

Editorial

It looks like four regular issues per year are a practical maximum, as much as I regret having to admit it. When the July supplement is included, however, five items will be mailed to each subscriber during the course of the year (see below).

Structurally No. 2/Apr 85 is a theme and variations. There are two main papers--"The Preterist Model for Interpreting Daniel" and "The Futurist Model for Interpreting Daniel"--the first two in a series of three evaluative treatments of major alternative approaches for the study of apocalyptic prophecy. Both papers are accompanied by one or more smaller articles on related topics. In the case of preterism there are two such accompanying articles--"Ben Sira's Silence Concerning Daniel" and "Daniel in Ezek 14:14, 20 and 28:3"; in the case of futurism there is one--"What and Where is the Futurist Gap in Dan 11?"

No. 3/Jul 85 will deal with historicism as a third model for approaching biblical apocalyptic. One of the papers will discuss the last phrase of Dan 8:14. It is important to take the verse just as it reads – *w^enišdaq qōdeš* ("and [the] sanctuary will be vindicated", cf. 2 Sam 15:4). If the author had wanted to say *w^enišdaq qōdeš* ("and [the] sanctuary will be [re]dedicated") he could easily have done so. (For the same root see Dan 3:3; for the same root in a similar context see 1 Kgs 8:63.) There will also be a paper on the relationship between Dan 8 and 9 and a brief note on the day-year principle. In addition, No. 3/Jul 85 will be accompanied by a supplement on Dan 8:9-12.

That's the good news. The bad news is that to get the July issue you will have to subscribe. A self-addressed stamped post card is enclosed, which I invite you to pass on to someone else if you have already signed up. If you have not, and would like to receive the next and subsequent issues of *Historicism*, please let me know and send in your \$5.00 subscription fee.

No. 4/Oct 85 will offer a change of pace by drawing its materials primarily from the New Testament. Currently planned are a paper on rock symbolism and a separate note on Matt 16:18. A great deal can be learned about Christ's conversation with His disciples in Matt 16 by simply outlining the passage that contains it. There will also be a paper on the literary form of the letters to the churches in Rev 2-3.

Again on the matter of subscriptions, it would simplify my record keeping if all arrangements could be made on a calendar year basis. Let me propose that all subscriptions requested in 1985 consist of the four regular issues and the July supplement on Dan 8, with all renewals coming due together at the beginning of 1986. Back issues will be available at any time.

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