

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "Prophetic History of Israel Under Gentile Domination"

Text: Daniel 8-12

INTRODUCTION:

JEWISH YOUTHS IN A PAGAN CULTURE (1:1-21)

- An introduction to the man (Daniel) and his prophetic message.
- Chapter 1 is written in Hebrew.

PROPHETIC HISTORY OF THE GENTILE KINGDOMS (chaps. 2-7)

- God's sovereign rule over Gentiles is demonstrated.
- Chapters 2-7 are written in Aramaic ("*lingua franca*" at the time).

- A. Prophecy concerning Gentile Nations (chap. 2)
 - B. Persecution and Supernatural Deliverance (chap. 3)
 - C. God's revelation to a Gentile King (chap. 4)
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 - B. Persecution and Supernatural Deliverance (chap. 6)
 - A. Prophecy concerning Gentile Nations (chap. 7)

PROPHETIC HISTORY OF ISRAEL UNDER GENTILE DOMINATION

- God's sovereign rule over Israel is demonstrated (chaps. 8-12).
 - Chapters 8-12 are written in Hebrew.
1. Vision of Chapter 8 (dated 551 B.C.):
Daniel's vision of the Ram and the Goat (Medo-Peria and Greece)
 2. Vision of Chapter 9 (dated 539-538 B.C.):
Daniel's vision of the 70 "weeks" (lit. "sevens" or "units of seven")
 3. Vision of Chapters 10-12 (dated 537-536 B.C.):
Daniel's panoramic vision of the future!

From here (chap. 8) to the end (chap. 12), the prophecy, even though it concerns the Gentiles, is occupied with human history as it relates to Israel. ***You might be asking . . .***

“SO WHAT?” ... Why is the focus always on Israel?

1. The Abrahamic Covenant (see Genesis 12 & 15)

- A. _____ (Gen. 12:7; 15:18-21; 17:7-8)
- B. _____ (Gen. 12:2; 15:5; 17:5-6)
- C. _____ (Gen. 12:3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14)

The other three unconditional covenants expanded the promises made to Abraham: 1) Land Covenant ... 2) Davidic Covenant ... 3) New Covenant.

2. God has a unique _____ for Israel (see Isa. 43:5-7)

- A. First, God created Israel for His glory (see Isa. 43:5-7).
- B. Second, He purposed Israel to function as a unique channel of His blessing to the whole world.
 - 1) Through a unique _____.
 - 2) Through the _____ - _____.
 - 3) Through _____.

3. Consider this . . .

- A. The land of Israel has been the **NERVE** center of the world since the time of Abraham.
- B. When Jesus came to earth, Israel became the **TRUTH** center of the world.
- C. There's coming a day in the future (the Millennium) when that land will be the **PEACE** center of the world.
- D. Today, as we look at that small piece of real estate in the Middle East, it is the **STORM** of the world.