

Editorial

With the present issue of *Historicism* one three-part series of papers ends and another begins. The first was a summary of different models for interpreting Daniel, with special reference to chap. 11. The second is built around the verb *nisdaq* ("be cleansed," KJV) in Dan 8:14. Understanding this passage involves understanding its legal and cultic associations. And so part 1 examines the translation of the word itself and parts 2 and 3 go on to discuss the broader contexts of judgment and atonement. For the motif of judgment, in a future issue, we consult Rev 4 and for atonement Lev 16.

The supplement that accompanies the present issue is supplementary in more than sense. Dealing with Dan 8:9-12 it provides relevant background information on the verses which form the immediate context of Dan 8:14.

One additional paper in this group, included below, makes a case for the "day-year principle" as found in Dan 9:24-27. This term has to do with a particular method for interpreting references to time in symbolic passages of apocalyptic prophecy.

If any of my readers is currently studying the book of Daniel in the original, or is interested in doing so, I have a tape of the Hebrew chapters (1:1-2:4a; 8:1-12:13) that can be made available on request. The tape is clear but not of studio quality and is approximately forty minutes long. It was read from *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Requests for this tape should be accompanied by a check or money order for \$3.00, which includes the price of the tape, mailer, postage and handling.

Also, if any of you has a manuscript you would like to have considered for publication in *Historicism*, please submit it. The ideal paper will be reasonably short, to the point, and at least consistent with the broader objectives of the journal. In my view the most significant fact about the historicist model is not that it deals with history, but that in the events of history God can be seen working out His will through Christ. One objective is to break down the barrier between pulpit and lecturn in this regard. Christ should not be confined to the pulpit and the results of careful scholarship should not be confined to the lecturn. A salient characteristic of truth is that it is unified. There should be one emphasis for both areas of intellectual activity.

Our next issue, *Historicism* No. 4/Oct 85, offers a change of pace. Most of the materials that appear in it will be drawn from the New Testament. Topics for 1986, as currently scheduled, will be the preexistence of Christ, the chiastic structure of Dan 11, the linear structure of Dan 11, and the book(s) of Ezra-Nehemiah.

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