

Hermeneutical Horses

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Interpretive Principles

Chapter 11 follows the format used by the previous visions of the book where a symbolic dream/vision is followed by the literal interpretation consisting of literal kings/kingdoms and events. The dream/vision is given by God, and the interpretation is given by God through Daniel or Gabriel. I consider Daniel 11 to be an interpretation of the vision of Daniel 8 and as such must of necessity be understood literally from beginning to end. We should not be changing our hermeneutical horse midstream.

By extension, since Daniel and Gabriel are confined to relating the God-given interpretation, they do not, indeed cannot, introduce any major power that does not have a corresponding symbol in the dream/vision.