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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1575 ~ Daniel's Vision of Strange Animals.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

Most of us wonder what will happen in the future. And so we should, because we will spend the rest of our lives there.

Since the beginning of time in the Garden of Eden, God predicted future events to happen when the time was right. He has proved Himself to be the all-knowing God. He knew the end from the beginning and that's why human beings should listen to His words in the Bible. About one-third of the Bible is prophecy. God revealed future events to the people through His prophets. These people were known for their faith in God and their obedience to His wishes.

But people's complete ignorance of God's prophetic outline and their failure to understand God's program for the Church, the nations and Israel, is the cause of much anxiety about the future today. The future seems such an abstract thing but God has not left us uninformed.

Ezekiel and Daniel were the most important prophets in the last group of Old Testament prophets. God revealed to Daniel things to come to pass over 2,500 years after his time. In the first year of the reign of King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream and visions in his head as he was lying on his bed.

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Daniel's vision in Chapter 7 of his book of Daniel parallels what Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream of the statue. It was a vision of world history. The lion was Babylon, the head of gold. The bear represented the Medes and Persia, the arms and chest of silver. The leopard was Greece, the thighs of brass. The dreadful beast was Rome, the legs of iron. The little horn represented the Antichrist and his kingdom, the toes that were of iron and clay. God on His throne represents the smiting stone.

Human history will finish in a worldwide kingdom under a satanic world ruler called Antichrist. He will defy God and eventually be defeated by God's Son.

In the third year of Belshazzar's reign, Daniel had another vision as recorded in Chapter 8 of the book of Daniel. Daniel saw himself in the Persian capital. In this vision, God pictured Persia as a ram and Greece, which would be the next power after the Mede-Persian Empire, as a male goat. The symbolism was no longer wild animals but domesticated ones.

The notable horn on the goat was Alexander the Great, who conquered many nations. Alexander died when he was only 33 years old and his kingdom was divided between four of his generals. One of those generals was very wicked. His name was Antiochus Epiphanes and he invaded Palestine, defiled the Jewish temple and put the Jewish people under bondage. He's a picture of the world ruler to come, the Antichrist.

In Chapter 11 of the book of Daniel, God revealed to Daniel that the future of His nation when restored to their land would be difficult at times. Other nations would harass them. Daniel didn't understand the last visions given but the angel would not reveal any explanations to him. The words of those visions were shut up until the times close to the end of this world.

Daniel was troubled by his visions and became weak and sick. Those who are proud of their knowledge of Bible prophecy may have learned only what it says and not what it means. Revelation always brings responsibility with it. If we really believe these things, we will obey what God tells us to do.

What then are our responsibilities? We are to seek to win others to the Saviour, to grow in holiness, to wait on the Lord and rest in Him, and to leave the hidden things with the Lord. We can rest in the assurance that God is in control and He will accomplish His purposes in spite of the forces of evil.

Part of God's purposes during the future end times will be to bring a judgment for sin on the earth. This judgement will come after the believers in the Lord Jesus have been taken out of the world. It will be a truly terrible time for all those still living on the earth.

People often take the attitude that they'll deal with that problem when they face it. But sadly it will be too late. All those who knew about the salvation available through Christ but did nothing about it, will be given a delusion or mistaken idea about it. They will not have another chance to call on Christ for the door will be shut.

This situation will be like the parable the Lord Jesus taught about the wise and foolish virgins waiting for the bridegroom to come. When he did come they weren't ready. The last world kingdom on earth will be established by the Lord Jesus. His empire started out very small but has grown bigger over time. One day, it will be the only one left. All the previous kingdoms were established by military power but Christ's kingdom is founded on love. God's mercy is available to us now but it won't always be there for those who neglect God's great plan of salvation for people. Have you settled your future with the Lord Jesus Christ? A poem called God Knows gives us advice about preparing for the future. The first section of it says:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day.

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That was Alfie Silas and Rick Riso singing “The Lord is Good.”

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