

Matthew

The Kingdom and Its Relation to the Events of Daniel

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Summary

- Themes and structure of Daniel
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- Connections in the Olivet discourse -
 - Its context and structure
- Judgments in relation to future events
- Rapture, second coming, and the kingdom

Themes in Daniel

- Kings and kingdoms
 - Kingdom(s) – 59; Dominion – 19
 - King(s) – 189
 - Prince(s) – 35
 - Heaven – 33
 - Beast – 22
 - Ruler – 17
 - Decree – 17
 - Babylon – 17
 - Power – 13

Daniel

Babylonian Kingdom – King is Key		
Chapter 1	Willful Gentile king takes vessels of house of God	Put them in the house of his god
	Jerusalem cut down; Jews in Babylon	Part of captivity
	Gentile king's command	Babylonian language and food required
	Refusal to compromise God's tenants	Would not defile by eating king's food
	Finds favor with the king's court	Opportunity to conform but test proposed
	Separation results in Testing	Ten days to prove
	God provides victory in test	Undeified food has better results – ten times
Chapter 2	Nebuchadnezzar's' dream image	Viewed as substances of descending value
	Daniel gives and interprets dream	Succession of 4 nations
	Destruction of image by stone cut without hands	End of Gentile rule – political deliverance
	Final kingdom set up by supernatural power	Stone cut without hands - Christ
	King recognizes Jews God; Daniel promoted	
Chapter 3	Nebuchadnezzar's golden image	Ninety foot high golden image of self
	Jews refuse to worship image	Stand up for God
	Testing of the furnace (heated 7 times)	Does government have absolute power?
	Deliverance from the furnace	No, religious deliverance
	King recognizes Jews God; Jews promoted	
Chapter 4	Nebuchadnezzar's dream tree	His kingdom
	Daniel gives interpretation	King warned
	Willful king of Babylon is prideful and cut down	7 times (7 years)
	King recognizes Jews God; King is restored	
Chapter 5	Willful Gentile kings uses vessels of the house of God	Defilement of the holy vessels
	Writing on the wall	God's writing
	Daniel given interpretation	Kingdom weighed and found wanting
	King had been warned	Grandfather Nebuchadnezzar's experience
	King recognizes Jews God; Daniel promoted	
	Willful king of Babylon is prideful and cut down	Slain that night – no restoration, a new kingdom
End of Babylonian Kingdom		

Daniel

Medo-Persian Kingdom – Law is Key		
Chapter 6	Jews in Babylon (now part of Medo-Persia)	Part of captivity
	Gentile king's unchangeable decree	Prayer to Medo-Persian king required
	Refusal to compromise God's tenants	Would not defile by praying to king
	Find's favor in the sight of the king	King is unable to deliver – test required
	Separation results in testing	1 night in lion's den to prove
	God provides victory in test	Saved from the lions
Chapter 7	Daniel's dream of 4 beasts	Viewed as animals of strength and survival
	Daniel given dream and interpretation	Ascension of 4 nations
	Destruction of final beast – the Son of Man	End of Gentile rule – political deliverance
	Final kingdom set up by supernatural power	The perfect man - Christ
Chapter 8	Daniel's dream of 2 beasts	Viewed as a ram and a goat
	Daniel given dream and interpretation	Succession of 2 nations
	Jewish worship replaced by the little horn	Stand up for God
	Testing of the furnace under the little horn	Does government have absolute power?
	Deliverance from little horn	No, religious deliverance
Chapter 9	The books – writings	Jeremiah's writings
	Daniel's prayer about Jerusalem	His people's kingdom
	Daniel gives understanding	His people warned
	Jerusalem is prideful and cut down	Seventy times 7 (490 years)
	Jerusalem is restored	
Chapters 10-12	The unchangeable Scripture of Truth	The writings in heaven
	Succession of Gentile kingdoms	Persia, Greece, and another
	Final willful king	Future beast
	Final Gentile king cut down	God's rule restored, a new kingdom
End of All Gentile Rule		

Themes in Matthew

- Kings and kingdoms
 - Jesus – 170
 - Heaven - 76
 - Kingdom(s) – 57; Dominion – 1
 - King(s) – 23
 - Prince(s) – 4
 - Ruler – 6; authority – 7
 - Chief – 20
 - Babylon – 4
 - Power – 9

Matthew Structure

Chapters 1-4 Prologue	The king Comes	Genealogy of the king Birth of the king Worship of the king The escape of the king from death Preparation for the king's coming Identification and testing of the king King begins ministry to the people
Chapters 5-7 With his disciples (5:1)	The Sermon on the Mount The kingdom is coming	The blessed in the kingdom Living in expectation of the kingdom When Jesus was finished (7:28)
Chapters 8-10	The announcement of the kingdom	Evidential signs When Jesus was finished (11:1)
Chapters 11-12	The king/kingdom rejected	Sign of Jonah (12:38-42)
Chapter 13 With the multitude (13:2) and With his disciples (13:36)	The parables of the kingdom The kingdom in abeyance	Understanding the kingdom When Jesus was finished (13:53)
Chapters 14-18	The postponement of the kingdom	Sign of Jonah (16:1) When Jesus was finished (19:1)
Chapters 19-23	The king/kingdom rejected	Evidential signs
Chapters 24-25 With his disciples (24:3)	The Olivet Discourse The kingdom to come in future	The blessed in the kingdom Living in expectation of the kingdom When Jesus was finished (26:1)
Chapters 26-28 Epilogue	The king Leaves	King ends ministry to the people The trial and testing of the king The death of the king The king overcomes death The worship of the king

Olivet Discourse

- Longest discourse on eschatology spoken by our Lord
- Only extended uninterrupted discourse that is in all the synoptic gospels
 - Mt. 24-25; Mk. 13; Lk. 21:5-36
- Longest NT discourse on end times outside Revelation
- Focus is on Israel's future – with king having been rejected

Context

- Still time of the Gentiles
- The nation of Israel – the Jews
- Earthly expectations
 - Expecting a Messiah to come in judgment
 - Expecting an economic messiah
- Like Daniel – an issue of authority

Discourse Structure

- 24:3-8 – Beginning of sorrows
 - Some see 24:4-8 as course of present age
- 24:9-14 – Finishing of sorrows (Da. 12:1,7)
 - 24:15 – abomination of desolation (Da. 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
 - 24:21 – great tribulation (Da. 10:13, 21; 12:1)
 - 24:27-31 – coming of Son of Man and the gathering of Israel (Da. 7:13-14)
 - 24:36 – Day and hour known by Father
 - 24:44 – Be ready
 - 24:45-51 – Parable – the master and his servants

Discourse Structure

- Introduction to the Millennial kingdom
- Judgment – separation, reward, retribution
 - 25:1-13 – Bridegroom coming – ten virgins – watching and ready
 - 25:14-30 – Man traveling to far country and coming again – servants – working
 - 25:31-46 – Son of Man coming – sheep, goats, brethren – separation (Da. 12:2)
 - Nations are gentile individuals

Judgment

- Israel's judgment and gathering – Mt. 24:4-25:30
 - Mt. 25:31 – Jews present at judgment of gentiles – “my brethren”
 - Dt. 30:3-6
 - Is. 11:11-12
 - Je. 16:15; 23:8
 - Ek. 20:33-44
 - Ze. 13:8-9
 - Basis for entry – the parables in Mt. 24-25

Judgment

- Different judgements
 - Start of millennium – Mt. 25:31-46
 - Mt. 25:31; Joel 3:12 – Valley of Jehoshaphat; earthly throne
 - Mt. 25:32 – the living are judged
 - Mt. 25:32 – the nations – gentiles are judged
 - End of millennium
 - Re. 20:11 – heaven and earth are fled away
 - Re. 20:12-13 – the dead are judged
 - Re. 20:12-13 – all peoples judged

Future

- Sequence of events
 - The great tribulation
 - The second coming
 - The gathering of the elect
 - The judgment of Israel
 - The judgment of the Gentiles
 - The millennial kingdom
 - The judgment of the dead
 - The eternal state

Rapture

- Pre-tribulation,
 - Not mentioned – before Mt. 24:4
 - C. Armerding
 - E. S. English; J. N. Darby; A. C. Gaebelain; C. I Scofield; W. Kelly
 - Rapture between 8 and 9
 - D. L. Cooper; H. A. Ironside; L. S. Chafer

Rapture

- Post-tribulation
 - See Mt. 24:9-28 as being fall of Jerusalem
 - Seen as Christ coming spiritually
 - See rapture in Mt. 24:40-41
 - F. Hamilton, L. Berkhof; D. Brown
 - B. W. Newton, B. H. Carroll
 - A. Reese; R. Cameron, P. Mauro
 - Christ comes to the air to receive the church and then descends to the earth to rule

Parousia

- Used in the gospels in relation to our Lord's coming
 - Only in Matthew – 24:3, 27, 37, 39
 - 24:30 is erchomai (coming)
- Meaning coming – arrival, presence
- 1 Th. 4:13-18 – Rapture
- 1 Th. 5:1-11 – Second coming

Parousia

	Mt. 24-25	1 Th.
	Second Coming	Rapture
Christ comes	24:30	4:16
From heaven	24:30	4:16
With a shout		4:16
Voice of archangel		4:16
Peoples of the earth mourn	24:30	
Dead in Christ shall rise first		4:17
Those alive in Christ are caught up		4:17
Christ coming In the clouds	24:30	
Meet Christ in the clouds		4:17
With power and great glory	24:30	
With angels	24:31	
With trump of God	24:31	4:16
Forever with the Lord - comfort		4:17-18
Gather elect on earth	24:31	
Some taken, some left	24:40-41	4:17
	Second Coming	Second Coming
Time unknown - watch	24:36, 42-51	5:1-2, 6
Times like Noah's – unaware of judgment	24:37-39	5:3
As a thief	24:43	5:2, 4
In the night	24:43	5:2

Kingdom

- Kingdom of God – Matthew (3 times), Mark, Luke, John and kingdom of heaven Matthew (30 times)
 - Related to Daniel 7:13 – the kingdom coming from heaven to earth – its origin is from above
 - The millennial or messianic kingdom vs. the general rule of God
- Outside
 - Outer darkness - Mt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30
 - Gnashing teeth – Mt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Lk. 13:28

Summary

- Some of the key themes of both books relate to kings and kingdoms
- The Olivet discourse like Daniel is dealing with Israel as a nation in relation to the surrounding nations
- Judgments of the Bible must be carefully differentiated
- Differentiating the Lord's comings and the kingdoms is important in understanding the whole
- God is faithful to keep his word – there is a future for Israel and for his church
- Living in light of the reality of God's rule overall