

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 29: The Major Prophets (Part IV)

Remember Acts 17:11

The Major Prophets:

Isaiah

Jeremiah

- **Lamentations**

Ezekiel

Daniel

The Prophet of the Messiah

The Prophet of Judgement

The Cries of Judah

The Prophet of Restoration

The Prophet of Revelation

Outline:

Visions (7-12):

The Beast and the Son of Man	7	(Pivot)
The Ram and the Goat	8	Hebrew
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The Beast & The Son of Man (Ch. 7):

(In Aramaic)

Remember: Jewish Prophecy Emphasizes Patterns of History

- Pivot Point Between Biographic Narrative & Prophetic
- Visions from God's Perspective (Not Humanity's)
- Vision Brought to Daniel in a Dream
 - o Brought by an Angel
 - o Many Horned Beasts & the "Son of Man"
- Imagery
 - o Living Creature (Creation & Servant of God)
Gk: Zoa/Zo'on
 - o Beast (Carnivorous & Chaotic)
Gk: thE'ron
 - o Horns (Power or People of Power)
 - o Heads (A Person of Authority)
 - o Son of Man (Ministers of God or the Messiah)
- 4 Beasts Rise from the Sea (v. 1-7)
 - o Interp: "4 Kingdoms that Will Rise" (v.17)
 - o Lion: (Once Flying Now Walking)
Given Mind of a Man
 - o Bear: Carnivorous Killer of Human Beings
 - o Leopard: (4 wings/4 heads) Authority to Rule
 - o Unrecognizable: Frightening & Powerful
 - Large Iron Teeth
 - Crushed & Devoured Victims
 - 10 Horns

The Beast & The Son of Man (Cont.):

- The Horns of the Fourth Beast (v. 8)
 - o A New “Little” Horn Emerges
 - o 3 Original Horns are Shed Because of It
 - o New Horn Has Human Eyes & Speaks Boastfully
 - o Wages War & Defeats the People of God
- Multiple Thrones Appear (v. 9-10)
 - o The “Ancient of Days” Appears & is Seated
 - o Clothed in White: Purity & Holiness
 - o Throne & River of Flame: Judgement & Testing
 - o Wheels: (Chariot) Cf. Ezekiel 1:15
 - o Thousands Attended God’s Court
 - o The Books Were Opened (Settling Accounts)
- The Judgement of the “Little” Horn (v. 11-12)
 - o The Horn Boasts Before God
 - o The 4th Beast is Slain (Silencing the Horn) & is Thrown into the Fire (Cf. Rev. 13-20)
 - o Other Beasts Stripped of Their Authority & Allowed to Linger for a Time
 - o God Pronounces Judgement in Favor of His People
- The Son of Man (v. 13-14)
 - o Comes from Clouds Heads to God
 - o Given Authority, Glory, Sovereign Power
 - o Assumes Rule of the Kingdoms of the Earth
 - o New Global & Everlasting Kingdom
- The Angel’s Interpretation (v. 15-28)
 - o Mirror of Nebuchadnezzar’s Vision (Ch. 2)
 - o 4th Beast is a Final Global Empire with 10 Kings
 - o 11th King will Defeat 3 Others (Cf. King Omri of Israel)
 - o The 11th Ruler will Be Stripped of Power
 - o The World will be Administrated by the People of God (Messianic Kingdom/Cf. Rev. 20)

The Ram and the Goat (Ch. 8):

- The 2 Horned Ram (Medes & Persians) is Defeated by a Goat from the West (Macedonia: Alexander)
- A Middle Horn of the Goat Divides into 4 Lesser
 - o Alexander: {Ptolemaic (Egypt), Seleucid (Persia), Pergamon (Asia Minor), Macedonia (Southern Europe)}
- The Little Horn (Ch. 6) Grows from 1 of These 4

The Time of Restoration & Daniel’s Prayer (Ch. 9):

Ref. Mt. 24:15-16; Lk. 19:41-44

Organization:

v. 1-19 Daniel’s Realization and Prayer

20-23 The Angel’s Visit

24-27 The Seventy Weeks

Daniel’s Realization and Prayer (v. 1-19):

- In Reading Scripture, Daniel Realizes the End of the Captivity (Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10)
- Daniel Enters into a Time of Prayer and Fasting
 - o Engages in Intercessory Prayer for Israel
 - o Humbles Himself Publicly (Sackcloth & Ashes)
 - o Begs for Mercy in Confession Before God
 - o Begins to Plead in a Fevered Pitch
 - o Interrupted in v. 20
- Gabriel Appears with a Message (Herold) From God
- Declares Daniel “Beloved” (Parallels Joseph & John)
- The First 69 Weeks (v. 25):

Declaration to Restore Jerusalem

-Until-

Presentation of the Messiah

69 Weeks of Years

483 Years

Ref. *The Coming Prince* By Sir Robert Anderson (1894)

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The Seventy Weeks in Scope (v. 24):

- To End the Rebellion
- To Stop Sin
- To Wipe Away Iniquity (Forgive Sin)
- To Bring in Everlasting Righteousness
- To Seal Up Vision and Prophecy
- To Anoint the Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies)

Summary of the 70 Weeks:

- The Order to Restore Jerusalem
 - o Artaxerxes (458 BC) Ezra 7:11-26
 - o Restoration of Jerusalem (Wall, Temple, Etc...)
- Declaration of Messiah the King
 - o (Palm Sunday) Passover: April 6th of 32AD
 - o "Hosanna Yeshua" (Ps. 118; Zech. 9:9-12)
- The Interval of the Church Age Until the Gentile Bride is Gathered (Ref. Rom. 11:25, Ruth)
 - o The Messiah will be Sacrificed
 - o The Church will Minister in History
 - o "The Fullness of the Gentiles Shall Come in"
- The Rise of the "Prince Who Shall Come"
 - o A New "Pax Romana"
 - o The Abomination of Desolation
 - o The Great Tribulation

For Discussion:

- Share Reading and Journal Highlights.

Consider Along with the Bible:

- Is God Constrained by Time?
- What Does That Mean to How You Approach God's Word?

