

Side 1: Session 1. Dan. 8

This morning I'm not expecting to give you a full understanding of the prophecies of Daniel. I am certainly not expecting this morning to try to take a ^{definite} position on matters that are ~~highly~~ controversial or on which there is a great difference of opinion. And I certainly have no expectation of giving you any definite idea of events that are to take place in the near future. My objectives ^{as to} in the time we have together ^{are two} is (1) I want to give a good general survey of the prophecies of Daniel. Now some of you probably are very familiar with the prophecies and that part may to you then be a waste of time. And yet I think that even if you do you will find certain insights into this a ^{maybe helpful} great help. But that will be ^{pertinently} directed toward those ^{here, who I'm sure there must be a number} who know very little about the prophecies of Daniel and I think to give a good general survey can be very helpful in understanding this particular portion of it. Now that is one purpose I have, this morning.

(2) The second purpose that I have is to try to bring out clearly certain principles ^{interpretation} that I feel are tremendously vital in the ^{interpretation} of Daniel and in the interpretation of any prophecy, of any ^{prophecy that is.} There are certain matters that I think we would all readily recognize if it were presented to us but even when we do recognize it, we often ^{completely} overlook. So I want to bring out certain principles. I am more interested in that this morning than I am in ^{any particular facts} interpretation or particular prophecies.

Now for any of you who do not have a very definite recollection of details of Daniel a very brief survey of the book as a whole. The book naturally divides into two parts. The first six (chapters) can roughly be called the ^{historical} history of Daniel; and the last six (chapters) can roughly be called the prophecies of Daniel. There is an overlapping. Daniel contains more specific predictions than any amount similar --- any similar amount of material anywhere in the Scripture. In the first part we find a number of brief predictions, such as the prediction to Belshazzar that his kingdom would be destroyed and given to Medes ^{Persia} -- various predictions like that that refer to events in the immediate future. A number of ---