

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Apocalyptic Literature – Daniel and Revelation (from Biblegateway.com)

Origin of the term: from Greek apokalypsis, meaning “a revelation” or “a disclosure.”

Definition: Jewish and Early Christian literature from the years of the O.T prophets to A.D 100.

Contents: Visions about the end of the present evil age and the advent of God’s kingdom.
(An imminent crisis, a universal judgment, and a supernatural resolution.)

Time of writing: written during times of intense persecution and crisis.
(Oppression under Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Macedonia, and Rome)

Characteristics:

- a. A contrast between the present evil age and the coming eschatological age
- b. Pessimism concerning the present age and optimism concerning the age to come
- c. References and allusions to mythology, numerology, and animal symbolism
- d. The idea of the unity of history and a goal toward which history is moving
- e. The resurrection of the righteous and the judgment of the wicked
- f. The appearance of a transcendent figure identified as “the Son of Man.”

The Old Testament Apocalyptic: Daniel, and partly Joel, Zechariah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel

The New Testament and Apocalyptic: Revelation, and partly the Gospels, Paul’s writings, and etc.
(Ex. Matthew 24, Mark 13, 2 Thessalonians 2, 1 Corinthians 1 and 15, 2 Peter, and Jude)

Symbols in Revelation:

- a. Woman: representing a people (ch. 12) and a city (ch. 17)
- b. Horns: speaking of authority (5:6; 12:3; 13:1; 17:3; etc.)
- c. Eyes: signifying understanding (1:14; 4:6; 5:6)
- d. Trumpets: representing a superhuman or divine voice (1:10; 8:2; etc.)
- e. White robes: portraying the glory of the world to come (6:11; 7:9, 13, 14; 22:14)
- f. Crowns: indicating dominion (2:10; 3:11; 4:10; etc.)
- g. Colors: white : victory, purple : kingship, black : death
- h. Numbers: seven : fullness or perfection, twelve : the perfection of the people of God

3. Structure of Daniel 10

Daniel had a vision (vv. 1-3)

Daniel saw an authoritative man / an angel (vv. 4-6)

Daniel became lethargic (vv. 7-9)

Daniel was strengthened (vv. 10-11)

Daniel heard a voice (vv. 12-14)

Daniel responded (vv. 15-17)

Daniel heard the message (vv. 18-21)

4. Read Ch. 10

5. Questions

- a. Read Ezra 1:1-3. What happened in the first year of King Cyrus? Then, why do you think Daniel was still mourning according to verse 2?
- b. The man in verse 5 was clothed in linen. What does linen symbolize? Read Revelation 15:6 and Luke 16:19.
- c. How did Daniel and other people react to the appearance of an authoritative man in verses 7-9? Does it remind you of any other story in the bible?
- d. Why did this man come to Daniel?
- e. Who would be the 'prince of the kingdom of Persia' in verse 13 who disturbed the angel's arrival to Daniel?
- f. What is the message from the angel about?
- g. What do you think the book of truth is in verse 21?

6. Closing Prayer