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Daniel 7-8

These chapters have a stark tonal shift. How is the experience of reading it different?

Fri

Daniel 9-10

What themes do you notice in these poetic and prophetic passages that are similar to other pieces of Scripture? Why would that be significant?

Sat

Daniel 11-12

Apocalyptic texts like this one use vivid and detailed language to make broad and general messages. If you take a step back from the text, where do you see hope? What would that mean to people who are struggling?

Prayers/Notes

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Summer in the Scriptures **Week of: 6/14**

Pray

Center your mind and heart into the moment.

Read

Look with curiosity and openness to hear from God

Observe

What you notice and what the Spirit points out

Discover

Look at footnotes, commentaries, or the tools in this handout.

Pray

Faithful and living God, you call me to be your witness in a world that worships itself and the things of this world. Help me to maintain a distinct identity as a follower of Jesus while inviting others to experience the freedom and power that comes from that relationship. Amen.

Read/Observe

Mon

Daniel 1-2

How does this part of the story compare to Joseph in Egypt? What role do God's people have in supporting the lands where they live?

Tue

Daniel 3-4

When is a time that you were asked to do something contrary to your beliefs? How did you respond? What helps us to stay consistent with God's will?

Wed

Daniel 5-6

What does this first half of the book have to say about the scope of God's authority and concern? Is it broad, limited? How is this similar to the message of Jonah?

Discover

John Wesley's Notes on the Old Testament Daniel

Daniel was of the tribe of Judah, and it is thought, of the royal family. Ezekiel, his cotemporary, but much his senior, speaks of him as wise to a proverb, when he upbraids the king of Tyre with his self - conceit, Thou art wiser than Daniel. He likewise names Noah, Daniel, and Job, as having the greatest interest in heaven of any... The first chapter of this book, and the three first verses of the second are in Hebrew: and so are the four last chapters. The rest of the book is in the Chaldee: Daniel continues the holy story, from the first taking of Jerusalem by the Chaldean Babel, 'till the last destruction of it by Rome, the mystical Babel.

Chapter I [3] Of the eunuchs - These were chief among the king's servants; and they are called eunuchs, because many of them were such. And of the princes - Here was fulfilled what the prophet Isaiah had foretold, Isa 39:7. [4] The learning and the tongue - The Chaldeans were skilled above any other nation, in natural philosophy. Their tongue differed from the Hebrew in dialect and in pronunciation, which they learned that they might be the more acceptable to the king, and court.

Chapter II [26] Belteshazzar - By this name of Belteshazzar he had given Daniel, he took courage as if he might expect some great thing from him: for the word signifies the keeper of secret treasure.

Chapter IV [35] As nothing - A due consideration of God's infinite greatness, makes the creature appear as nothing; creatures are nothing to help, nothing to hurt, nothing in duration, nothing solid and substantial, nothing without dependence, and influence, and support from God. [37] Now I praise - Thus can the Lord make the stoutest hearts to stoop, and do him homage. This doxology proceeds from his heart.

Chapter V [10] The queen came - The women in those courts had an apartment by themselves, and this being the queen - mother, and aged, did not mingle herself with the king's wives and concubines, yet she broke the rule in coming in now, upon this solemn occasion.

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Chapter VII: We come now to the prophetic part of Daniel, in which are many things hard to be understood. [6] Like a leopard - This leopard was the Grecian monarchy; a leopard is less than a lion, so was this monarchy at first, but yet durst fight with a lion; so did Alexander encounter Darius with an inferior force. A leopard also for his swiftness; therefore described with four wings on his back. [13] A son of man - That is, the Messiah, he came with the clouds of heaven, gloriously, swiftly and terribly. And came - This relates to his ascension, at which time, he received his royal investiture, for the protection of his church, and curbing of their enemies.

Chapter IX [21] About the time - The time of the evening sacrifice was a solemn and set time of devotion. Tho' the altar was in ruins, and there was no oblation offered upon it, yet the pious Jews were daily thoughtful of the time when it should have been offered, and hoped that their prayer would be set forth before God as incense, and the lifting up of their hands, as the evening sacrifice. This was peculiarly a type of that great sacrifice, which Christ was to offer: and it was in virtue of that sacrifice, that Daniel's prayer was accepted, when he prayed for the Lord's sake.

Chapter X: This chapter and the two next make one entire vision and prophecy, given Daniel about two years after the former. This chapter is introductory: the next has the prophecy itself, and the twelfth chapter, the conclusion of it.

Chapter XI [24] He shall enter peaceably - He shall come in upon the Egyptians under pretence of peace, in a plentiful and delicious country, and among a mass of treasures which the kings successively had heaped up; the greatest part of which Antiochus distributed among his confidants, whereby he obliged them the faster to him. He did herein what his fathers had not done; the kings of Syria before him, could never attain to this success over Egypt. Against the strong - holds - Having succeeded thus far, he shall proceed to the places of greatest strength in that kingdom. For a time - That is 'till God put a stop to his career, for the Egyptians found means to deliver themselves from his yoke.

Chapter XII [4] Seal the book - The book was command to be sealed, because it would be long before the words would be fulfilled, whereas those that were shortly to be fulfilled, were forbidden to be sealed. Shall run - Shall diligently search these prophecies; and they shall know the signs of the times, and wait upon God in the way of his judgments: he means chiefly in gospel - times.