

God Tells Us the Future



MEMORY VERSE: “But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”
Daniel 7:18

DAY 1 DANIEL 7:1-12 — Daniel’s First Vision

1. Daniel dreams about the future. See Daniel Handout. Describe each beast. vv. 1-7
Lion

Bear

Leopard

Terrifying, Dreadful (TD)
2. Another smaller horn appears on the TD beast with the 10 horns. How is this little horn described?
v. 8
3. Review the definition of Ancient One. What was the Ancient One about to do? vv. 9-10
4. What happened to the beast with the “little horn”? What happened to the other three beasts?
vv. 11-12
5. Who arrived? What was given to Him? vv. 13-14

DAY 2 DANIEL 7:13-28 — The Vision is Explained

6. What did the man by the throne say the vision meant? vv. 15-18

7. Read verses 19-22. What did Daniel see the “little horn” doing? Until when?

8. Read verses 23-26. What do the fourth beast and its horns represent? What will happen after “time, times and half a time” (3½ years)?

9. God’s kingdom will last forever. What will all rulers do? v. 27

10. When you think of this vision of end times are you more afraid, intrigued or excited? How does knowing that God’s power and justice will always prevail, help you?

DAY 3 DANIEL 8:1-27 — Daniel’s Second Vision

11. Read verses 1-12. Daniel has another dream. The Medes/Persian kingdom has been represented by silver, a bear, and now a ram. The Greek kingdom has been represented by bronze, a leopard with four heads, and now a goat. What does the one-horned goat do? What does a later small horn do?

12. What did the holy ones say? vv. 13-14

13. Read verses 15-27. Review the definition of Gabriel. Why did Gabriel appear to Daniel?

14. Greece was led by Alexander the Great (large horn) but when he dies, four generals (four horns) divide the kingdom. Later Antiochus IV Epiphanes (small horn) led and dealt ruthlessly with the Jews. Read the definition of Antichrist. What will both Antiochus and the Antichrist do? v. 25

15. Even though Daniel was sick with grief (vs. 27) he trusted God. Do you trust God with all the frightening stuff in the papers, news, etc.? Why?

DAY 4 DANIEL 9:1-19 — Daniel's Prayer for His People

16. What did Daniel learn in the first year of Darius' reign? What did Daniel do? vv. 1-3

17. Read verses 4-19. Which of these traits of God mean the most to you—TODAY? Why? What can you learn from Daniel about prayer?

DAY 5 DANIEL 7-9:19 — Wrap Up

18. What do you think God wants you to take away from these visions?

19. As a believer, does knowing you are on the winning team change the way you see your life? See the world?

TAKE AWAY

Where do you turn when you're scared, you get bad news, or your world falls apart? Daniel turned to prayer. Like Daniel, you are precious to your Father in heaven. God hears you, and He loves you so turn to Him!

BLESSING

Do not be afraid of the future. It may seem frightening, but remember that God is in control and that He loves you! God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

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The book of Daniel switches from biographies of courage and faith to prophetic visions, covering the promised appearance of Jesus and the Antichrist.

God did not reveal this prophecy so that we might understand completely His plan or be able to recognize every event as it is fulfilled but to reveal to us some of what lies ahead, and to assure us that His purposes and promises will be fulfilled.

God's message was not to bring fear and despair but instead to give hope. The message of Daniel 7-8 is the same message we see throughout the Bible: Satan is vanquished, evil is defeated, and victory is ours in Christ!

The world, ourselves included, needs to know who God is and His sovereignty. As believers, we will face difficult times, but our future is bright and will last forever and ever, Amen!

Notes
