The Book of Daniel
By Lloyd Anderson

Al Sanders:

This is the Biola Hour program 2710 for release on Tuesday, August 9th. Stand by please, five seconds from now.

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Al Sanders:

This is the week of Biola's annual family Bible conference at Mount Hermon, California, near Santa Cruz. We invite you to join us. And then, August 21 to 28 at the Firs in Bellingham, Washington. Vacations with a true spiritual purpose.

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Announcer:

To a darkened world holding forth the light of life.

[Song plays]

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From the five Biola schools, which for more than half a century of training Christ-dedicated young people for a worldwide Christian service. Dr. Lewis T. Talbot Chancellor, Dr. Samuel H.
Sutherland president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles Incorporated, we present a half hour in message and song to uplift and brighten your day on the Biola Hour.

[Song plays]

Al Sanders:

Well, hello there friends, Al Sanders, on behalf of the fifteen hundred students in our Biola schools. Actually, we're going to have to adjust that figure upwards to probably 1,600, because as school begins again in just a few weeks, we're expecting another record enrollment in all of our educational centers, the Arizona Bible College in Phoenix, as well as Biola College here in La Mirada. Just a few moments, we'll be looking at an important portion of God's word with our radio Bible teacher, Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of West Covina and a member of our Biola Board of directors. We have completed the study of the Book of Daniel. And Brother Anderson is bringing us some of these pertinent points for our helpfulness and understanding. Now to open the broadcast, the musical Biolans, with a gospel song that young people enjoy singing, I'm sure you will too. "Mansion over the hilltop", the young people sing it for us now, listen.

[Song plays]

The musical Biolans, our radio staff singing for us the gospel song chorus "Mansion over the Hilltop". In just a moment, we want you to meet one of our students, but first, several important announcements concerning our activities for this next week. On Saturday night of this week, we'll be at the Bay Area Youth for Christ. In Sunday morning, we'll be at the West Bray Bible Church in Berkeley, as well as the Church of the Foothills in San Jose. Our team will be splitting
up to cover both of these meetings. Sunday night, we'll be at the Arcade Baptist Church in Sacramento, with the Reverend Lee Thomas pastor, Monday night at the Evangelical Free Church of Oroville, where the Reverend Gunderson is pastor, and Tuesday night in the North Valley Baptist Church of Redding, where the Reverend Royal Blue is pastor. These meetings for this coming week, and we hope to have the opportunity of meeting many of you. Of course, later in the week we'll be at Grants Pass, Oregon; Corvallis, Oregon; Portland, Seattle; and Vancouver, British Columbia. We'll be telling you more about that on future broadcasts. Right now, let's have today's testimony guest.

[Music plays]

Al Sanders:

And our student we want you to meet comes to us from the Arizona Bible College in Phoenix, a school which has grown tremendously in these past days, expecting an enrollment of about 225 in just the next few weeks. Our student guest today is Linda Hawkins, whose home is in Sami, California. Linda, tell us how God has been leading in your life, if you will.

Linda Hawkins:

I grew up in a wonderful Christian home and was saved when I was 4 years old. When I was a sophomore in high school, I realized the need to give all of my life over to the Lord and to do whatever He would have me to do. I am presently in the Christian education program here at Arizona Bible College and am preparing to serve my Lord wherever He would have me. It is wonderful to receive the principals of education with a Christian emphasis. A verse that means a
lot to me in these days when the world is so uncertain is Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world."

[Music plays]

Al Sanders:

Linda Hawkins of our Arizona Bible College in Phoenix with these good words of testimony. Now it's Bible study time, Dr. Anderson comes to the microphone, and as he does, a simple statement of fact that August has been designated here as radio emergency month on the Biola Hour. The reason for this is that we might just let you know that we have appreciated so much your helpfulness in the past, and that so many of you have said we'd like to know if you have any special need at any time, and we'd certainly like to be counted on to help. Well, special envelopes have been sent to friends on our mailing list for convenience during this very severe time of testing. For some reason, the response for June and July was one of the lowest periods that we have ever had in our broadcasting ministry, and we've been privileged to have this opportunity of working for the Lord here at Biola for about 15 years. So we are concerned and yet we just believe that if we make these announcements brief, in good taste, telling you the needs, and asking you to speak to the Lord about it, that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of those whom He wants to have respond. Now, our mailing address is simply the Bible Institute Hour, Los Angeles 17.

If you have not received the special envelope in the mail, would you use one of your own and get it in the mail as soon as possible? Obligations, of course, are due on tomorrow's date, and we have appreciated the extension that some of the stations are giving us. So we do thank you for
praying about it and then doing whatever you can. Perhaps there's something special that you could invest right at this time. And incidentally, if you're not a fellowship member, we do invite you to request a copy of the September book. Now, this contains all of the outline study notes from our Tuesday Thursday broadcasts, in addition, of course, to the other radio features for this month. It's a 36 page book in all. So for your copy, when writing that radio emergency letter to the Bible Institute Hour, Los Angeles 17, ask for the September book. And thank you so much for your helpful and prayerful interest. And now, today's study and our brother in the Lord, Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson.

Lloyd Anderson:

Believing, as we do definitely in biblical prophecy, that the people of Israel are the key to God's prophetic program, we've sought on our last broadcast after we finished the Book of Daniel with you to share together God's prophetic word concerning the nation of Israel. And you'll recall as we studied it and shared it with you for just a moment, and incidentally, we're going to be getting into it just a little bit more. We sought to share with you, of course, the idea that God has a great deal to say about the people of Israel and the days to come. You remember the Covenant of God with Abraham, the foundation of all prophecy concerning the Jewish people. There were several main declarations concerning this wonderful covenant. Concerning the nation, you recall in Genesis 12 verse 2, how that God said to Abraham, He would make of Israel a great nation. And then He spoke of the land, you remember, in Genesis fifteen and verse eighteen, "unto thy seed have I given this land", and this, of course, too, was a tremendous declaration on the part of the Lord. And then you recall the blessing that came in the covenant, "in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed", Genesis 12 and verse 3. Now, of course, this covenant was repeated to
Isaac in Genesis chapter 26 verses two to four. It was repeated to and through this man Jacob, in Genesis chapter 28 verses 13 and 14. And the covenant was often mentioned in the history of the people of Israel. For example, we sought to show you, you remember, in Exodus chapter 2 verse 24, in Leviticus chapter 26 verses 40 to 45. And in the book of Luke, chapter one and verse 68, we tried to show how this Old Testament covenant that God made with Abraham renewed in Isaac and Jacob was often mentioned in the history of the people of Israel.

Now, numerous prophecies have already been fulfilled in the history of God's people, Israel. And I think we need to remember that, of course, as we think in terms of all that God has done for them. You recall there was the deliverance out of the land of Egypt in Genesis fifteen verses 13 to 14, "Afterwards shall they come out with great substance." And then you'll recall there was also the 70 years of captivity of the people of Israel in the land of Babylon. And you recall in Jeremiah 29 and verse 10 is the word given to us, "After 70 years be accomplished at Babylon, I will visit you." And then you remember in the Book of Daniel over which we've already come, in Chapter 9 and verse 26, that Jesus Christ the Messiah would be cut off, "After three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off." And then other fulfilled prophecies have been fulfilled of course, in Micah chapter five and verse 2, Isaiah 40 in verse 3, Deuteronomy eighteen and verse eighteen, and Zachariah chapter 9 in verse 9. So that actually, as you look at the Jewish nation and the perspective of biblical prophecy, you recognize that even the present condition of the Jewish nation would be foretold and was foretold. The scripture made it very clear in the book of Hosea chapter 3 and verse four that they would be a long time without a national government. Now this occurred until May 14th of nineteen hundred forty eight. You remember what Hosea said in chapter three and verse 4, "Many days without a king and without a prince and without
sacrifice." And then you remember in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28 and verse 64, the word of God made it very, very clear that the people of Israel would be dispersed on a worldwide basis, "The Lord shall scatter thee among all people."

And then you recall also in Luke chapter 21 and verse 24, that Jerusalem would be under gentile dominion for many, many years, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the gentiles." And then you'll recall in Romans 11:25 that there would be a spiritual blindness. The scripture says, "Blindness in part has happened unto Israel." And then you'll recall that in Romans eleven and verse five, in the present condition of the Jewish nation and the past, and the present, and the future, that the saved Jewish remnant would be found in this age, for the scripture says, "At this present time, there is a remnant." So that the people of Israel are strategically in a position to believe in the Lord, because they do have the prophets. They do have the Old Testament. They have this tremendous backlog of scriptural and spiritual truth upon which to draw. And certainly we need to thank God for the nation of Israel and for Jesus Christ who came out from that nation. Now, as we examine the scriptures, and over some of them, of course, we've already gone. But in our last broadcast, we left off with the idea that in the future hour of great tribulation and biblical prophecy, there will be a time that is called, in the Bible, the time of Jacob's trouble. Now, this will be the time of great tribulation, as foretold in the Book of Daniel and is given to us in other great prophets of the Old Testament. Now, in this future day, which is yet to come upon the nation, the agony of Jacob's trouble will soften many a Jewish heart to confess its sin and to seek the Lord earnestly.
You remember what the law prophesied in Deuteronomy chapter four and verse thirty, "When thou art in tribulation and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days," now there you have it, "in the latter days, thou shalt return to the Lord thy God and harken unto His voice."

You see, Jews in the Tribulation will heed the words of the Prophet Hosea when he wrote in Hosea 14 verses 1 and 2, "Oh Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the Lord. Say unto Him, 'take away all iniquity and receive us graciously, and so will we render the cabs of our lips'." How desperately the afflicted, repenting Israel will cling to the promises of the Lord like Isaiah chapter thirty and verse 19, "He will be very gracious unto thee at the sound of thy cry. When He shall hear it, He will answer thee." And you remember again from the book of Joel in chapter 2 verses 12 and 13, "'Therefore, also now,' saith the Lord, 'turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning, and rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God.' For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. And repent of Him, of the evil." Now making a concerted final attempt to destroy the nation of Israel and prevent the Lord Jesus Christ from taking worldwide empire, Satan, the beast, and the false prophet will in the future summon the armies of the nations to besiege the city of Jerusalem.

According to Revelation sixteen verses thirteen to sixteen, the city falls into the hands of the enemy, and the scripture says, in preparation for that day, by way of biblical prophecy in Zachariah fourteen and verse two, "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished, and half of the city shall go forth into captivity. And the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city." Now, at that moment of His peoples' greatest extremity, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to cataclysmically
make His glorious appearance. You remember what the Book of Zachariah 14 says in verses 3 and 4, about that coming glorious moment when Christ will burst the blue and will make His appearance in His second coming upon the Earth. Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle, and His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the East, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west. The awful majesty of His coming, you see, blazes forth with these tremendous prophecies in the Old Testament. For example, again, the Book of Isaiah chapter 66 and verse fifteen, "For behold the Lord will come with fire and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire."

And then you remember in the book of Habakkuk in chapter 3 verses 12 and 13, "Thou didst march through the land in indignation. Thou didst thresh the nations in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of Thy people, even for salvation were thine anointed. Thou woudestest the head out of the house of the wicked by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah."

You see, the day of Israel's salvation is at hand. Answering their cry, Christ will come to snatch His believers from the fury of the beast. He will destroy the armies that have captured Jerusalem. According to Isaiah, chapter 29 verses six and seven, "Thou Jerusalem shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, and with storm, and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire, and the multitude of all the nations that fight against Jerusalem, even all that fight against her and her munition, and the distresser shall be as the dream of a night vision." You see, the Lord will then command in His glorious second coming that the beast be cast into the lake of fire. Revelation nineteen verses nineteen to twenty. Now recognizing in that future moment, at the close of the great tribulational hour at the second coming of Jesus Christ,
their true messiah, the Jewish people will look unto Him in bitterest mourning over their long absence from Him. In the Book of Zachariah, and in chapter twelve and in verse ten, we have this very interesting aspect brought to our attention, "They shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one that is in bitterness for his first born." And in that day of their turning to the Lord, the Jews will receive forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ. And Jack-Zachariah goes on to say in chapter 13 and verse one, "In that day there shall be a fountain open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." And now begins the second and final gathering of the Jews back to their own land.

And this is interesting because Jesus referred to it in Matthew chapter 24 and verse 31, "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect," that is the people of Israel, "from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Their return, you see, will be a very moving spectacle and occasion of great amazement and fear to the gentile nations of the world. Now this we find in Micah, in the Old Testament Book of Micah, chapter 7 verses fifteen and sixteen, "According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show him marvelous things. The nation shall see and be confounded at all their might. They shall lay their hand upon their mouth, and their ears shall be deaf." And I think we need to remember that the Jewish nation will not enter immediately upon the enjoyment of their land in that future hour. In many a Jewish heart will still beat a desire not to believe in Jesus Christ. Christ, who knows the heart, will judge them in the wilderness outside the Promised Land, and those will enter who truly believe in Him. Now this, we believe, is the teaching of the book of Ezekiel chapter twenty and verses thirty-four to thirty-eight. These will constitute but a
remnant of the nation. "The remnant shall return," says the word of God in Isaiah 10:21 and 22, "even the remnant of Jacob unto the mighty God. For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet only a remnant of them shall return. The consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness." You see, the godly remnant who inherits the land will constitute the saved nation of the people of Israel.

You remember many years ago the Lord said to a great teacher of that wonderful nation in John chapter 3 verses 3 to 5, we have it quoted, "Verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." You see, the condition for experiencing the new life is faith in Jesus Christ." And in the future day, when the Jewish remnant believes on Him, they too will be born again, born of His Holy Spirit. What does Ezekiel thirty-nine in verse twenty-nine say, "'Neither will I hide My face any more from Israel, for I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel,' sayeth the Lord God. And He will give them new hearts which delight to keep His laws." This is the word of Jeremiah 31:33, "'But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel, after those days,' saith the Lord, 'I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts, and will be their God and they shall be My people.'" And according to the purpose of God, which He made known at Mount Sinai, Israel shall become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. "But ye shall be named the priests of the Lord," says Isaiah 61:6, "and men shall call you ministers of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentile, and in their glory, shall ye boast yourselves." A wonderful word, and one that certainly every believer ought to remember. So that Israel figures very prominently in biblical prophecy, not only in past, not only in the present, but my friend in the years that stretch before us in biblical eschatological teaching, Israel as a nation will figure very, very prominently.
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Al Sanders:

Now, on Thursday, the Lord willing, Dr. Anderson will return with another series in this current episode, as it were, that we're discussing on the end times. We have finished, of course, the series on the Book of Daniel, and Brother Anderson is just giving us a bird's eye view of the prophetic picture in its entirety. We'd like to have you receive a copy of the outline study notes with material Brother Anderson has been covering all this month of August. And you'll get your copy by writing the Bible Institute Hour, Los Angeles 17, and asking, if you will please, for the September book. I realize it's only the ninth of the month, but we do have to take these messages as they're given over the air, condense them and place in one complete book. This is a 36 page volume and it takes about a month to do it. So right now they're at the printers, they're being printed and they'll return to us as they do each month about the 15th. So members of the Biola Fellowship will receive theirs first and automatically, we send those out about the 16th or 17th. And any who would like to have a copy, who are not members of the fellowship, are invited to write and ask for the September book from the Bible Institute Hour, Los Angeles 17.

Incidentally, don't forget that all this week we have the privilege of ministering here at Mount Hermon, California, which is just seven miles from Santa Cruz, south of San Francisco. Those of you in the area, we'd certainly welcome you to come and join us in the fellowship together. And then all next week, we'll be in meetings up the Pacific Coast. And beginning on the 21st of August, we'll be at the Firs in Bellingham, Washington.
We want to say it without any fancy phrases, minus any tone of desperation or begging, and that is that August is especially designated as radio emergency month for our Biola Hour programs. Now we use as few words as possible because we've made a covenant with the Lord to endeavor to present these announcements with dignity and in a manner which would not turn the sinner away from the free gift of God's matchless grace. To our regular friends who have helped us in the past, we have sent a simple but a special envelope. We're cutting down on mailings to you, there will not be the long undue appeals for funds. If you have the envelope now, would you prayerfully use it? And if you haven't received one, would you take just a moment to sit down and write us a note? Doesn't have to be a long letter or flowery letter. In fact, you don't have to write a thing. Just let us know that you're praying for us and standing behind us with your investments for Christ. Would your gift be worth the time to see the broadcasts back on the air tomorrow? And the next day? You may not be able to give as much as you'd like, but remember, when everyone takes a share, be it large or small, it proves the truth that we have seen so evident over these past fifty eight years of ministry, about thirty five of these years on the radio broadcasts, and that is namely that little is much when God is in it. And so whatever God is leading you to do, first of all, ask the Holy Spirit. And then as He speaks to your heart, take the next step and write to the Bible Institute Hour, Los Angeles 17. And thank you, friends, for that part which we believe the Spirit of God will lead you to take, which will enable us together to keep the gospel on the air till Christ comes for us in the air.

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Al Sanders:
Now for Biola this is Al Sanders reminding you faith is not believing that God can. It's knowing that God will.

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