulness to personal purity.
 - iii. Counsel that would not violate his dependence upon divine protection.
 3. The Provision of his Lord.
 - (1) The satisfaction of his provision.
 - (2) The scope of his provision.
 - (3) The significance of his provision.
 - (4) The superiority of his provision.

Daniel - Chapter 2

A Prophetic Authority For The Latter Days Skeletal Outline Prepared by: Robert L. Alderman

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- I. Paganism Confronts its Dilemma – v 1-13
 1. The Ease with which its Heart is Troubled – v 1
 2. The Madness with which its Mind is Consumed - v 1-11
 3. The Emptiness with which its Religion Responds – v 12-13
 - (1) There is no satisfying presence of God.
 - (2) There is no satisfying peace in the heart.
 - (3) There is no satisfying plan for the future.

- II. God Enlightens His Faithful – v 14-23
 1. The Wisdom of the Prophet’s Counsel – v 14-15
 - (1) A wisdom that challenged the folly of pagan presumption
 - (2) A wisdom that claimed the faithfulness of Biblical promise
 - (3) A wisdom that conquered the threat of pagan cruelty
 2. The Expectation of the Prophet’s Provision – v 17
 3. The Simplicity of the Prophet’s Plan – v 17-18
 4. The Response to the Prophet’s Prayer – v 19
 5. The Praise of the Prophet’s Heart – v 20-24
 - (1) In honoring the name of God – v 20
 - (2) In dependence upon the resources of God – v 20
 - (3) In acknowledging the work of God – v 21-24

- III. The Prophet Exalts His Lord – v 24-30
 1. Through Protective Compassion – v 24
 2. Through Persuasive Confidence – v 24
 3. Through Practical Confrontation – v 25-27
 - (1) The Insufficiency of Paganism – v 27
 - (2) The All Sufficiency of God – v 28-30
 - i. His superior position – v 28
 - ii. His act of revelation – v 28
 - iii. His personal interest – v 30

- IV. Prophecy Unveils The Future – v 31-49
 1. By Revelation – v 31-35
 2. By Interpretation – v 36-45
 - (1) The Rise and Fall of Kingdoms
 - (2) The Strength and Weakness of Kingdoms
 - (3) The Conflict and Conquest of Kingdoms – v 44-45
 3. By Exaltation – v 36-49
 4. By Observation – v 36-45
 - (1) That Which Has Been
 - (2) That Which Is

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An Introduction:

- Is there room in life for more than one lord?
- Are there times in life to rationalize away faithfulness to proper Lordship?
- Is obedience to proper Lordship more important than self-preservation?
- Is genuine Lordship determined by the ability of the one called Lord, or by the will of the one choosing a lord?

I. Alternatives To Pure Worship 3:1-7

1. Produced by Human Defiance v 1
2. Popularized by Human Pomp v 2-3
3. Presented with Human Arrogance v 4-5
4. Promoted by Human Threat v 6-7

II. Absolutes In Pure Worship 3:8-18

1. There will be Personal Intolerance v 8-12
2. There will be Subtle Seduction v 13-14
3. There will be Pagan Sarcasm v 15
4. There will be Confident Steadfastness v 16-18
 - (1) The Instant Reply of Courage v 16
 - (2) The Affirmation of Divine Ability v 17
 - (3) The Rejection of Possible Compromise v 18

III. Anger In Response To Pure Worship 3:19-23

1. The Pagan's Emotional Composure – v 19
2. The Pagan's External Countenance – v 19
3. The Pagan's Extreme Commands – v 19-23

IV. Astonishment In Response To Pure Worship 3:24-27

1. Astonishment at the Personal Presence of God v24-25
2. Astonishment at the Fullness of Freedom from God v 25
3. Astonishment at the Servant's Devotion to God v 26
 - (1) The Sincerity of their Devotion
 - (2) The Superiority of their God
4. Astonishment at the Prevailing Protection by God v 27

V. Admiration In Response To Pure Worship 3:28-30

1. An Expression of Particular Praise v 28
 - (1) The Praise was Verbalized
 - (2) The Praise was Specific with Reference to the Identity of God
 - (3) The Praise was Specific with Reference to the Action of God
2. The Observation of Practiced Purity v 28
3. Rejection of Powerless Prejudice v 29
4. The Reward of Personal Promotion v 30

Daniel Chapter 4

Pride and Consequence Skeletal Outline Prepared by: Robert L. Alderman

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- I. Pride and the Condition Which Nurtures It v 1-7
 - 1. Insincere Religious Confession v 1-3)
 - 2. Physical Comfort – v 4
 - 3. Inappropriate Counselors v 5-7

- II. Pride and the Factors Which Reveal It v 8-18
 - 1. The Messenger of God v 8-9
 - 2. The Message of God v 10-17
 - 3. The Method of God v 18

- III. Pride and the prophetic Authority Which Confronts it v 19-27
 - 1. The Authority of a Compassionate Heart v 19
 - 2. The Gentleness of a Courteous Servant v 20-22
 - 3. The Honesty of a Courageous Prophet v 23-26
 - 4. The Challenge of a Concerned Friend v 27

- IV. Pride and the Hour Which Judges It v 28-33
 - 1. Judgment Delayed v 28-30
 - 2. Judgment Decreed v 31-32
 - 3. Judgment Delivered v 33

- V. Pride and the Mercy Which Defeats It v 34-37
 - 1. The Mercy of a New Focus v34
 - 2. The Mercy of a New Mind v34
 - 3. The Mercy of a New Heart v 34b
 - 4. The Mercy of a New Authority v 35
 - 5. The Mercy of a New Chance v 36
 - 6. The Mercy of a New Worship v 37a
 - 7. The Mercy of a New Victory

Daniel Chapter 5

Arrogance, Ignorance, and Judgment Skeletal Outline Prepared by: Robert L. Alderman

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- I. The Arrogance of the Pagan King - v 1-4
 1. The Arrogance of Sinful Pleasure – v 1
 2. The Arrogance of Abused Sacredness – v 2-3
 3. The Arrogance of Rejected Knowledge – v 4

- II. The Ignorance of the Pagan King – v 5-23
The King Did Not Know:
 1. The Sign of Imminent Judgment – v 5
 2. Security in a Time of Uncertainty – v 6,9
 3. The Fallacy of Pagan Counselors – v 7-8
 4. The Inadequacy of Physical Possessions – v 7
 5. The Availability of Proven Assistance – v 10-12
 6. The Significant Lessons of History – v 13-23
 1. The Ignorance of Ill-Chosen Counselors – v 7,8
 2. The Ignorance of Available Resources – v 10-15
 3. The Ignorance of Treasured Values – v 16,17
 4. The Ignorance of Illogical Response – v 22,23

- III. The Judgment of the Pagan King – v 24-31
 1. God has Invasive Rights in every Man's Territory. v 5
 2. God has Withdrawal Rights from every Man's Peace. v 6
 3. God has Numbering (Measuring) Rights to every Man's Kingdom. v 24-26
 4. God has Judging Rights to every Man's Life. v 27
 5. God has Disposal Rights to every Man's Possessions. v 28
 6. God has Final Rights over every Man's Arrogance. v 29-31

Daniel Chapter 6

Kingdoms in Conflict: The Victorious Life with God in the Dens of Prejudice, Politics and Lions Skeletal Outline

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INTRODUCTION

I. THE PROMINENCE OF GOD'S PROPHET v 1-2

- v 2 "of whom Daniel was first"
- 1. Prominence as Seen in the King's System v 1-2a
- 2. Prominence as Seen in the King's Choice v 2b
- 3. Prominence as Seen in the King's Concern v 2b

II. THE PURITY OF GOD'S PROPHET v 3-4

- v 4 "Neither was there any error or fault found in him."
- 1. Purity as Seen in the Absence of Self-Seeking v 3
- 2. Purity as Seen in the Possession of an Excellent Spirit v 3
 - (1) There is the man whose spirit is made excellent because his pilgrimage in life is with God.
 - (2) There is the man whose spirit is made excellent because his provision in life is from God.
 - (3) There is the man whose spirit is made excellent because his purpose in life is to honor God.
- 3. Purity as Seen in the Integrity of His Ways v 4

III. THE PREJUDICE OF THE KING'S PRESIDENTS v 4-9

- v 5 "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."
- 1. With Purposeful Destruction v 5
- 2. Through Contrived Evil v 5
- 3. With Cowardly Crowds v 6
- 4. With Lying Lips v 6-7
- 5. Toward Extreme Consequences v 7
- 6. With Demanding Haste v 8-9

IV. THE PRAYING PRIORITY OF GOD'S PROPHET v 10

- v 10 "He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed..."
- 1. His Prayer Was Not Delayed
- 2. His Prayer Was Not Hidden
- 3. His Prayer Was Not Amended
 - (1) He did not change his place of prayer
 - (2) He did not change his position in prayer
 - (3) He did not change his pattern of praying
 - (4) He did not change his particular prayer

V. THE PREDICAMENT OF THE KING'S POLITICS v 11-18

- v 14 "Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself..."
Bad Politics, Like Bad Religion:
- 1. Gives rise to the congregation of the cowardly v 11
- 2. Gives rise to the abolition of personal responsibility v 12
- 3. Gives rise to the public scorn of the good and the godly v 13

4. Digs pits of despair from which escape is very difficult v 14
5. Advances the pressure and power of the cruel, the cowardly, and the corrupt v 15
6. Nullifies the power of reason and right v 16-17
7. Eradicates the peace of a pure conscience v 18

VI. THE PROTECTION OF GOD'S PROPHET v 19-24

- v 20 "...Is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver thee...?"
1. The Concerns of an Abused Conscience v 19-20
 - (1) The Consequences are Difficult to Reverse
 - (2) The Consequences are Difficult to Await
 2. The Consistency of a Faithful Servant v 22
 3. The Care of a Sovereign God v 20-22
 - (3) It Prompts the Inquiry of a Searching Mind v 20b
 - (4) It Inspires the Compassion of a Caring Soul v 21
 - (5) It Affirms the Integrity of a Faithful Heart v 22
 4. The Condemnation of a Deceiving Heart v 23-24
 - (6) Judgment Came Quickly v 24
 - (7) Judgment Came Extensively v 24
 - (8) Judgment Came Completely v 24

VII. THE PRAISE OF THE PROPHET'S GOD v 25-27

- v 26 "...For He is the Living God, and steadfast forever."
1. He Extends His Testimony to the Limits of His Influence v 25
 2. He Turns His Desire to the Blessings of Others v 25
 3. He Initiates a Specific Challenge to those Under His Control v 26
 4. He Affirms a Personal Awareness of the Person and Nature of God v 26-27

VIII. THE PROSPERING OF GOD'S PROPHET v 28

- v 28 "So this Daniel prospered..."
1. When He was Exalted v 1-3
 2. When He was Rejected v 4-6
 3. When He was Lied About v 7
 4. When He was Framed v 7-9
 5. When He was Tested v 10
 6. When He was Singled Out for Destruction v 11-15
 7. When He was Sentenced to Death v 16-20
 8. When He was Delivered from Death v 21-24
 9. When His Lord was Exalted v 25-27

Daniel Chapter 7

Four Kingdoms – And Then There Was One A Prophecy of Things Yet To Be

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Key Verses – 17,18

“These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”

- I. Daniel’s Vision: And The Dream Of Which He Told The Sum Of The Matters v 1
 - v 1 “In the first year of Belshazzar, King of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.”
 - 1. He Tells The Time Of The Dream.
 - 2. He Tells The Process Of The Dream.
 - 3. He Documents The Details Of The Dream.
 - 4. He Propagates The Message Of The Dream.
- II. Daniel’s Vision And Four Beasts Arising v 2-8
 - v 3 “And four great beasts came up from the sea...”
 - 1. They Are Birthed In Turmoil. v 2-3
 - 2. They Are manifested In Diversity v 3
 - 3. They Are Described In Detail. v 4-8
- III. Daniel’s Vision And “The Ancient Of Days Sitting.” v 9-10
 - v 9 “The ancient of days did sit...”
 - 1. The Demolition Of Competing Authority v 9
 - 2. The Exaltation Of Ancient Authority v 9
 - 3. The Presentation Of Pure Authority v 9
 - 4. The Revelation Of Judging Authority v 9-10
- IV. Daniel’s Vision And The Beast That Was Slain v 11-12
 - v 11 “I beheld even until the beast was slain...”
 - 1. Judgment Is Decreed For A Specific Reason v 11
 - 2. Judgment Is Delivered With Specific Resolve v 11
 - 3. Judgment Is Delayed With Specific Restrictions v 12
- V. Daniel’s Vision And One Like A Son Of Man Coming v 13-14
 - v 13 “Behold one like the Son of man came with the clouds of Heaven...”
 - 1. Concerning His Person v 13
 - 2. Concerning His Presentation v 13
 - 3. Concerning His Privilege v 13
 - 4. Concerning His Possession v 14
 - 5. Concerning His Permanence v 14
- VI. Daniel’s Vision And The Grief He Experienced v 15,16
 - v 15 “I, Daniel, was grieved...”
 - 1. The Intensity Of The Grief v 15
 - 2. The Inquiry For The Truth v 16

- VII. Daniel's Vision And The Answer He Received. v 16b-18
- v 16b "So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things."
 - 1. There Are Four Kings v 17
 - 2. Then There Is One v 18
- VIII Daniel's Vision And The Particular Truth That Was Requested. v 19-26
- v. 19 "Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast,..."
 - 1. His Diverse Nature - v. 19
 - 2. His Dreadful Nature - v. 19
 - 3. His Destructive Nature - v. 19
 - 4. His Divided Nature - v. 20
 - 5. His Demeaning Nature - v. 25
 - 6. His Dominion Nature - v. 25
 - 7. His Destiny - vv. 25-26
- IX. Daniel's Vision And The Kingdom That Shall Be "Given To...The Saints Of The Most High."
v 27
- 1. It Is A Superior Kingdom
 - 2. It Is A Saintly Kingdom
 - 3. It Is A Secure Kingdom
- X. Daniel's Vision And Its Effect Upon His Life - v. 28
- 1. The Extent Of The Effect - (Specifically stated in the text.)
 - 2. The Reasons For The Effect - (Subjective - not specifically stated in the text.)
 - 3. The Lessons From The Effect - (Objective from the text.)

DANIEL 8 - "THE INDIGNATION"

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*"...Behold, I will make you know what shall be in the last end of
the indignation:..." (v. 19)*

AN INTRODUCTION

The prophetic revelation given to Daniel in chapter 7 left him with a troubled mind, a changed countenance and an occupied heart. (7:28) What he sees and hears in chapter 8 leaves him faint, sick, faithful, astonished, and without understanding.

Daniel 8 introduces us to "the indignation," one of Israel's most horrendous experiences. Our study of chapter 8 will introduce us to several aspects of this revelation and will conclude with an historical analysis of how that which was prophetic in Daniel's time is history in ours. We will then, in chapter 9, begin to explore the question of what yet, according to Daniel's prophecy, awaits the world. And so here begins our study of "The Indignation."

I. THE PROCESS OF ITS REVELATION – v. 1-2

1. It Is Precise – v. 1
2. It Is Personal – v. 1-2
3. It Is Progressive – v. 1-2

II. THE DETAILS OF ITS REVELATION – v. 3-14

1. The Ram – v. 3-4
2. The Goat – v. 5-12
3. Two Saints – v. 13-14

III. THE EXPLANATION OF ITS REVELATION – v. 15-25

1. The Prophet's Desire – v. 15A
2. The Messenger's Assignment – v. 15B
3. The Vision's Meaning – v. 17-25
 - (1) Its Historical Placement – v. 17-19
 - (2) Its Historical Powers – v. 20-21
 - (3) Its Historical Personalities – v. 20-25

IV. RESPONSES TO ITS REVELATION – v. 26-27

1. The Messenger's Response – v. 26
 - (1) Confident of its Truth
 - (2) Patient with its Time
2. The Prophets Response – v. 27
 - (1) Shaken in his Body
 - (2) Faithful to his Duty
 - (3) Open in his Astonishment
 - (4) Honest about his Understanding

V. THE VISION IN HISTORY: THE REVELATION AND ITS FULFILLMENT

(A brief historical analysis of how this portion (chapter 8) of Daniel's prophecy has subsequently manifested itself, thereby leading us to confidence in the prophecy yet to be fulfilled. This chapter, with its historical fulfillment, is a key to the confidence we may have in Daniel's prophecy yet to be fulfilled.)