

Epilogue -- Summary of Results The Various Methods of Revelation

In our examination of the predictive portions of the Book of Daniel, we have observed an interesting progression in the methods by which God revealed His will to Daniel.

In Daniel 2 God enabled Daniel to state correctly the content of the king's dream, and then to tell the king what the dream meant.

Daniel 7 tells how Daniel himself had a dream, thirty-eight years later. In the course of this dream he asked a bystander to explain its meaning, and was given additional information.

In Daniel 8 Daniel had another dream, and God sent the angel Gabriel to tell him what it meant.

In Daniel 9 Daniel prayed one of the great prayers of the Bible, and God responded by sending Gabriel to give him the prophecy of the seventy weeks.

In chapters 10 to 12 a man dressed in linen appeared to Daniel and described future events in plain language.

Progressive Revelation

In these chapters we saw many illustrations of the way God leads His people, step by step, into fuller understanding of the facts He chooses to reveal to them. Thus in chapter 2 He revealed, in bare outline, the fact that four great empires would follow one another, after which the ungodly powers would be completely destroyed and a new and indestructible kingdom would begin to exert universal control.