

Editorial

The theme of the present issue is the chiasmic structure of Dan 10-12. There are six papers in all which cluster around this theme and around two other topics.

The primary statement of this issue's theme is found in the paper, "Notes on the Chiasmic Structure of Dan 10-12." Instead of beginning our discussion of Dan 11 with an outline that starts at one end of the prophecy and goes to the other I examine the case for an outline that starts at both ends simultaneously and goes to the center. The result is not a barren exercise in form criticism. At the center of Dan 11 is a seemingly isolated reference to "'a prince of the covenant'" (vs. 22). Identifying that "'prince'" is not so much a historical task as an exegetical one. Supporting topics include: "Two Words for 'Prince' in Dan 10-12," "The Verse Division at Dan 11:23-24," and "Michael."

Another paper in this issue of *Historicism* is entitled, "Do Rev 4-5 and 19:1-10 Refer to the Judgment?" Attention is given primarily here to chaps. 4 and 19, in comparison with Dan 7:9-14. Chapter 5, however, cannot be separated from what goes before and vs. 1-7 especially deserve separate treatment in a later paper. At issue is just how much of Revelation does or does not find its setting in the context of the judgment.

Our final paper is, "The Ten Commandments, Part 1: Non-Imperative Clauses." Here I point out that fully 48% of the law (eighty-four out of 172 words in the Hebrew) consists of explanatory clauses rather than commands as such. The question is what this fact tells us about God.

Three of the papers mentioned above are scheduled to have a sequel in No. 7/Jul 86. Instead of the chiasmic structure of Dan 10-12 the theme topic next time will be the linear structure of Dan 11. Since in the paper on Rev 4-5 and 19:1-10 I comment on C. Mervyn Maxwell's views in *God Cares*, vol. 2, and am forced to agree instead with two of his colleagues at Andrews University, I follow that discussion with a paper on Rev 17. Maxwell has given us the clearest exposition of Rev 17 that we are likely to see for some time. The sequel to the present paper on the Ten Commandments has to do with Christ's continuation, in Matt 5:17-48, of its otherwise incomplete series of explanatory clauses.

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