

The Wonder of Miracles

Daniel 4:2,3



Defined

- 💧 A supernatural act of God
- 💧 Not the natural order of things
- 💧 Not His providence

They were necessary

- ◆ Miracles were never arbitrary
- ◆ God began things with a miracle
 - ◆ Gen 1
 - ◆ Acts 2
 - ◆ Abraham and Sarah
 - ◆ Zachariah and Elizabeth

They were obvious

- 💧 The flood – Gen 6
- 💧 10 plagues and passing through the Red Sea
- 💧 Jonah – Matt 12:39, 40
- 💧 Jesus' Death, Burial, Resurrection
- 💧 Paul being bitten by the snake – Acts 28:1-6

There was Purpose

- 💧 Prove Jesus is the Son of God – John 20:30,31
- 💧 Confirm that the message was God's Word – Mark 16:20
- 💧 Verify a true Apostle – 2 Cor 12:12
- 💧 To fulfill prophecy – Matt 8:17

Miracles have ended

- ◆ This was Paul's argument – 1 Cor 13:8
- ◆ It ended because
 - ◆ The written word came into being – 1 Cor 13:10
 - ◆ The apostles died and could not lay their hands on anyone else
 - ◆ Those that had “gifts” died
 - ◆ Miracles are not arbitrary