

Reason and Revelation - <https://youtu.be/3SOdscJUV5s?si=oY-d9NOLScGWM6oN&t=1774>

- 1) In the second half of his last talk, Lennox describes the vision in Daniel 2 as God’s “political analysis and assessment” of each of the kingdoms. What makes a kingdom valuable (or inferior) in God’s eyes (cf. Psalm 72)¹?
- 2) Lennox spends time distinguishing between “reason” and “revelation” because “there is a lot of confusion about this particular topic” (e.g. being skeptical of reason OR being skeptical of revelation). What correction/clarity does Lennox provide?
- 3) How would you respond to the person who says, “You can’t reason someone into the Kingdom of God”?
- 4) What is the difference between “using our reason (or gifts/abilities)” and “trusting our reason” (or gifts/abilities)?

What example of each have you experienced?

- 5) Lennox said, “Human reason didn’t create the Bible (or the universe)” but “we use our reason to read and understand it.” Why does this matter?
- 6) Why do many people grow in their professional education far more than they do in their Christian education? How can and should this gap be addressed?
- 7) **Read Daniel 9:1-3, 20-23.** How did Daniel grow in his biblical knowledge & insight?
- 8) **Read 2 Peter 1¹⁶⁻²¹.** How can we know whether the source & content of a message is the result of human speculation or divine revelation?

What is prophecy for?

- 9) If someone asked, “Do you believe that there is a world/life beyond this one?” how would you respond?
- 10) Any personal highlights from this six-week study of Daniel?²

¹ Psalm 72 is basically the God-given job description for Israel’s king and the standard by which the prophet evaluated each king’s rule (e.g. Jeremiah 22:15-17; Isaiah 11:4). As Derek Kidner notes, “*Righteousness...is the first virtue of government...the soil or climate in which peace/prosperity flourishes.*” (Derek Kidner, *Psalms 1-72*, p. 255)

² **Recommended resources for further study:** John Lennox, *Against the Flow*, Dale Ralph Davis, *The Message of Daniel*, Tremper Longman III, *The NIV Application Commentary on Daniel*, ERBF series: “Daniel: Thriving in Babylon”: <https://www.erbf.com/podcasts/media/series/daniel-thriving-in-babylon>