

THE OPEN BOOK

Seal up the Book. (Daniel 12:4). But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end...

Seal not the Book. (Rev. 22:10). And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.

Interest in the Prophetic

- 1) To properly interpret Scripture, it is important to have same spirit of original writers.
 - a) Not same understanding, but same spirit.
 - b) They were inspired, but did not necessarily have full picture.
 - i) Inspired to write.
 - ii) We should have greater understanding through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - (1) Eph. 1:17. That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him;
 - (2) Eph. 1:18-20. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.
 - iii) Prophets inquired into the salvation that was to be brought in the latter times.
 - iv) Hebrews 1:1-3. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- 2) The work of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) Speaks of Jesus.
 - b) Leads into all truth.
 - c) The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus.
 - d) You search the scriptures for eternal life, and they speak of me.

Jesus is the Focal Point of History

- 1) Two periods of time: B.C. and A.D.
- 2) Before the cross; after the cross.
- 3) The Old Covenant; the New Covenant.
- 4) Important to know in order to understand Prophetic writings.
 - a) Daniel: Apocalypse of Old Testament.
 - b) Revelation: Apocalypse of New Testament.

- 5) Jesus is the end of the law and the prophets.
 - a) Jesus fulfilled the Old.
 - b) Jesus fulfilled prophecy.
- 6) It's all about Jesus.
 - a) He changed the order; the dispensation; the covenant; the priesthood.
 - b) In Him we live, move, and have our being.
 - c) He is the reflection of the Father—to tell us what the Father is like.

The Apocalyptic Book of Daniel

For the Latter Days. Daniel 2:27-29. Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king. But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the ***latter days***. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee ***what shall come to pass***.

Interpretation of Dream. Daniel 2:36. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

The Ten Toes of Iron and Clay

Daniel 2:42. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

Daniel 2:43. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

The Rolling Stone

Daniel 2:34. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

- 1) Iron, clay, brass, silver, and gold broken to pieces together.
 - a) Became like the chaff in the wind.
 - b) No place found for them.
- 2) The stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.
 - a) The mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains.
 - b) The knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Everlasting Kingdom

Daniel 2:44. and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

OTHER OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

Questions

- 1) What about prophecies of restoration of Israel?
- 2) What about prophecies of restoration of Temple worship?
- 3) Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel.

Response

- 1) Prophecies related to Israel.
 - a) Why Israel?
 - i) Through whom the natural seed was given.
 - ii) To represent the power of glory to the world.
 - b) Who is Israel?
 - c) What is the eternal purpose of God?
- 2) Glory of God to be revealed.
 - a) In the face of Jesus Christ; in His body.
 - b) Eph. 1:18. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the *hope* of his calling, and what the riches of the *glory* of his inheritance in the saints.
 - c) Wrought in Christ when God raised him from the dead.
 - i) Set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.
 - ii) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.
 - iii) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
 - iv) Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.
- 3) Glory in the Church (Eph. 3:21). Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Today Is the Day