

DANIEL VIEWS THE FUTURE

Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 15: Two objectives quickly focus in relation to this lesson. First, the study and understanding of the three lines of prophecy (Daniel 2, the political aspect, kingdoms; Daniel 7, political and religious aspects mixed; and Daniel 8, the sanctuary emphasized) gives unity to the book of Daniel and adds to our confidence in the accuracy of the prophetic messages of the Bible. Also, this study lays important ground-work for the next study which focuses on Daniel 8:14. Later reference will be made to particularly Daniel 7:25, as the change of the Sabbath is considered in lesson 23.

During the study itself: The answers to questions 1 and 2 have been kept in a very simple form. The volume of material being covered is large – thus, if we can get the simple "grit" into an easily comprehended form, the memory can pick it up more quickly. If we combine extensive information in the Bible with extensive answers, it is possible to leave people asking us, "What are you talking about?"

In questions 2(g) and 3(e) the instructor should be prepared to isolate the new material in each chapter and not do a re-reading of many texts. Read only one verse which presents the new material in each case. Have these marked in your Bible ahead of time. Question 3 demands more investigation than do questions 1 and 2.

Appeal: The appeal again centers on the need for readiness in light of the climax of each of the chapters. The study also can be used to stir interest in the studies that immediately follow.

Illustration: It is quite striking how these prophecies of Daniel fit into the basic diagram with which the student has become acquainted over many weeks. The student then sees very clearly the political development as time passes from BC to AD, the place of the Romans in harrassing Christ at His birth and ruing His life, etc. Again, the visual aid needs to retain a simplicity as stated above, for quick learning and retention. The 490 years (Daniel 9:24-27) and the 2300 years (Daniel 8:14), which come in lesson 16, will fall very naturally over this lesson's visual aid.

