

Week # 50 Casual Observations

12-12-2022 Dan.8:1-27; Dan.5:1-31; 2Chr.36:22-23; Dan.9:1-27 **Question:** What did Daniel think of Jeremiah's writings? How does he respond to them?

Answer: Dan.9:1-3

- Dan.8:15-17,26 Gabriel the messenger - vision is for the time of the end, distant future
- Dan.8:27 the effect of the vision - lay ill for several days
- Dan.5:1-31 The hand of God writes. A queen with wisdom and memory and a not so smart king and Daniel, a bold speaker of truth, God's servant.
- 2Chr.36:22-23 An edict from king Cyrus "build God's Temple in Jerusalem"
- Dan.9:2 God's word by Jeremiah - 70 years!
- Dan.9:4-19 A prayer worth learning from, humble yourself for 21 days, fast and pray and see what God will do, no you are not Daniel but you are Jesus' family are you not?
- Dan.9:20-27 Words that have great relevance even for us who are removed by a great distance.

12-13-2022 Ezra 1:1-4; Dan.6:1-28; Ezra 1:5-2:20; Neh.7:4-25 **Question:** What did King Darius write about God to the people and nations of every language throughout his land? **Answer:** Dan.6:25-27

- Ezra 1:1-4 The decree from king Cyrus - rebuild the Temple of God.

- Ezra 1:1 What words of Jeremiah were fulfilled?
- Dan.6:1-28 Daniel shows us how important it is to men and women of integrity and honor, Godly people.
- Dan.6:10 Daniel got down on his knees three times a day to pray, should we not do as much?
- Dan.6:23 "no wound was found on him because he trusted his God" hmmm, God was no fable at all.
- Ezra.1:5 "everyone whose heart God had moved"
- Ezra.1:1-11 God's holy articles returned
- Ezra.2:1-20/Neh.7:4-25 Names and numbers but not all is equal, curious.

12-14-2022 Ezra 2:21-70; Neh.7:26-73a **Question:** What was the hold up in determining if some of the people could participate in or eat of the sacred food? **Answer:** Dan.Ezr.2:59-60/Neh.7:61-65

- Ezra.2:21-70/Neh.7:26-73a Names and numbers and places and people but again not all is equal.
- Ezra.2:61-63/Neh.7:63-65 A group of priests who could not validate who they really were, wait for the Official Priest and the Urim and Thummim.
- There is also a list found in 1Esdra.5:1-56 of the Septuagint (Greek old Testament)

12-15-2022 Ezra 3:1-13; Ps.92; Ps.126; Dan.10:1-11:35 **Question:** What will the people who "know their God" do? **Answer:** Dan.11:31-35

- Ezra 3:1-13 This was a great moment in time, the people gather, an alter is built, sacrifice according

to the law of Moses (the man of God) and the people rejoice and weep loudly

- Ezra 3:11 "With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord, He is good, His love to Israel endures forever."
- Ps.92 A psalm of praise to God
- Ps.126 A psalm of Joy and thanks to God
- Dan.10:1-11:1 Daniels fast and prayer ends with an answer, 21 days later. A great conflict rages
- Dan.11:2-35 The progressive unfolding of the future kingdoms and their effect upon Israel and God's people.

12-16-2022 Dan.11:36-12:13; Ps.93; Ps.94; Ps.95; Ps.96 **Question:** So what will be the fate of those whose names are found in "the book"? **Answer:** Dan.12:1-3

- Dan.11:36-45 Continued from yesterdays reading - a king who will exalt himself who serves a new god, a god of fortresses.
- Dan.12:1-13 The rest of the vision concerning a distant time, the time of the end.
- Dan.12:5-7 "a time, times and half a time" ?
- Ps.93 God is a firm as is His reign and power
- Ps.94 God, a God who avenges, blessed is the person you discipline.
- Ps.95 An awesome psalm of praise to God, come let us bow down and worship

- Ps.96 Another awesome psalm of praise to God, praise His name, sing a new song

Psalm 95

Ps 95:1 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Ps 95:3 For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Ps 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; 7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, 9 where your fathers tested and tried me, though they had seen what I did. 10 For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways." 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest." (NIV)