

Lesson No. 5

DANIEL PROPHET - SEER

References:

Daniel 7 & 9:20-27.

Notes For Servants:

1. God revealed of His knowledge to Daniel because he was greatly beloved to God. How can we reach this favour with God?
2. God give us understanding if we ask of Him, and only according to our ability.

Objectives:

General: The prophecies are a glimpse of God omniscience, revealed to His elect prophets, for the benefit of His children.

Specific:

1. Different prophets prophesied about different aspects of the story of our Salvation.
2. The world will turn against the Christians in the last days before Christ's Parousia.
3. The Second Coming of Christ will redeem the faithful from every nation to eternal life and save them from the wiles of this world.

Instructions:

1. Daniel was beloved to God for his righteous and honest life since his youth.
2. Prophecies are revelations of God's plan for our salvation to His prophets.
3. God prepared our salvation with all its details before the beginning of time.
4. The Kingdom of God is everlasting and has people from all nations and all walks of life.

Bible Verse:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

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PROPHECIES ABOUT THE COMING OF CHRIST

King David had prophesied of a greater King—the Messiah, who reigns over all Creation without end. At a later date, Isaiah had prophesied of the person of the Messiah the Suffering Servant and His Kingdom, of peace and joy.

Here, we see Daniel for whom the heavens were opened and he saw many mysteries and events concerning the Son of Man, and prophesied of His coming and the Kingdom of the saints which he saw in.

THE SON OF MAN IN DANIEL'S VISION

Daniel had a dream and vision which he describes to us (Daniel Chapter 7):

"I saw four great beasts came up out of the sea, ...

The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings ...

a second one, like a bear ... it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth;

another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back ...

A fourth beast, terrible and dreadful and exceedingly strong ... and it had ten horns, ... and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by roots, and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things ... this horn made war with the saints, and prevailed over them, with the clouds of heaven, then came one like the son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

THE SAINTS AND THE KINGDOM

What is the meaning of this vision? One of the angels standing by said to him: "The four beasts are four kings who will reign over the world." The fourth king will conquer them all. Then he will make war with the saints of the Most High. The kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to them, and the Son of Man shall reign over them. "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

Daniel's vision was a prophesy for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, "the Son of Man." Daniel has showed us the symbols of the Trinity: the Father was called the Ancient of Days, the Son was called the Son of Man, and the Holy Spirit was called A River of Fire.

The saints of God which Daniel saw in his vision are the Christians. They believe in the Son of God and they have become the sons of God and the sons of the Kingdom. The Christians are the Kingdom of God on earth. They live as saints. Christ reigns over their lives and their hearts. They obey the commandments of the Lord and Glorify God in their hearts all the time.

Daniel has shown us that the war is going on between the world and the Sons of God. The Kingdom of the world may reign for some time, but the Kingdom of God, will overcome all the powers of evil, and the sons of God will say: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us." (Romans 8:37).

THE SEVENTY WEEKS

The angel Gabriel appeared again to Daniel and said to him: "I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding,... for you are greatly beloved." After seventy weeks the Christ, the Anointed One, will come. He is the Most Holy One. He shall make a new covenant with many.

CONCLUSION

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