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Daniel 7- The right side of history.

The world seems out of control.

There are lightning storms in San Diego, our personal debts keep rising, divorce, abuse, biased news, legalized sin, Isis, anxiety is through the roof, no one feels at home or at peace, drug use is rampant, anger, hopelessness, fear, and nothing seems to be getting better. Everybody has a solution they want the other guy to follow and tensions are getting high. Churches are worried about losing their tax exemption with the new law that just passed, abortions still happen by the millions. Crime, bad, relationships, unstable employment, elections, droughts. The list goes on and on.

Today I want us to look to God's Word and remember that He is still in control.

The question is do you trust Him?

Have you forgotten?

God is in Control. Do you trust Him?

Today we will look at two prophecies both from the Old Testament. My desire is that it will deepen the weight of the Word in your life. And to see that God is in control, what He says in the past came to fulfillment and what He says regarding the future is just as sure.

Prophecy

703 B.C. Isaiah 39:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19

Backstory

1400 B.C. Deuteronomy 28

Detailed reason

605 B.C. Jeremiah 25:1-11

Exodus 21:2 Jeremiah 34:8-22

Fulfillment

605 B.C.-586 B.C. 2 Chronicles 36:5-21, 2 Kings 24-25

Three waves 605, 598-97, 586 B.C.

We can learn from their disobedience

When the Word of God is ignored by the people of God they eventually become captives of the world.

Those who chose to put the Word of God aside may prosper for a season and things may seem to go well for a time but understand that God will not put up with it forever. It is better to stay humble and near to God than to be humbled. We would do well to take God seriously and learn from their disobedience. Israel is an example to use of those who ignored the Word, it lost it's meaning in their lives and they didn't see its worth.

Is that were you are today? Someone who knows the right but doesn't do it? Someone who was shown the path of life and has decided to walk your own way? Have you found what you are looking for? Return to the Lord today while there is still time.

These verses also show that what God says will come to pass will come to pass. Make no mistake it will happen.

If you are willing to accept the prophecy and fulfillment we just examined I want to show you the most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future event to be found anywhere in the Old Testament (Walvoord)

605 B.C. Another Prophet came on the scene. Daniel.

Daniel 1:1 Daniel was taken as a Babylonian captive in the first wave of deported Jews from Jerusalem to Babylon around 605 B.C. Where he lived out the rest of his days.

Daniel was a seer. He was able to see visions and give interpretations. As Christians we rely on the revelation God has given to man found in the Bible. We do not seek our own dreams and visions, the childish visions of the modern day prophets will never and have never matched those of a true prophet of God that has stood the test of time. We are about to study a vision given to Daniel 2600 years ago and recorded in the ancient texts of this book, passed down through the centuries. This is sacred Text from a seer and prophet of old. This is an ancient prophecy. Does your Bible have prophecy? Or is it a book of blurry morals? What are the depth of your Scriptures? I hope this adds to their weight.

Daniel is to the Old Testament what Revelation is to the New.

Daniel Chapter 7

The most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future event to be found anywhere in the Old Testament.

Two parts to this vision, 2-14 vision and 16-27 an interpretation of the dream.

1) Probably between 556-553 B.C. Fourteen years before the fall of Babylon. In between chapters 4 and 5. Specific time given -1st year of Belshazzar. 1st time Daniel is the one to receive a vision. Up to this point he was given the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams (2:31-45, 4:19-27).

2-8) Verse 17 tells us what they are, four kings or kingdoms. This immediately takes us back to chapter 2 in our thinking where there was another dream with four kingdoms. 2:31-45, Giant image. Head of Gold is Nebuchadnezzar/Babylon. Three kingdoms that follow.

Babylon-Golden head-winged lion-

Medo-Persia-Arms and chest -ravenous bear

Greece-Belly and thighs- swift leopard

Rome-Legs and feet- fearsome 10 horned beast

Kingdom Come-Stone that destroys- Glorified Son of man but then He rules.

4) Babylon- symbol was a lion. The Ishtar gate was fashioned with a long procession of yellow lions on blue-glazed brick, in high relief. It has been excavated and is now on display in a museum in Germany.

Mind of a Man: 4:28-37-Nebucadnezzar

5) Bear. Medo-persian 539 B.C. -334 B.C..

Isaiah prophesied 13:17-22,700 B.C. ,

Daniel 6:8,12,15.

Daniel's vision about 25 years before it took place, Isaiah's prophecy 160 years.

6) Greece under Alexander the Great. Died 323 B.C.

swift wings and four heads overtook the medo-persian empire 334-331 B.C.

Greece also conquered from Macedonia to Africa and eastward to India at lightning speed.

Empire divided into four. It's noted that about 22 years after the death of Alexander and the overthrow of Antigonos and the Battle of Ipsus (301 B.C.)

4 main rulers emerged:

Lysimachus-Thrace, Bithynia;

Cassander-Macedonia, Greece;

Seleucus-Syria, Babylonia, eastern territories as far as India; Ptolemy-Egypt, Palestine, Arabia Petrea. Daniel's vision foretold 200 years in advance.

Daniel 8:3-8, 18-22 records the transition from Medo-Persian empire to Alexander the Great and Greece.

7) Rome began in 241 with the occupation of Sicily and then overtook the Mediterranean Sea by the 2nd century B.C. and grew to its height in 117 AD led to decline- 410 AD and the sacking of Rome by the Visigoths. Rome was ruthless in its destruction of civilizations and peoples, killing captives by the thousands and selling them into slavery by the hundreds of thousands.

8) (19-25), little horn arrogant and vainglorious ruler rather than a kingdom. This is different than the little horn in chapter 8 (Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadows) that arises out of the third empire Who or what is the little horn? Further revelation does not change the meaning of this Text it just illuminates it. Man of Lawlessness: 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12, Rev 13 beast, the antichrist, Rev 17, head of the revived Roman Empire.

Judgment Day (Ancient of Days=God the Father)

9-11, 22, 26)

No beginning or no end, all powerful ruler and judge of planet earth, no one will escape His gaze and he does as He wishes. He sets the allotted periods and the boundaries of man. His timing is perfect and His judgments are true.

We need to always have this picture before us, God on His throne. As the culture marches for sin and turns what is wrong into what is right and the good into the bad we must always remember that God knows and a day is coming when He will judge the living and the dead.

Look again at verse 9 where does God sit? His seat! No one else shall ever take His place, there can be no world government, no social movement, no satanic forces that will ever take God's seat. From the beginning man and Satan have aimed at taking His seat but no one will ever take the Ancient of Days throne. Try to overthrow Him and He will push you down, try to steal His position and He just laughs (Psalm 2:4). We can take comfort that God will take His seat.

Appointed Son

(Son of Man=Jesus Christ)

13-14, 27) Psalm 2, Rev 19:11-20:6, Matthew 24:29-31, Rev 5:11-14
Christ's reign will never be conquered.

Hope for you

22, 27)

The prophecies are true. We have been shown through the prophets of old what will take place in the days to come. God's Word has proven itself prophetically and unmistakably true through the centuries and now it's your turn to trust in the Lord, to trust that as the world around slides further down into the lies which call evil good and the good intolerant, you must remember that there is a day coming in which Christ the rightful heir of the kingdoms of this world will take His throne and with a rod of iron smash to pieces all those who do not call on His name.

Have you called upon His name?

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