

Two Recommended Books on Daniel

The book of Daniel is noteworthy for its biographical material, principles, and prophecies. If you are interested in further studies in this tremendous book, here are two books that showcase different aspects of its timeless message for believers today.

Recommended Book #1 – Worldview & Overview of Daniel

Against the Flow; The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism, by John Lennox.
Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Against-Flow-Inspiration-Daniel-Relativism/dp/085721621X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1528317601&sr=1-1&keywords=Against+the+Flow

The book *Against the Flow* focuses on combating the relativism in our age and living an uncompromising life through a study of the life of Daniel. It is not a technical commentary. Nor does it emphasize the intricacies of specific prophetic passages. But what it does, it does very well. Lennox exposes the fallacies of postmodernism, with its self-contradictions and relativism, and also showcases, through Daniel and his friends, “a high-profile witness in a pluralistic society that became increasingly antagonistic to their faith.”

This book is a wonderful read for those desiring an overview of Daniel, focusing on the bigger picture and emphasizing the development of a Biblical worldview, especially in light of our increasingly hostile, postmodern world.

Author John Lennox is a committed and articulate Christian apologist who has a triple doctorate and is a professor of mathematics at Oxford: M.A. and Ph.D. degree and the University of Cambridge, a D. Sc. degree in mathematics from University of University of Cardiff, and a D. Phil. degree from the University of Oxford and M.A. in bioethics from University of Surrey.

Note: I also recommend Lennox’s books *God’s Undertaker; Has Science Buried God?* (I hope to review this book in a future blog) and *Miracles: Is Belief in the Supernatural Irrational?* (Both of these are available on Amazon.)

Recommended Book #2 – More Detailed Commentary

New American Commentary on Daniel by Stephen Miller
Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Daniel-New-American-Commentary-18/dp/0805401180/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1528317668&sr=1-1&keywords=Stephen+Miller+Daniel

If you are interested in a more technical commentary on the book of Daniel, it is without hesitation that I recommend the *New American Commentary on Daniel* by Stephen Miller. The

book stands out for being clearly written, engaging, and very helpful. It is so good that it easily can be read from cover to cover over the summer. This book does not emphasize the application and worldview aspects that Lennox's book does, but it is a treasure trove of helpful and interesting information dealing with such things as history, archaeology, and prophecy (especially excellent on this topic). The book is a model of how good a commentary can be.

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