

i. Daniel

1. In this book Pagan empires do their worst, God judges them and vindicates His people
2. In much of Daniel Israel is like the Servant in Isaiah. They are those who remain loyal and obey Torah
3. In Daniel 7 we meet the One like a son of man- he represents the Servant and God will exalt him over the beasts which represent the pagan empires.
4. Is this like Adam having dominion over the animals? Daniel 7 picturing the restoration of the right relationships in Genesis.

ii. Job

1. Unlike Israel in exile who is guilty and getting what they deserve, Job is innocent.
2. The Satan tries to get righteous Job to curse God.
3. Job believes it is God who is tormenting him for no reason. He demands God tell him why.
4. God only responds by stating that He is the

creator of the world, not Job.

5. This implies that God will restore goodness within creation.
6. Is the complaining Job a precursor for Jesus in Gethsemane?

This all leaves us with the thought that God's way of dealing with evil is shot through with mystery as is the very origin or continued existence of evil. This prepares us to hear the Gospel which tells the story of God dealing with evil through the death of Jesus of Nazareth.