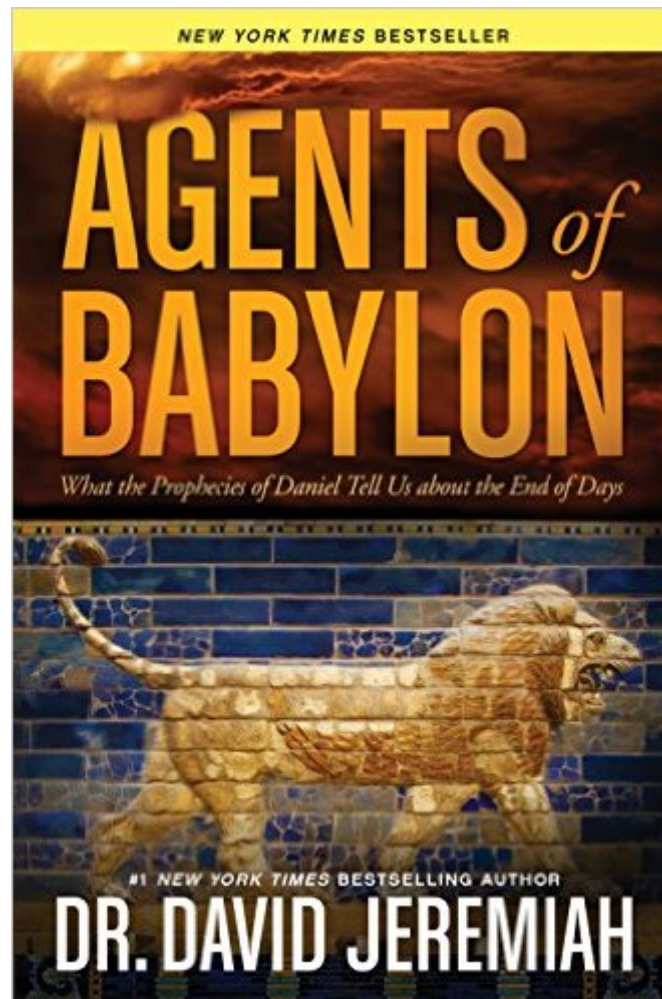


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Agents Of Babylon: What The Prophecies Of Daniel Tell Us About The End Of Days



Synopsis

In his #1 New York Times bestseller *Agents of the Apocalypse*, noted prophecy expert Dr. David Jeremiah explored the book of Revelation through the lens of its major players. Now, in the much-anticipated follow-up, *Agents of Babylon*, Dr. Jeremiah examines prophecy through the eyes of the characters in the book of Daniel, explains what the prophecies mean, and helps us understand how these prophetic visions and dreams apply to our lives today. Written in the same highly engaging half dramatization, half Bible teaching format as *Agents of the Apocalypse*, *Agents of Babylon* is not only an in-depth exploration of the characters and prophecies contained in the book of Daniel but also a dramatic retelling of Scripture that is sure to bring ancient prophecy to light like never before.

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Customer Reviews

Agents of Babylon continues Dr. Jeremiah's popular series on heroes and villains of the Bible. This time Dr. Jeremiah brings to bear his considerable knowledge of Biblical history and Bible prophecy on the book of Daniel and its intriguing list of characters from the second temple era. Each chapter in *Agents of Babylon* has two distinct parts. The first part is a short novel like story based upon the real events depicted in a specific part of the book of Daniel. The second part of the chapter in *Agents of Babylon*, the real meat and potatoes of the book, is non-fiction and really gets to the fascinating details of the book of Daniel. I especially like that at the end of each chapter Dr. Jeremiah summarized a few points or life lessons as takeaways for the reader to apply to his or her

own life. The book of Daniel has held a fascination for me over the years and I really appreciated seeing the book through Dr. Jeremiah's eyes. Even though I don't agree with all of his conclusions in the non-fiction part of the book, I still thoroughly enjoyed reading Dr. Jeremiah's many wonderful insights into the book of Daniel, one of the most important prophetic books of the Bible. In the spirit of a Berean there are a couple of areas in the book where it would be nice to have further clarification. In Chapter 10, Dr. Jeremiah talks about the prophecy of 70 Weeks. Dr. Jeremiah's interpretation of this wonderful passage is based upon the work of the great Christian scholar Sir Robert Anderson in his influential book *The Coming Prince*. Anderson's view holds that Ezra and Nehemiah were contemporaries of the Persian king Longimanus. Anderson bases this upon the work of the Christian chronologist Rawlinson. On Page 71 of *The Coming Prince* Anderson quotes Rawlinson and the sum of his evidence leaves quite a bit to be desired. Rawlinson simply states "there is every reason to believe that Ezra and Nehemiah were contemporaries of Longimanus without providing any additional proof. My concern is a prophecy as important to our eschatological beliefs as Daniel 9 deserves a better foundation than this. What is not widely known is that the Bible tells us that Ezra's father died in the 19th year of Nebuchadnezzar. This would make Ezra's age, at its youngest, nearly a quarter of a century older than Moses in order to be a contemporary of the Persian king Longimanus. The same goes for the Priests and Levites of Nehemiah 10 and 12. The Bible's own internal evidence shows us that most reasonably Nehemiah and Ezra were contemporaries of Darius the Great Artaxerxes. It would be helpful to see how Dr. Jeremiah has dealt with these difficulties in his own exploration of the subject. On a related note Dr. Jeremiah states there are four Persian decrees which scholars have claimed might qualify as the "commandment to restore and build" of Daniel 9:25. In Ezra 6 it tells of another decree which Dr. Jeremiah didn't mention. This decree was given by YHWH the living God of the Bible. It is curious to note that the word "commandment" of Daniel 9:25 is the Hebrew word *dabar*. *Dabar* is used 3 other times in Daniel 9 and each other time it refers specifically to the word of YHWH. It would be interesting to get Dr. Jeremiah's take on why the decree or "word" of YHWH given to Haggai and Zechariah and witnessed by Ezra 6 is not a consideration when looking at Daniel 9 and countdown to the Messiah. In summary, my disagreements and questions notwithstanding, I think *Agents of Babylon* was a good read and I believe anyone interested in the subject of the Bible's prophetic word would be well served by reading it. I would also encourage the reader to then open their own Bibles and "see if these things be so". Maranatha!

Up until this book, I never completely understood the importance and relevance of Daniel to prophecy nor how well this Old Testament book relates to what Jesus said in Matthew and what John wrote about in Revelation in the New Testament. Dr. Jeremiah clearly reveals everything God intended for us to know about what is coming after the Rapture and what His chosen people are going to experience during that time. It is a book that will arouse all of the feelings people should experience when they learn of God's complete plan for and total control of His creation - fear yet reassurance, mystery and intrigue yet with ease of understanding, apprehension but followed by hope, sadness then joy, and proof without any doubt about the accuracy and dependability of divine scripture and God's omniscience. It is so encouraging while urging us to be diligent about doing the work He has planned for us while we still have the time. If there is anyone who feels that he doesn't have the ability to understand biblical prophecy, whether Old Testament or New, then this book will inspire you to dig deeper, to study those things God has put out there for us to know and understand, to greatly anticipate what He has in store for us, and to seriously long for His return.

This is a most fascinating book and an easy read. Although I have read the entire Bible, I learned so much about the book of Daniel that I did not realize from my reading it years ago. The first part of each chapter is written almost like fiction about what is in the particular chapter of Daniel and his interactions with Nebuchadnezzar and others, which makes it easier to understand. Then a section of the chapter covers the appropriate verses in the Bible and another portion relates to today. For example; Chapter 8 is prophecy about Alexander the Great, which I did not remember realizing that Daniel's prophecy described him, but it does very well. Most of the prophecies in Daniel have come true and can be seen clearly in history. The final "end times prophecies" haven't come about yet, but may be starting. Well worth reading for anyone.

This book is a wonderful study of the Book of Daniel and how the prophecies and visions Daniel had for ancient times, as well as present and future times, sets the stage for what we are seeing in our world today and what is going to come. It is also a comfort to know how God rewarded Daniel's great faith and He will do the same for us. It is Biblically accurate and riveting to read with the way Dr. Jeremiah brings the events in the Book of Daniel to life. I highly recommend it.

I thought this was going to be cheesy, but it's not! For each chapter (so far I've read only 6 of the 12 chapters covered in Daniel) Dr. Jeremiah writes a historical fictionalized account (which is gripping!)

then something akin to, but better than, a commentary on said chapter. Our pastor is covering a book of Daniel each week, so it has been very illuminating to read ahead of his sermon each week, so as to have a greater understanding of such a mysterious book. So if you're vacillating on whether to buy the book, it really is worth it.

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