



It is considered one of the most important books with regard to eschatology. Which means the Theology about the end times.

We will learn many lessons for today about living faithfully for God in the midst of hostile environments.

The first beast is the Antichrist and the second beast is the prophet of the Antichrist.

I. God

A God who declares the end from the beginning.

There is a wise, a powerful God who is working out and unfolding his plan in a great scale and on a micro scale as well.

II. Apocalyptic literature

Daniel contains some historical narrative.

This type of literature is often called apocalyptic literature.

Daniel is written to the exiled Jews.

Revelation is written to the Persecuted church.

III. Context of Daniel

Abraham, the father of the Jewish Nations was called out of Ur of the Chaldeans.

The Book of Deuteronomy is that second law giving.

Daniel was a Jewish youth, just a teenager at that point, living in a Pagan land, surrounded by Pagan temptations and it was going to be very difficult for him to live out a godly lifestyle.

IV. Major Themes in Daniel

Supernaturally, accurate, predictive prophecy.

The battle for the bible

Daniel as a godly character.

God's sovereign control over all nations and all history.

We see God's glorified by his personal dealings with gentile kings and leaders.

IV. Chapter by Chapter Overview

We have established Daniel's uncompromising character.

The king Nebuchadnezzar has an incredible dream, and as he dreams the dream he's terrified and he wants to get an interpretation to the dream.

Nebuchadnezzar responds to the image that he had.

- Hananiah (Yahweh is gracious” and “God has favored)
- Mishael ("Who is like God?" or "Who is what God is?)
- Azariah (helped by God)

God humbles the mighty ruler.

Daniel refused to do it and so he's thrown into the lions' den.

It's a vision of one like a Son of Man.

In Daniel 8 we have a clear prediction of the coming of Alexander the Great. 70 years were all it would be that the exile would take place during Babylon.

“Daniel, you are a man who was highly esteemed by God.”

Daniel 11 comes the vision of Antiochus Epiphanes .

Daniel 12, the clear prophecy and prediction of the general resurrection of all humanity at the end of the world.

VI. Applications

Begin looking at your life and see in what ways perhaps you may have yielded, surrendered to the surrounding pagan culture.

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