

*Old things
are passed away;
behold, all things
are become new.*



Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 13, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 448 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Way Maker"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Special Music

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

"Great Is The Lord"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Fred Stanley: 843-226-1963

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



*From
Pastor*



Daniel's Second Vision (Part II)

(Daniel 8:9-14, 19-27)

Intro: In our last message, we began examining Daniel's second vision. There were two points that we covered. First, we noticed that Daniel's second vision correlated with the preceding visions in the Book. They correlated together by presenting the same kingdoms in all of them. From this we are able to rejoice in knowing that the Word of God supports and interprets itself. Staying in the Word of God will make it possible for us to find the answers to the questions raised in the Word of God because it supports itself and interprets itself.

The second point we noticed was that Daniel's second vision confirmed the accuracy of the Bible. We determined this by the specific details in the prophecy that were fulfilled over the next 200 years. So, this gives us absolute confidence in the trustworthiness of God's Holy Word.

In today's message, we will take a further look at Daniel's second vision and finish out with the point I could get to in the last message. This next point we are going to examine will take us all the way from the past to the last days.

III. Third, let us notice that Daniel's second vision compares the activities of the Antichrist.

Of course, the question is going to be asked compared to what or whom as in this case? Well, we answer that question in this point.

First, to get to that comparison, we must understand that this second vision of Daniel, although as we've already seen correlates with the preceding vision in the Book, it does differ a little. The way in which it differs is that it doesn't mention the fourth kingdom found in the other two visions. The Roman Empire is left out of this vision.

What you have in this vision is the rise of the Greek Empire under Alexander the Great's leadership following the Medes and Persians. This is also discovered in the other two visions. You then see the loss of Alexander the Great's leadership as he dies, and then the rise of Alexander's four generals who split the empire up among themselves.

Now, in the preceding two visions of the Book, both Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel's first vision move on to the fourth kingdom of Rome. However, in Daniel's second vision, he doesn't see another kingdom past the Greek Empire.

However, what he does see in this second vision is a ruler that rises up out of one of the four sections of the divided Greek Empire. So the question to ask at this point is, why is this ruler introduced at this time and not the fourth kingdom found in the other two preceding visions?

To answer that question, we need to know who this particular person was. When we discover who he was, we will then know why he is introduced instead of the fourth kingdom of the other visions, and in order to do this we just need to look

at the words and actions of this particular person which are told in detail. Because they are told in detail, it was not hard for Biblical scholars to know who this person was.

In verses nine through fourteen, and twenty-three through twenty-five, we are told all about this man who became a king. This person will rise to power by conquering land to the south, east and all of Israel. Thus his kingdom for a period of time became very large and powerful, and with his power he cast down powerful and influential persons but most particularly he cast down the Jewish leaders and people. It was said that he killed over one hundred thousand Jews.

Now, why did he cast down so many rulers particularly the ones in Israel? Because he wanted to exalt himself above all others including God if that were possible of course which it is not. To attempt to try and take God's place and position, he desecrated the Jewish temple and for a time put a stop to Jewish sacrifices and way of worship to God.

Now, an important thing to understand about this man is that his power and prosperity which God allows him to have for a period of time will not come from himself but rather from Satan himself. This is why he will try and place himself above the Prince of princes.

So, who was the person who did all these things? Most scholars tell us that the person who did those things was Antiochus IV. He changed his name to Antiochus Epiphanies to get the people to believe that he was God himself in their midst. And Antiochus indeed did all the things that are mentioned in the chapter.

There are a couple of more things that let us know that this was Antiochus IV. The visions showed that there would be 2300 days to take place then the sanctuary would be re-consecrated (vs. 14). Well, we know exactly when that re-consecration took place. It took place on December 25, 165 BC. So, when you take 2300 days and go backwards from December 25, 165 BC, you are led to the year 171 BC, the very year that Antiochus IV moved into Jerusalem and began his horrible persecution of the Jews.

There is one more thing to point out in this vision. We are told that he did not die by the hand of man. Rather, he was destroyed by God. There is no record of Antiochus IV dying by the hand of his enemies. Rather, the past records show that he died of a horrible sickness which caused him great pains.

So what does this have to do with the Antichrist? Well, Antiochus was introduced in the vision because he was a prime example of how the Antichrist will be only on a greater scale. We know that this part of the vision is a twofold prophecy because it presents a past event but also talks about latter times in "the time of wrath," (The Tribulation Period), distant future.

There are several chapters that tell us of the Antichrist. The primary chapters are II Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 12-13,17,19. From these chapters we discover that the Antichrist will become extremely powerful and his reaches will be the entire globe. He will deceive many with his flattery but then later show his true colors. He will be completely incarnated by Satan. Thus he will do everything within his power to exalt himself above Christ the Prince of princes. Like Antiochus IV, he will especially come after the Jews to destroy their way of worship of God and demand instead that he be worshipped. He will also desecrate the rebuilt

Jewish temple. He will kill many and I mean many who don't choose to bow down to him.

However, like Antiochus, his reign will be limited and will be brought to an end not by the hands of mankind but rather by the hands of Jesus Christ our Lord who will return and wipe him out along with all who have followed him.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that Daniel's second vision created fear for the prophet. (vs. 27).

From this prophecy and the first one that he had, we are told that literally it shook and scared the very core of his being until it caused him to be exhausted and ill for a number of days. However, his fear, exhaustion, and sickness did not permanently finish off the prophet. For the chapter tells us that he got up and went back to doing the king's business. Let this be an example to us that as things take place in life and as we see what is coming, we may become temporarily overcome by our fears. However, because we ultimately know how it turns out and Jesus wins, we need to rise up and go and do our King's business of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Concl. We wouldn't have an Antichrist if there wasn't a real Christ. We, therefore, look at and examine the Antichrist for the purpose of focusing upon the true Christ. We need to know what the Scriptures teach about the Antichrist but let that drive us to zero in on the Christ who doesn't lie but is the truth; who doesn't kill but give life abundantly and eternally. Let us cling to the only true authentic Christ and find love, forgiveness, grace and mercy none of which the Antichrist has.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

March

This month we are collecting the items below
and monetary donations are welcome.

The number of boxes this year is 1,200.



Please donate.

Stuffed Animals

Barbies

Match Box Cars

Jump Ropes

Miscellaneous Small Toys



Movie Night

Wednesday, March 30th

Concessions: 6:00 pm Movie: 7:00 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided

Please Bring finger foods to share

*Due to Movie Night
There will be NO regular
Wednesday Night Supper*



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Irwin Malphrus</i>
		<i>Alice Way</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Jeremiah Dennen</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Kaylee Standard</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Chyleen Mock</i>

Bro. Eddie Malphrus

Sunday, March 20th
AM Service



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Today thru Easter Sunday

Mark # 011 on Envelopes for Donations

Prayer Guides on Bulletin Board Wall

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
Family of

Unspoken

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Charlee Carter
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Cancer / Treatments

*Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills
Alice & Gary Way
Kenny Smith
Carol Bradham
Diane Hannah*

*Tom Hinely
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker
Kenneth & Doby Cleland
Gloria Tuten
Lucille & Ron Degler
Red & Helen Malphrus
Shelby Green*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Petaluma, California*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,877.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 5.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 2,127.72
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 112.00	*****	\$ 194.93
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 139.00	*****	\$ 383.48
<i>Office</i>	\$ 25.30	*****	\$ 1,125.60
<i>Gleaners Sunday School Class</i>	\$ 45.00	*****	\$ 824.66
<i>Stage</i>	\$ 166.96	*****	\$ 166.96
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 4,010.55	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 25.00



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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