



THE GOD OF DANIEL

TRUST HISTORY'S SOVEREIGN

THE FUTURE PREDICTED IN DANIEL 7

The Babylonian kingdom (– 539 bc)

is the lion with eagles' wings that get plucked (verse 4).

The Medo-Persian kingdom (539 – 333 bc)

is the bear chomping three ribs (verse 5).

The Grecian/Hellenic kingdom (333 – 146 bc)

is the four-headed, four-winged leopard (verse 6).

The Roman kingdom (146 bc –)

is the terrifying beast with iron teeth & ten horns (vv. 7–8).

The Kingdom of God

is led by “one like a son of man” (verses 13–14, etc.).

Scripture Reading

DANIEL 10

(On page 700 in the black hardcover Bibles provided throughout the building.)

THE MAIN POINT OF DANIEL 10

God wants even his most faithful followers to know that our lives at present won't get increasingly easier but harder.

The unfolding of human history involves "great conflict" through which we're called to endure."

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“Many of us go through life expecting it to be a picnic. As a result, we are mentally dressed in light clothing and sandals, expecting sunshine, sand, and fun. We are unprepared for things to go wrong, and when they do, we immediately start muttering something about the fact that life shouldn’t be this way....Daniel 10 is written to help us understand that life is hard and why life is hard....[It] shows us that the conflicts that we experience here on earth are the counterpart of a great spiritual conflict that is presently ongoing in the heavenly realm. An awareness of this great spiritual conflict will help us to be prepared for the challenges of life here on earth, by being clothed in appropriate spiritual armor.”

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“[We should not] suppose that since Persia and Greece are ancient history, these angels are now resting on their laurels. The satanic forces opposed to the church continue to use the powers and institutions of this world in their struggle against God’s people.... [Yet] God’s decrees—the edicts that are written in ‘the Book of Truth’ (Dan. 10:21)—are the ultimate determiner of future realities....Life isn’t a picnic but a battleground. The devil is a powerful opponent, far too powerful for us to take on in our own strength....Arrayed on our side, however, is God’s strength.”

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