

# Appendix B8

## A Word of Explanation

### Introduction

In this appendix let me explain how the appendices for this paper work and why there are two sets of them. We start with the matter of why there are two sets – an A series and a B series.

### Two Sets

#### Series A

When my paper entitled, "'North' and 'South' in Dan 11: A Prolegomenon to the Final Verses," first appeared in January of 1990,<sup>1</sup> it contained three one-page appendices. This is what I now call series A.

Appendix A1: References to "North" in the Prophets  
Appendix A2: References to "South" in the Prophets  
Appendix A3: References to Egypt in the Prophets

The primary focus was on the terms "North" and "South," my primary purpose being to show that the way these terms are used in Dan 11 is not unique in the Old Testament.

When I started preparing the above paper for the present website ([www.historicism.org](http://www.historicism.org)), it became clear to me that a few illustrative examples was not an adequate treatment of the subject. So I expanded the number of categories, did a word search for the longer list of key terms in BibleWorks,<sup>2</sup> read the results over into a database, printed it out, and for each passage tried to determine whether Israel's attitude toward a given power was negative or positive.

#### Series B

It soon became clear that some passages focused more on God's attitude than on Israel's, and that not every reference was either negative or positive. Some were neutral. So I went back through systematically tracking in each passage the way perceptions are represented for two parties (Israel, God) and three attitudes (negative, neutral, positive). This is what I now call series B.

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<sup>1</sup> *Historicism*, No. 21/Jan 90, pp. 41-56.

<sup>2</sup> "North," Assyria, Babylon, Chaldea, "South," Egypt.

Appendix B1: References to "North"  
 Appendix B2: References to Assyria  
 Appendix B3: References to Babylon  
 Appendix B4: References to Chaldea  
 Appendix B5: References to "South"  
 Appendix B6: References to Egypt

I have been through all of the data a number of times and am still not satisfied that my scoring system has achieved complete consistency. But with 764 records in the database, I doubt the patterns which emerge will change much by tweaking an individual verse here or there.

## How The Listings Work

Appendices B1 – B6 are database reports, one for each key term ("North," Babylon, and so on). The material contains the Hebrew text and NIV English side by side. Groupings are marked in pairs for each of nine possible combinations:

	<u>Israel</u>	<u>God</u>
IsrNeg/GodNeg	-	-
IsrNeg/GodNeut	-	+/-
IsrNeg/GodPos	-	+
IsrNeut/GodNeg	+/-	-
IsrNeut/GodNeut	+/-	+/-
IsrNeut/GodPos	+/-	+
IsrPos/GodNeg	+	-
IsrPos/GodNeut	+	+/-
IsrPos/GodPos	+	+

For each attitude pair I tally Israel separately and God separately, i.e., I haven't sought to track how the two party's attitudes function in combination. My goal was merely to assemble data for Israel's attitudes and for God's attitudes, as these are represented in (or reconstructable from) the data.

I then tally total occurrences for each attitude, for each party, for each key term or territorial power. These totals are summarized in appendix B7. The results are that for both northern and southern powers Israel and God have contrasting attitudes. In regard to northern powers, on average Israel's perceptions are almost entirely negative, those of God only very slightly more negative than positive. In regard to southern powers, on average Israel's perceptions are positive, those of God extremely negative.

## Conclusion

Appendices in series A appeared in the original *Historicism* print publication; those in series B have been prepared recently and only for the website. Any reader who looks at the listings and disagrees with my judgments on individual verses would do me a great favor by calling this to my attention.