

What Is In Nebuchadnezzar's Trunk?

Daniel 4

Daniel And The King

Daniel 1: **Picky eaters**

Daniel 2: **Dream job**

Daniel 3: **Convicts with conviction**

Daniel 4: **Nebuchadnezzar's trunk**

Lessons

1. Daniel: 100% track record, 18.

- S. R. Driver (d.1914)
- Insisted OT is product of natural, not supernatural, forces
- Scorned idea of verbal inspiration

S. R. Driver

“[CHRIST] ACCEPTED, AS THE BASIS OF HIS TEACHING, THE OPINIONS RESPECTING THE OLD TESTAMENT CURRENT AROUND HIM: He assumed, in His allusions to it, the premises which His opponents recognized, and which could not have been questioned (even had it been necessary to question them) without raising issues for which the time was not yet ripe, and which, had they been raised, would have interfered seriously with the paramount purpose of His life”

S. R. Driver – prophecy (1/2)

What about Daniel's prophecies?

- Driver had to interpret dream of ch.2:
1Babylon; **2**Media; **3**Persia; **4**Greece
 - If # 4. is Rome, prophecy happened
- Dated Daniel about 168-164 BC
 - Why would Daniel have to explain current events to Nebuchadnezzar?
 - Daniel the deceiver (2:28)

S. R. Driver – canon (2/2)

Other problems inherent in late date

- Ezk.14:14, 20
- Jewish canon rejected books after time of Artaxerxes (d. 424 BC) – Josephus Against Apion
- Paleographic evidence from DSS show the original document was composed several hundred years prior to 2nd Century BC
- Conclusion: S. R. Driver was dead wrong

Lessons

1. Daniel: 100% track record.
2. God will close in.
 - God 'found' Nebuchadnezzar.
 - *Hound of Heaven*, Francis Thompson.
 - C.S.Lewis, atheist
 - Problem of evil
 - T.D.Weldon, 1926

'The most dejected and reluctant convert in all England'

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3. God is King of universe.
 - **Omnipotent, omniscient**
 - **He rules kingdoms (4:17).** Ro.13
 - **God-pilot (4:36)**

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4. God is Judge of universe.
 - Knows our thoughts, hates sin
 - Love sinner; accepts repentance (Jer.18: Jon.3)

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5. The way up is down, 29-30.
 - Nebuchadnezzar: "I built...my glory"
 - Nebuchadnezzar (34): heavenly perspective, praise