

DANIEL - The Rise and Fall of Kings/ Kingdoms till the End of Time

DN-25 - DANIEL 11

Transfer of the Scepter of Power

The entire book of Daniel should be examined for its overarching theme—Judgment—as the reader observes the rise and fall of nations, tracing the scepter of power from Babylon to Medo-Persia, to Greece, to Rome, to the nations of /Europe, from Pagan to Papal Rome, and at last to the great Stone Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed. Inspiration has recorded for the last generation:

When the time shall come, in the providence of God, for the world to be tested upon the truth for that time, minds will be exercised by His Spirit to search the Scriptures, even with fasting and with prayer, until link after link is searched out and united in a perfect chain. Every fact which immediately concerns the salvation of souls will be made so clear that none need err or walk in darkness.

As we have followed down the chain of prophecy, revealed truth for our time has been clearly seen and explained. We are accountable for the privileges that we enjoy and for the light that shines upon our pathway. Those who lived in past generations were accountable for the light which was permitted to shine upon them. Their minds were exercised in regard to different points of Scripture which tested them. But they did not understand the truths which we do. They were not responsible for the light which they did not have... but the time for the unfolding of special truth in relation to the closing scenes of this earth's history is during the last generations that shall live upon the earth. {2T 692-693}

In Daniel 8 we discovered that the term the “daily” represents a concept which has been discussed and written about especially over the last two centuries. [In actuality, it has been discussed for over a 1000 years and caused much perplexity.] We also learned how the pioneers of our movement understood it in its correct view, but after 1844 other views were embraced, resulting in “darkness and confusion” for God’s people. (see EW 74,75), We are now to enlarge our understanding of this view as we focus on this last vision of Daniel in chapters 11 and 12.

In the following verses: Daniel 8:11, 12, 13; 11:31; 12:11

We found that this word “daily” is always accompanied by the word *sacrifice*, which we came to know does not belong with the text. [You can cross the word out in your Bibles, it shouldn’t be there.]*

The word - Daily (Hebrew, “*Tamiyd*” – pronounced *taw-meed*) as its primitive root means **To Stretch**; continuance (as **Indefinite Extension**)—a **CONTINUUM**.

A thorough and in-depth study of this subject¹ would reveal that the nature and purpose of the entire book of Daniel and even **the whole Bible**, can be summed up in this concept of **the “daily—“tamiyd” from everlasting to everlasting**. If, in the book of Daniel, the theme is that of a *transfer of the scepter of power* from nation to nation until it is finally restored to the saints {Dan 7:18, 22, 27} and to Christ in God’s new Kingdom {Rev 11:15}, is that not also the theme of the whole Bible, the entire plan of salvation—the idea of Eden restored?²

* This is what has contributed to the confusion in understanding the word “daily”.

1. You can find that study at <https://www.themindofchrist.net/daniel-series-p-2>, under Lesson 25, “The Daily—An indepth study.

2. Adapted from the book, “*Warning: in the 1260, 1290, 1335 Day timelines of Daniel 12*, p.115-118.

The scepter of power originated in the eternal throne of God. It was delegated to Adam when he was given dominion (the scepter of power) over the earth. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion [the scepter of power]..." Gen 1:26.

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. --Ps. 45:6

Our brief study of Daniel 11 will show us that this chapter "is a reiteration of the rise and fall of kings from the days of Daniel until the end of time." Each time the scepter of power is transferred from one king to the next, it says that the new kings shall STAND UP—that is, he takes the scepter of power in hand. This happens twelve times in chapter 11, beginning with verse 3. -*Ibid p.120*

3. The phrase "stand up" is the Hebrew word, "amad" #5975. This word which comes from a primitive root "MD" ("meed" appears to be tied to "tamiyd", pronounced "taw-meed")

STAND UP – The Scepter of Power Changes

Dan 11:2 – There shall stand up yet three kings in Persia...

" 11:3 – And a mighty king shall stand up that shall rule with great dominion.

" 11:4 – And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken...divide to the four winds.

" 11:6 – Neither shall he stand [up] nor his arm.

" 11:7 – And of the branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate.

" 11:14– many shall, stand up against the king of the south...

" 11:15– and arms of the south shall not withstand... neither strength to withstand.

" 11:16– and he shall stand[up] in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

" 11:20– Then shall stand up in his estate a raises of taxes in the in the glory of the kingdom.

" 11:21– And in his estate shall stand up a vile person...he shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

" 11:25– ...the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle...but he shall not stand...

" 11:31– And arms shall stand [up] on his part and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength.

It is interesting that the next time this word shows up, is when Christ Himself, stands up...

Dan 12:1 – And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people...and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

The entire Bible is a library, all books telling the story in one way or another of the lost **dominion** (lost scepter) and its restoration! The great controversy ends at the coming of Jesus when God's saints "shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" Rev 20:6. The whole book of Daniel is this story of the scepter passing from nation to nation until at last: "...the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even for ever and ever." –Dan 7:18