

The Book of Daniel

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we complete our reading of the book of **Daniel**, this time focusing on **chapters 7-12**.

You will immediately note a change in Daniel’s emphasis. Everything up till this point in the book has been rooted in the history of Daniel’s era, but now Daniel is shown what will take place in the future. This vision of the future can be divided into two subsections:

The destiny of the Gentiles

- **Chapter 7** – The four beasts
- **Chapter 8** – The ram and the goat

The destiny of the Jews

- **Chapter 9** – The seventy weeks (or seventy “sevens”)
- **Chapter 10** – The Son of Man
- **Chapter 11** – The king who exalts himself
- **Chapter 12** – The end times

There is a remarkable similarity between the last six chapters of Daniel and the book of Revelation. In fact, the book of Revelation draws strongly upon the imagery of both **Ezekiel** and **Daniel**. This is because both are written in what is called “apocalyptic” style, which uses poetic images to represent people and events.

The book of **Daniel** is rich in prophecy. But one of the most important prophecies is the revelation that “[s]eventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to bring an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.” Calculations show that the 69 “weeks” (or 483 years) of **9:25-27** bring us right up to the coming of Jesus himself. This is something that will be explored further in **Module 112**. With this in mind, let’s now read the last section of **Daniel** – **chapters 7-12**.

Memory Verse

But God demonstrates his own love
for us in this: While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Your Fishing Kit

This is the twelfth passage in your fishing kit. **Romans 5:8** is pivotal in our understanding of the Gospel. The first truth of the Gospel is that “all have sinned” and that this sin causes a gulf of separation between us and God. The second truth of the Gospel is that the solution comes from God himself. In his great love, God sent Jesus to die “while we were still sinners.”

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

John 3:16	Isaiah 55:6-7	John 1:12	2 Corinthians 5:17
John 3:18	Romans 5:8	John 3:3	2 Corinthians 5:21
John 3:36	1 John 4:10	John 5:24	Matthew 10:32-33
Ephesians 1:7-8	Acts 2:38	John 6:37	Romans 2:4-5
Romans 3:23	Acts 3:19	John 8:32	Acts 17:30
Romans 6:23	Acts 4:12	John 8:36	1 John 5:10
Isaiah 53:5	John 14:6	John 10:10	1 John 5:11-12
Isaiah 53:6	1 John 1:8	John 10:28	John 14:1-3
Isaiah 59:1-2	1 John 1:9	Romans 10:9	John 16:33
Isaiah 64:6	1 John 1:10	Romans 10:13	Revelation 3:20

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.