THE OT BOOK
DANIEL

THE OVERVIEW

The book of Daniel is a Scriptural book on prophecy. One fourth of the books of the Bible are of a prophetic nature. The subject and statement of the books are eschatological: that is, they deal with and address (Prophecy) the last things; the end of the world; final judgment; the future state. The prophecy in the Bible can be divided into fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecy. A great deal of fulfilled prophecy will be found in the book of Daniel.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the main subject of prophecy. Moreover, it has been said, "there are certain great subjects of prophecy. They are like planes flying into an airport from all sections of the world, and you can go to the Book of Revelation and see all these great subjects brought to a final fruition."

DANIEL THE MAN

Daniel gives us an account of his personal life from the time he was carried captive to Babylon in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim (@ 606 B.C.) until the first year of King Cyrus (@ 536 B.C.). His life and ministry bridge the entire 70 years of captivity. In the beginning of the book, he a boy in his teens and at the end he is a mature man of fourscore and more years.

God's evaluation of Daniel is found in Chapter 10:11, "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved."

It is agreed, there are 3 words that characterize Daniel's life: purpose, prayer, and prophecy.

    A.   Daniel was a man of purpose (Dan. 1:8; 6:10)

        1.   Obey
        2.   Order
        3.   Overcome

    B.   Daniel was a man of prayer (Dan. 2:17-23; 6:10; 9:3-19)

        1.   For Wisdom
        2.   For the Revelation of The Will of God
        3.   For power to Withstand the enemy

C.   **Daniel was a man of prophecy (Dan. 2; 7; & 9)**

     The key verse in the book of Daniel is 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."

In our sturdy of the Book of Daniel, the following outline will be closely followed.