

NOTES ON THE PROPHETIC PORTIONS

Pre-Note:

Shortly after I was saved in September 1957, Mr. William Bunting came to Ballyhackamore Gospel Hall in Belfast, Northern Ireland for a series of meetings on prophecy. That was fifty-eight years ago. Throughout the years of listening to speakers, reading material, and in taking ministry meetings, material has been gathered. It is my desire that this series of structural outlines and the paper on, "A Survey on the Prophecy of Daniel," will make some of the obscure passages clearer.

Introduction

Restricting ourselves to the theme of this paper, the prophecy of Daniel is, to a great extent, singular in its focus which is: "The times of the Gentiles" (Lk. 21:24). We understand this to be several thousands of years from God's withdrawal from the Temple and Jerusalem (Ezek. 9:3; 10:4, 18, 19; 11:23) and the destruction of Jerusalem. This has happened several times but the most notable was by Nebuchadnezzar about 586 B C (2 Kgs. 25; 2 Chron. 36; Jer. 39:8-10); and then by the Romans in A D 70 (Lk. 19:44; 21:6, 20, 24). The "times of the Gentiles" will end when the Lord returns to earth and execute His judgment on the rebels of the earth, and Jerusalem becomes the "City of the great King" (Psa. 48:2; Matt. 5:35). The "Times of the Gentiles" is the duration of Gentile predominance.

In this paper I will present:

- a) A broad outline of Daniel
- b) An outline indicating the sections which are non prophetic, fulfilled prophecy, and unfulfilled prophecy
- c) The Kingdom visions of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar
- d) Some of the principle features of these kingdoms
- e) The four major personages
- f) A contrast between the chapters

A Broad Outline of Daniel

While chapters 1-6 are mainly individual, chapters 7-12 are mainly national. However, they both deal with the same issues.

- 1) Deals mainly with the personal experiences of:
 - a) Saints in the world (chs. 1:12; 2:17-23; 3:10-26; 4:1-37)
 - b) Belshazzar (ch. 6:6-30)
 - c) Daniel (ch. 6:17-28; 7:1-12)
- 2) Deals mainly with national experiences:
 - a) Note the references, of which I give a couple from each of the following chapters: (ch. 7:1, 2, 11; ch. 8:2, 19, 27; ch. 9:2, 3, 23; ch. 10:1, 2, 19; ch. 11:1, 11-17; ch. 12:4, 7, 9)
- 3) The experiences are from three avenues:
 - a) For the saved there was the pressure to compromise; the testing of their fidelity and obedience to God's word (ch. 1:12); the prioritizing of whom to obey. (This is also the decision to be made in chapters 2-3 as whether to submit to the purposes of God or not.)
 - i) In chapter two there is the prioritizing of accepting credit for one's glory or God's (ch. 2:28).
 - ii) In chapter three there is pressure to change their fidelity to God, a prioritizing of who does one worship and who does one fear, the king or God, and the same in chapter 6:10.
 - b) Manifestations from God to His own concerning His purposes (ch. 2:28-45; 5:25-28; 7:1-28; 8:3-17; 9:24-27; 10:4-6; 11:2-12:3, 7-12)
 - c) Manifestations from God to the unsaved concerning His purposes (ch. 4:10-17; 5:24-28); but in the case of Nebuchadnezzar giving him opportunity to repent (ch. 4:27)
- 4) The judgment of God on those who rebel against:
 - a) The known purposes of God:
 - i) Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold in rebellion against the changing kingdoms of the vision of the man in chapter 2:31-45. God was gracious to Nebuchadnezzar, for in chapter four he is "saved" and writes the world's first gospel tract.
 - b) The power of God, this is seen by the questions asked:
 - i) Nebuchadnezzar asked: "Who is that God that shall deliver you?" (ch. 3:15)
 - ii) Darius stated: "Is thy God . . . able?" (ch. 6:20)
- 5) The judgment of God on those who oppose the fidelity of the people of God.
 - a) Ch. 3:22; 6:24

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- 6) The blessing of God on the saints who are faithful to Him and God is glorified.
a) The Hebrew servants (ch. 1:15; 2:47-49; 3:29-30; 4:37; 6:22, 24, 26-27)

Ch. 1	Ch. 2	Ch. 3	Ch. 4	Ch. 5	Ch. 6	Ch. 7	Ch. 8	Ch. 9	Ch. 10	Ch. 11	Ch. 12
God honoured by man's obedience	God honoured by man's glorification	Religious exaltation of man by man	Positional exaltation of a man by God	Man dishonours God	Man denying God	Little Horn, the head of the last empire	Little horn the head of the Grecian empire	Earthly foes	Spiritual foes	The course of prophecy	The conclusion of prophecy
Chapters 1-4 Values, loyalties and priorities				Chapter 5 The joining of the sections, Values, loyalties and law with unchangeable writing		Chapters 6-12 Writings, and law					

It is interesting that in the section dealing with the individuals (chs. 1-6) one chapter, while dealing with the individual, Belsahazzer is concerned about the kingdom and nation. This indicates chapter 6 is a transitory chapter dealing with both the individual and the nations.

[An Outline Indicating the Sections Which Are Non Prophetic, Fulfilled Prophecy, and Unfulfilled Prophecy](#)

Chapter	Verses	Non-prophetic material	Prophetic Material	
			Fulfilled	To be fulfilled
1	-	Introductory	-	-

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			Fulfilled	To be fulfilled
2	1-30	Introductory to the visions of Nebuchadnezzar of the image	-	-
	31-33	-	The vision which the King saw	
	34-35	-	-	Vision of the stone breaking the image
	36-45	-	-	Interpretation of the dream inverses 34-35
	46-49	Promotion of Daniel		-
3	-	Nebuchadnezzar erects a golden image for worship; the 3 princes refuse to worship it, are cast alive into the furnace, but are delivered.	-	-
4	-	-	Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the great tree cut down, it's interpretation and its fulfillment in himself	-
5	1-10	Belshazzar's feast and the writing on the wall	-	-
	11-27	The bringing in of Daniel and his interpretation		-
	28-31			The fall of Babylon, Medo-Persian supremacy begins
6	1-9	Darius alone to be petitioned.	-	-
	10-24	Daniel in the lion's den.	-	-
	25-28	The acknowledgement of God	-	-

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			Fulfilled	To be fulfilled
7	1-7 (less last phrase)	-	Daniel's visions of the four Gentile powers - 4 beasts - as God views them	-
	7 (last phrase) 8	-	-	Daniel's vision of the ultimate development of the 4th beast (10 horns and another little horn)
	9-14	-	-	Daniel's vision of Christ's coming to, and reign over, the earth (5th kingdom)
	15-17	-	Interpretation of verses 2-7 (except the last phrase)	-
	18	-	-	The saint's part in the 5th kingdom
	19-28	-	-	Interpretation of v.7 (last phrase) & v. 8. The end of the 4th kingdom.
8	1-22	-	Daniel's vision of the ram (Medo-Persian Empire) & of the goat (Grecian Empire) & its interpretation	-
	23-26	-	-	Vision of the King of the North, and his destruction

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9	1-19	Daniel's confession and intercession that led to revival and return of a remnant to rebuild Jerusalem.	-	
	20-23	The coming of Gabriel	-	-
	24	-	-	Preparation for the millenium
	25-26a	-	69 weeks & Messiah cut off	-
	26b-27	-	-	The judgement of God on the Beast
10	-	Daniel's preparation for the vision that was to be shown	-	-
11	1-45	-	Intrigues of the Kings of the North & South who arose out of the four-fold division of the Grecian Empire	-
	36-45	-	The clashes with Antiochus	-
12	1	-	-	The great tribulation
	2	-	-	The resuscitation of God's ancient people 1st resurrection
	3	-	-	The witness of the godly remnant.
	4-13	End Conclusion Promise and encouragement	-	-

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The Kingdom Visions of Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar

The Image				The Kingdoms	The First Monarchs
Daniel 2 Picture & Interpretation	Daniel 7 Picture & Interpretation	Daniel 8 Picture & Interpretation			
Head of gold (v. 32)	Lion with plucked wings (vv. 4, 17)	-		Babylonian (ch. 2:37)	Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2:38)
Breast and arms of silver (vv. 32, 39)	Devouring, lop-sided bear (vv. 5, 17)	Ram with lop-sided horns (vv. 3-7)		Medo-Persian (Dan. 8:20)	Cyrus and Darius (Dan. 5:31; 6:1)
Belly and thighs of brass (vv. 32, 39)	Winged leopard (vv. 6, 17)	Leaping goat with a great horn and a little horn (vv. 5-12, 21-25)		Grecian (Dan. 8:21)	Alexander the Great (ch. 7:6)
Legs of iron Feet of iron and clay (vv. 33; 40-43)	Terrible, with 10 horns, and a little horn (vv. 7-8, 17, 19-26)	-		Roman approx. 30 B.C. to 400 A.D.) (ch. 2:40, 42)	Caesar Augustus (see Lk. 2:1)

The Four Major Personages

- 1) The most notable person in prophecy, apart from Satan, is the man the scriptures designated as “the Beast”. He is given a number of descriptive terms in the scriptures. There are times when it is difficult to discern if the person being spoken of is the Beast or the False Prophet. Therefore, if one perceives that a title I have given is not applied to the correct person, I would appreciate your thoughts on the matter.

Descriptive term	Reference	Descriptive term	Reference
The little horn	Dan. 7:8	The man of sin	2 Thess. 2:3
The king of fierce countenance	Dan. 8:23	The son of perdition	2 Thess. 2:3
The prince that shall come	Dan. 9:26	The wicked	2 Thess. 2:8

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Descriptive term	Reference	Descriptive term	Reference
The King shall do according to his will	Dan. 11:36	The antichrist	1 Jn. 2:22
The Idol Shepherd	Zech. 11:17	The Beast	Rev. 11:7; 13:1
The one coming in his own name	Jn. 5:43	The eighth head	Rev. 17:11

- 2) The second major person is the False Prophet.
- a) In close association with the beast, the head of the confederation of nations is another individual known as the false Prophet (Rev. 19:20, 20:10). He is called another beast (Rev. 13:11-17) where some important facts concerning him are revealed.
 - i) It appears that this individual is a Jew, as indicated by the fact that he arises out of the earth, which would possibly indicate Palestine (Rev. 13:1)
 - ii) He is influential in religious affairs (Rev. 13:15)
 - iii) He is involved in state affairs by making an image to the beast (Rev. 13:14)
 - iv) He is motivated by Satan as the first beast (Rev. 13:4, 12)
 - v) He has a delegated authority (Rev. 13:12) by the first beast.
 - vi) He promotes the worship of the first beast and compels those who are on the earth to worship the first beast as God (Rev. 13:12)
 - vii) His ministry is authenticated by the signs evidencing deceptively that he is Elijah who was to come (Rev. 13:13-14)
 - viii) He has the power of death to compel man to worship the beast (Rev. 13:15)
 - ix) He authorises the mark of the beast to establish loyalty to the beast and freedom to buy or sell (Rev. 13:16-18)
 - b) His descriptive terms:
 - i) The antichrist (1 Jn. 2:22)
 - ii) The false Prophet (Rev. 16:13, 19:20, 20:10)
- 3) The third person is the King of the North (Dan. 11:40-45) also described as the “Assyrian” (Isa. 10:5, 24; 14:25; 31:8); the “Scourge” (Isa. 27:2, 15, 18). This individual will be the final historical successor to the King of the North who arose out of the Grecian Empire.
- 4) The fourth person is the “king of the South” (Dan. 11:40), also called “Ruler of Egypt” (Dan. 11:42).

[A Contrast Between The Chapters](#)

The prophecy of Daniel is clearly divided into 10 sections. The first nine sections are one chapter each. The last section lasts from chapters ten to twelve. It is interesting to consider the contrasting thoughts between the sections.

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Ch. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Daniel refuses</u> to break food-laws and eats the king's food. 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	Ch. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Daniel refuses</u> to break God's law and prays to the king.
Ch. 2	<u>Nebuchadnezzar's Dream-Image:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 empires in form of a Man: • The fatal weakness: feet part iron, part clay • The Man destroyed by Stone • The Messianic Kingdom 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	Ch. 7	<u>Daniel's 1st Vision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 empires in form of wild beasts • The 4th beast's hideous strength: "it stamped with it's feet": • Ultimately the beast is destroyed and the kingdom given to Son of Man.
Ch. 3	<u>Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Image:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nebuchadnezzar orders worship of the image • 3 Jews refuse and are thrown into the furnace 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	Ch. 8	<u>Daniel's 2nd Vision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 empires in the form of wild beast • King stops worship of God and daily sacrifice • Persecutes Jews.
Ch. 4	<u>Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd Dream:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nebuchadnezzar's pride and the glory of Babylon • His chastisement lasts 7 "times" 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	Ch. 9	<u>Daniel's 3rd Vision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israel's sin and Jerusalem's desolations: her chastisement to last 70 x 7 years.
Ch. 5	<u>Belshazzar's Banquet and the Writing on the wall.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The king drinks from the vessels of divine service • The end of the Babylonian Empire. 	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p>	Chs. 10; 12	<u>Daniel's 4th Vision and the "Writing of Truth".</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The king exalts himself against the God of gods • Then will come THE END.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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