

A Glimpse of Glory

A. What Daniel 8 contains

1. The prophecy of the ram and the billy goat. Details about the kingdom of Greece and its first king.
2. The longest time prophecy in the Bible (2300 days).
 - a. Details into the judgment process that God goes through in heaven and when it will start.
 - b. The unsealing of the book of Daniel at the “Time of the End”.
 - c. The information about a Baptist Farmer named William Miller and the “Millerite movement”.
 - d. Insights into the 1st angels message of Rev. 14:6-7 about God’s judgment hour message and worshiping the Creator.
 - e. The beginning of the remnant church and how it ties into Rev. 10 and 12.
3. Two smaller time prophecies that are inside the longest time prophecy (Dan. 9:23-27).
 - a. The anointing of the Messiah; The date of when Jesus would be crucified on the cross. When the sacrificial system would come to an end.
 - b. The date when the gospel would go to the Gentiles. The close of probation for the Jewish nation.

B. Daniel’s reaction to the information conveyed in the vision.

1. Daniel was sick for days (information overload) (Dan. 8:26-27).
2. Daniel said, “no one understood it”. Was he looking for someone to interpret this dream. Dan. 8:26 says “Seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future”. A different translation says “it refers to the time of the end”. Dan. 12:4 says, “Shut up the words and seal the book for it refers to “the time of the end”.

C. Why God revealed this information to Daniel.

1. His past was a nightmare - a captive separated from family. At present, Daniel was serving as a captive in a foreign land. And as a eunuch his future was nonexistent.
2. In Dan. 8:14 God reveals to Daniel the events that will happen until Jesus comes again.
 - a. In Dan. 7:13 Daniel is given a vision of the 2nd coming of Christ. This is mingled in with the vision of the little horn power and the falling away from truth that Christianity will go through (2 Th. 2:8; 2 Tim. 4:3-4) before the 2nd coming of Christ.
 - b. In Daniel 7:28 Daniel says about the vision of Daniel 7, my “thoughts greatly troubled me”. Obviously he does not quite know how everything fits together in the info that he has been given.
 - c. By giving Daniel the vision of the 2300 days in Daniel 8 and the skill to understand in Daniel 9 Gabriel is helping Daniel find value and worth in his own life because he will be pointing the way home for many others to come down through the long ages and events yet to come (Prov. 13:12).
 - d. Daniel’s whole existence is wrapped up in being an ambassador for the King of Kings in the court of Babylon. And God gives him a vision in Daniel 8 that has so much information in it that he cannot understand or begin to process what he has seen. Daniel’s life is hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3-4). He has food to eat that others do not know about (Jn. 4:32) when he gains understanding of the prophecies of Daniel 8-9.
 - e. Daniel 12:3 must be taken in the context of Daniel’s life and the meaning that it had for him. Notice it is sandwiched into Daniel 12 between verses 1-2 which talks about the 2nd coming of Jesus and Daniel 12:4 where it says shut up the words and seal the book. Verse 3 is a statement about the value that Daniel receives from Gabriel in Daniel 9.

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