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"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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The Book of Daniel

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- I. Author – 7:1; 12:4; Matt. 24:15
- II. Scope and Date – From the first Judean captivity (1:1, 2) to the reign of Cyrus (10:1), (539-530 BC)
- III. Daniel's Age – 1:4
- IV. Purpose
 - A. Proves God's sovereignty over the nations and all the earth (1:2, 2:37, 38; 4:17; 5:25)
 - B. God cares and provides for His people (1:17-21)
 - C. Prophecy of God's eternal kingdom (2:44; 7:13, 14)
 - D. Prophetic sketch of Israel's history brought to completion
- V. Language and Style
 - A. Chapters 2:4 – 7:28 are written in Aramaic. Even the Dead Sea Scroll finds are written in Aramaic in this section. The Aramaic is also found in Ezra 4:8-6:18; 7:12-26; Mark 5:41; 7:34; 15:34; Matt. 27:46; I Cor. 16:22. The remainder of Daniel is written in Hebrew.
 - B. Much of the book is written in the apocalyptic style. Grand and lofty symbolic language is used to encourage the people through difficult times. Other apocalyptic writings are Ezekiel, Zechariah and Revelation.
- VI. The Babylonian Captivity
 - A. Foretold (Mic. 4:10, Isa. 39:5-7; Jer. 29:10)
 - B. The Babylonian Kings (626-539 BC)
 1. Nabopolassar (626-605 BC)
 - a. Allied with Median King Cyaxares II to defeat Nineveh in 612 BC
 - b. Made his son Nebuchadnezzar general over the armies

- c. Nebuchadnezzar led the Babylonians in the defeat of Ninevah. In 606 and 605 BC he defeated the Egyptians at Carchemish. As he pursued them southward he also subjugated Jehoiakim and Judah. Phoenicia and Syria were also subjugated at this time.
2. Nebuchadnezzar 605-561 BC
 - a. The true builder of the Empire
 - b. He reigned 44 of its 87 years
 - c. Crushed a revolt by Jehoiakim in 597 BC
 - d. In 586 BC he destroyed Jerusalem after the rebellion of Mattaniah (Zedekiah)
3. Merodach 561-560 BC
 - a. Evil
 - b. Son of Nebuchadnezzar
 - c. Murdered by his brother-in-law Neriglassar
4. Neriglassar 560-556 BC
5. Labashi-Marduk 556 BC
6. Nabonidus 556-539 BC
7. Belshazzar – Appointed in 553 BC as a co-regent with his father (5:16) (553-539 BC)

Daniel is an example of deep abiding faith in God. Even as a young man he “purposed in his heart” (1:8) to obey God. Like David before him the key to his faithfulness was “devoting his whole heart to the Lord.” Love for God above all else guided him throughout his life on into his later years when he was cast into a den of lions for putting God’s will above man’s. Because of his strong faith, Daniel was greatly blessed by God.

NOTES & NEWS:

In the book, "A Study in the 70 AD Doctrine, Realized Eschatology" by Mike Willis.... it says that you can go into Truth Magazine archives. All the articles are in there if you want to read some before you buy the book. There are more articles in the book that are not on line. Go to: www.truthmagazine.com/archives-for-truth-magazine

The articles are....

- 1- The Second Coming of Christ, Did it Already Occur? (1) Joe Price, Volume 33:19 (Oct 5, 1989)
- 2- The Second Coming of Christ, Did it Already Occur? (2) Joe Price, Volume 33:20 (Oct 19, 1989)
- 3- The Second Coming of Christ, Did it Already Occur? (3) Joe Price, Volume 33:21 (Nov 2, 1989)
- 4- The Bill Reeves Article by Cecil Willis, Volume 17:9 (Jan 4, 1973)
- 5- The Preterist View Heresy (1-8) By Bill Reeves, Volume 17 (Jan 4, 1973 - Jan 11, 1973 - Jan 18, 1973 – Jan 25, 1973 – Feb 1, 1973 - Feb 8, 1973 - Feb 15, 1973 - Feb 22, 1973)
- 6- Perversions of Matthew 24 (1-3) By Dan King, Volume 27:11 (June 2, 1983 - June 16, 1983 - July 7, 1983)
- 7- Contrasts in Matthew 24 by Larry Ray Hafley, Volume 29:19 (Oct 3, 1985)
- 8- Have you not read? by Hoyt Houchen, Volume 27:2 (Jan 20, 1983)
- 9- Resurrection! by Mike Willis, Volume 35:2 (Jan 17, 1991)
- 10- What the Bible teaches about the judgment by Johnie Edwards, Volume 24:9 (Feb 28, 1980)
- 11- For what saith the scriptures about the end of time by Jarrod Jacobs, Volume 38:8 (Apr 21, 1994)
- 12- From heaven or from men by Clinton Hamilton, Volume 38:1 (Jan 6, 1994)
- 13- False Teachers in teaching by Thomas G O'Neal, Volume 35:7 (Apr 4, 1991)

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16