

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
"Israel's Future Deliverance"
Daniel 6:1-28

Introduction

1. Daniel is a book on prophecy. Its very center and core is predictive. The historical data is employed to connote the future program of our eternal God.

2. We have studied with great spiritual profit the lessons of Daniel 6 as they touch upon the infinite care of a loving Heavenly Father for those in distress. The experience of Daniel in this connection must never be considered an isolated situation!

3. BUT the deliverance of Daniel really exhibits the power of God which will yet be displayed for Israel under future fearful persecution. A comparison of the story of Daniel with other Scriptures points this up without question. Consider the following events:

1. The REPRESENTATION of Darius.

Darius the king is given the place and authority of God (v. 7). This goes beyond the Roman Catholic claim of vicarhood for the pope. It is agreement with the claims of a future false Christ (cf. 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:4).

2. The PROFESSION of men.

The nub of the religion foisted upon the Persians by their rulers is nothing more than humanism. It purports to elevate man and abase God. This sort of religion has two points in its favour with people: a) it has a religious flavour, and b) it has no objective demands. Any kind or type of worship which deprives God of His full place as God is derogatory. (Matt. 22:37).

3. The CONFORMATION of nations.

The remarkable terms of the worship agreement in Daniel is that everyone was to be involved alike (v. 7). The same is decreed in the end time (Rev. 13:16). The modern ecumenical movements bear no slight resemblance to this end time situation.

4. The PERSECUTION of the remnant.

Daniel stands as a picture of the godly remnant which refuses to bow to the false claims of the coming anti Christ. For his stand, he is persecuted and an attempt on his utter destruction is made (vv. 6-9). Such is the future awful program designed to get at the people of Israel (cf. Jer. 30: 3, 5-7, 10; Ezek. 36:24; Rev. 7:14). Israel will suffer the fires of tribulation. The knowledge of this future judgment should provoke every true believer to greater evangelistic effort.

5. The EMANCIPATION of His people.

Daniel was delivered from the den of lions; Israel will also come forth from her period of tribulation with singing (Isa. 24:13). As Daniel prospered (v. 28), so will Israel (Zech. 13:8,9). The destruction of the nation will NEVER be realized, but her judgment will occur.

CONCLUSION:

Many thoughts come to one's mind in view of this revelation from God: 1. God has a program which will be carried out! 2. Israel will never be destroyed as a nation--God will see to that (Rom. 11:25, 26). 3. Those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life are spared from Israel's judgment--the same is true today. Make certain your name is in the Book of the saved!