

DISSERTATION ABSTRACTS

PROCLAMATION IN CROSS-CULTURAL CONTEXT: MISSIOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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This study explores the biblical foundation of salvific mission as revealed in God's purposes for the nations (*missio Dei*) in the book of Daniel and to investigate the means that Daniel employed in his ministry as an overt missionary who was sent to witness to God's salvific purpose in the cross-cultural context of heathen kingdoms.

The main objective of this research is to validate the book of Daniel as a missionary document and to show that its missiological implications are still relevant to present-day missions. Chapter 1 explores the salvific purpose of *missio Dei* in the book of Daniel, including God's initiative for salvation in human history, "God's salvific purpose for all people." It demonstrates that Daniel was aware of the sovereignty of God in the process of the exile to achieve God's salvific purpose for all people through his human agents.

Chapter 3 researches the strategies of *missio Dei*, showing how God uses committed individuals, dreams, visions, and spiritual conflict. It shows that God's strategy involves not only calling people to serve for his salvific purpose but also his direct intervention in human history through dreams, visions, and spiritual conflict.

Chapter 4 focuses on the cultural perspective of Daniel's ministry by analyzing the process of cultural learning and symbolism within the book of Daniel. Furthermore, Daniel's process of witness to Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and Darius is examined and analyzed from the cross-cultural perspective. It reveals that Daniel and his friends were sensitive to the local culture to communicate God's truth in a cross-cultural context without sacrificing the content of the truth.

Chapter 5 suggests some missiological implications from the book of Daniel for present cross-cultural missionary work. The elucidation of practical implications demonstrates that the book of Daniel should be treated as a missionary document to develop for the present-day, cross-cultural mission practices as well as theology.