DANIEL

THE END-TIME PROPHET

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INTRODUCTION:

The name Daniel comes from a Hebrew word meaning “God is my Judge.” This book was written during the domination of two empires, Babylon and Persia. It is the 27th book of the Bible. It has 12 chapters and 357 verses.

This prophecy of Daniel includes the historical elements of the past, present, and future. In particular, it deals with a 70-year time element—the 70 years Israel suffered in bondage to Babylon and Persia.

Daniel is one of the most exciting books in the Old Testament. It is unique because it reveals the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the story of the empires of the Gentile period. It is a reservoir of information especially pertinent today.

Daniel, a Hebrew captive, rose to become powerful in the empires of Babylon and Persia. As a statesman, he was the classic diplomat.

Without the book of Daniel, many other prophecies would be unclear. This book is a commentary of the times of the Gentiles. Daniel predicted the course of Israel and the Gentile nations. He also predicted the eternal kingdom of the God of heaven, which will succeed these empires.

This book has unique revelations concerning the end-times and return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Daniel and John both wrote amazing prophecies.
Daniel was a contemporary of the prophet Jeremiah. While Jeremiah was reminding Jerusalem and Judah of its sin; Daniel was in Babylon, and later Shushan. Ezekiel was also alive during this time.

Daniel was a godly man. He is listed with Noah and Job as an example of an upright or righteous man.

**READING:**

Ezekiel 14:14, 19-20, “Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.

v. 19, “Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast,

v. 20, “even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

1. **DANIEL’S ARRIVAL IN BABYLON**

The book of Daniel opens like a court record. It is a dramatic entrance into historic literature.

Daniel 1:1, 3-9, 21, *In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.*

v. 3, *Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,*

v. 4, *young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.*

v. 5, *And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.*

v. 6, *Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*

v. 7, *To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.*
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v. 8, But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

v. 9, Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

v. 21, Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

2. THE GENTILE WORLD SUPREMACY

A. God ordered and permitted Israel’s bondage to Babylon because of her sins.

B. Around 607 BC, Nebuchadnezzar became the first world ruler. He was the emperor of the Babylonian kingdom which laid siege against Jerusalem. He was a military strategist and the son of an empire-building father, Nabopolassar. He probably began his siege of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives where he could see plainly into the city.

He conquered Jehoiakim, the king of Judah.

II Kings 23:34, Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz and went to Egypt, and he died there.

II Kings 24:1, In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his vassal for three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him.

C. Jehoiakim was a very wicked king before God.

II Kings 23:37, And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

3. DANIEL BECOMES A SLAVE

Daniel was taken captive when Jerusalem was besieged by Babylon. He and his companions were part of the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy.

Isaiah 39:1-8, At that time Merodach-Baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.
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v. 2,  And Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his treasures; the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory; all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

v. 3,  Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?” So Hezekiah said, “They came to me from a far country, from Babylon.”

v. 4,  And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah answered, “They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.”

v. 5,  Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

v. 6,  ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the LORD.

v. 7,  ‘And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

v. 8,  So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good!” For he said, “At least there will be peace and truth in my days.”

4. **EIGHT QUALIFICATIONS DEMANDED BY THE KING**

The young men brought to Babylon from Jerusalem had to meet eight qualifications set by Nebuchadnezzar.

1)  They had to be princes.
2)  They had to be young.
3)  They had to be without blemish.
4)  They had to be handsome.
5)  They had to be knowledgeable.
6)  They had to be well-educated.
7)  They had to be proficient in the sciences.
8)  They had to show refinement and polish in order to stand before the king.

5. **THEIR NAMES WERE CHANGED**

Daniel 1:7,  To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.
6. **DANIEL REFUSED TO BE DEFILED WITH THE KING’S DELICACIES**

A. Daniel 1:8, 12-13, *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

v. 12, *“Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.*

v. 13, *“Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.”*

B. The result of the test requested by Daniel was that he and his friends were fairer and healthier than all the young men who ate the king’s portion. This demonstrates a type of sanctification.

Daniel 1:15. *And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king’s delicacies.*

7. **GOD’S BLESSING**

Heathen magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans were not able to solve the mystery of the king’s dream (Daniel chapter 2). God gave Daniel and his three Jewish companions the gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Nebuchadnezzar found them ten times better than all the other wise men in his realm.

Daniel 1:20. *And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*
PICTURE OF DANIEL’S VISION OF THE EMPIRES
INTRODUCTION:

Daniel, the illustrious Israeli captive of Nebuchadnezzar, predicted a span of 2,500 years of Gentile rule. He saw the remarkable, diverse governments of the Gentile world. He saw the entire scope of the world’s empires through the supernatural power of God’s revelation.

This vision only deals with those empires prophetically involved with Christ. It is not man's concept of history, but God's revelation of the destiny of these empires.

Today, it is essential to understand how Daniel, the prophet, described the final activities of Israel and the Gentile nations, including the final reconciliation of all nations.

READING:

Daniel 2:31-45, “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.

v. 32, “This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

v. 33, “its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

v. 34, “You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

v. 35, “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so
that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

v. 36, “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.

v. 37, “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

v. 38, “and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; you are this head of gold.

v. 39, “But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

v. 40, “And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

v. 41, “Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

v. 42, “And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

v. 43, “As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

v. 44, “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

v. 45, “Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

1. DANIEL GAVE A DEFINITE CHRONOLOGICAL SETTING

The dream or vision of the great image occurred in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign.

Daniel 2:1, Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him.

A. Nebuchadnezzar’s father had died and he had become the sole king of the Babylonian Empire.
The Vision of the Image of World Empires
Lesson 2

B. Egypt was defeated. Babylon was supreme, and Nebuchadnezzar was Earth’s greatest sovereign.

C. With all this in mind, Nebuchadnezzar, the emperor of the world, dreamed. God showed him the course of the times of the Gentiles, but the king forgot the dream. This event shows God at work. It was His plan that Daniel should be the only person who could interpret the dream.

2. WISE MEN WHO FAILED

Daniel 2:2-5, 10-11, 16, 25-28, Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

v. 3, And the king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream.”

v. 4, Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation.”

v. 5, The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.”

v. 10, The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, “There is not a man on earth who can tell the king’s matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.

v. 11, “It is a difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

v. 16, So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.

v. 25, Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, “I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation.”

v. 26, The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?”

v. 27, Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.

v. 28, “But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days....”
A. The king demanded that the wise men of Babylon reveal his dream.

B. They could not meet the king’s demand so a decree was given that all wise men should be put to death. Daniel and his companions were now considered members of the wise men’s caste.

C. Daniel wanted time to pray. He told the king in faith that God would show him the dream and its interpretation.

3. THE DREAM AND ITS INTERPRETATION

A. Daniel made it clear that the revelation of the dream was from God. The king dreamt about a great image; its splendor was excellent, and its form awesome.

1) The head was made of gold.
2) The chest and arms were silver.
3) The belly and thighs were bronze.
4) The legs were made of iron.
5) The feet were part iron and part clay.

The material of the image was heaviest at its top. Its materials became harder and less valuable as the layers of metal descended on the image.

B. The interpretation of the dream of empires:

1) The first world empire represented was Babylon.
2) The second world empire was Persia.
3) The third world empire was Greece.
4) The fourth world empire represents Rome.

This last empire is the end-time empire. The feet and toes of the image were a mixture of iron and clay, representing both weakness and strength.
C. The final world empire

Daniel 2:44-45, “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

v. 45, “Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

The stone from the mountain, cut without hands, will break the clay, iron, bronze, silver, and gold. It will destroy Gentile power.

This stone represents the kingdom of Christ.

4. DANIEL IS PROMOTED

Daniel 2:47, The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.”

As a reward for interpreting the dream, Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel the prime minister of Babylon.
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DIVINELY PRESERVED IN THE MIDST OF FIRE

INTRODUCTION:

Four young Israelites were promoted in Daniel 2:49. Earlier, in verses 12 and 13, all the wise men of Babylon faced death, but chapter 2 ends with a great victory for the Lord God.

In Daniel 3, we will learn how three faithful servants of the Lord quenched the violence of fire... (Hebrews 11:34).

READING:

Daniel 3:26, Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here.” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.

1. AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH AN UNIVERSAL RELIGION

   A. Nebuchadnezzar desired to weld his empire into a homogeneous whole by establishing an universal religion. He commanded the creation of an image of gold, then had it set up in the plain of Dura so everyone could worship it.

      Daniel 3:1-3, Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.
v. 2, And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

v. 3, So the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

B. The Antichrist will attempt to do the same thing at the end-time. He will be more successful than Nebuchadnezzar.

C. Nebuchadnezzar was the first king of the times of the Gentiles. The Antichrist will be the last. Nebuchadnezzar’s self-exalting pride is typical of the man of sin, or Antichrist, in the last days. The Gentile period started with a statue, and it will end with a similar statue.

2. A ROYAL EDICT IS ISSUED

Daniel 3:4-18, Then a herald cried aloud: “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

v. 5, “that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;

v. 6, “and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

v. 7, So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

v. 8, Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews.

v. 9, They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever!

v. 10, “You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image;

v. 11, “and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

v. 12, “There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up.”
v. 13, *Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king.*
v. 14, Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?

v. 15, “Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?”

v. 16, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

v. 17, “If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.

v. 18, “But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

A. Nebuchadnezzar must not have consulted with anybody else about the wisdom of his edict. He commanded everyone to bow down and worship his image or suffer death in the fiery furnace.

B. People came from all parts of the empire to attend the dedication of the image. At the sound of the music, all of the people were supposed to bow and worship the great image of gold.

C. Jealous Chaldeans accused three Jews, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego, of not worshipping the image. This enraged Nebuchadnezzar. He demanded that the three men be brought before him. They still refuse to bow to the image. They reaffirmed their faith in God and refused to conform.

3. A FURNACE HEATED SEVEN TIMES HOTTER

Daniel 3:19-30, Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.  
v. 20, And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

v. 21, Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

v. 22, Therefore, because the king’s command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.
v. 23, And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
v. 24, Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.”
v. 25, “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”
v. 26, Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here.” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire.
v. 27, And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.
v. 28, Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!
v. 29, “Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this.”
v. 30, Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

A. Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than normal.

B. The king ordered the mightiest men in his army to cast the three Hebrews into the furnace. When Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace he saw four men, not three. The fourth man appeared to be like the Son of God.

C. The evidence was so convincing that Nebuchadnezzar blessed the name of the Lord. He decreed that nobody should speak against the God of Israel.
INTRODUCTION:

God has declared that there should be no other gods before Him. When a human being tries to exalt himself into the place of God, the Lord will judge him. Even Nebuchadnezzar encountered God’s judgment for the sin of pride.

READING:

Daniel 4:34-37, And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. v. 35, All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?” v. 36, At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. v. 37, Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

1. A DREAM AND A ROYAL PROCLAMATION

Daniel 4:1-18, Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: peace be multiplied to you.
v. 2, I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.
v. 3, How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.
v. 4, I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.
v. 5, I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
v. 6, Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.
v. 7, Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.
v. 8, But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying:
v. 9, “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.
v. 10, “These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great.
v. 11, The tree grew and became strong; its height reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.
v. 12, Its leaves were lovely, its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.
v. 13, “I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven.
v. 14, He cried aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, and the birds from its branches.
v. 15, Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth.
v. 16, Let his heart be changed from that of a man, let him be given the heart of a beast, and let seven times pass over him.
v. 17, ‘This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.’
v. 18, “This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make...
A. The proclamation was addressed to all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth. Nebuchadnezzar’s empire was nearly universal.

B. The king was resting in his house. He had a dream. Evidently it was a vision that he experienced.

C. In the vision, Nebuchadnezzar saw a tree. The tree grew strong and tall. Its height reached into heaven. It flourished and was blessed. Angels suddenly came from heaven, and the command to cut down the tree was given. Only the stump and roots of the tree were allowed to remain.

2. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE VISION

Daniel 4:19-27, Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, and his thoughts troubled him. So the king spoke, and said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble you.” Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, may the dream concern those who hate you, and its interpretation concern your enemies!

v. 20, The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which could be seen by all the earth,

v. 21, whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home;

v. 22, it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

v. 23, And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him’;

v. 24, this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

v. 25, They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.
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v. 26, And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.
v. 27, Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

A. The wise men, astrologers, magicians, and Chaldeans were brought before the king. None of them could interpret the dream.

B. Finally, Daniel came before the king. For a while, he was astonished by the revelation of the vision.

C. Nebuchadnezzar was the tree. He had grown in might and power. His dominion reached to the ends of the known world. This king, unless he repented and turned from his sins, would be driven away from men and live like an animal for seven years.

3. NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S DISOBEDIENCE

Daniel 4:28-33. All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
v. 29, At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon.
v. 30, The king spoke, saying, “Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?”
v. 31, While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: “King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!
v. 32, And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.”
v. 33, That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

A. Nebuchadnezzar did not heed God’s warning to repent. The vision was fulfilled a year after it was received.

B. The king, while walking in his palace, began to claim God’s work as his own. Immediately a voice from heaven told Nebuchadnezzar that his kingdom had departed from him. In that hour the vision was fulfilled. The king was driven
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away from the city as a madman. He dwelt in the fields and lived like an animal.
INTRODUCTION:

God could have allowed the Babylonian Empire to be crushed without warning, but He gave them one final message. This message was written supernaturally on the plaster of a wall. It confirmed that Babylon’s destiny was determined by their disrespect for God.

READING:

Daniel 5:24-30, “Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

v. 25, “And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

v. 26, “This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

v. 27, “TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

v. 28, “PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

v. 29, Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

v. 30, That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

1. THE FINAL NIGHT OF THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

Daniel 5:1-4, Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.
v. 2, While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

v. 3, Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

v. 4, They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

A. Belshazzar is now the king of Babylon. He was hosting a great feast in honor of 1,000 of his lords.

B. Nebuchadnezzar is often believed to be Belshazzar’s father, but it is more likely that the new king was Nebuchadnezzar’s grandson. There are no words in Chaldean to correspond with grandfather.

C. Belshazzar drank wine with his 1,000 lords. In his drunken stupor, he commanded that the golden vessels from the temple in Jerusalem be brought. He and his princes drank from them and used them to toast their idols.

2. THE DIVINE INTRUSION

Daniel 5:5-9, In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

v. 6, Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

v. 7, The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

v. 8, Now all the king’s wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.

v. 9, Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

A. During the course of the wild party, there was the sudden appearance of the fingers of a man’s hand near the lampstand on the wall.
B. The fingers wrote the words: **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**.

C. The king and his lords were terrified. None of the wise men could read the writing.

### 3. THE FORGOTTEN PROPHET

Daniel 5:10-23, 30-31, *The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change.*

v. 11, *“There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father; your father the king; made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.*

v. 12, *“Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.”*

v. 13, *Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?*

v. 14, *“I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.*

v. 15, *“Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.*

v. 16, *“And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”*

v. 17, *Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.*

v. 18, *“O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.*

v. 19, *“And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down.*
v. 20, “But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

v. 21, “Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

v. 22, “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

v. 23, “And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.”

v. 30, That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

v. 31, And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

A. The word translated as queen in verse 10 can also be translated as queen mother. She was probably a daughter or daughter-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar. Evidently she knew Daniel personally. On her advice, Daniel was called to interpret the handwriting.

B. Belshazzar promised Daniel riches and treasures if he would make known the interpretation. Daniel refused the rewards. He was not looking for earthly treasure.

1) MENE, MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it.

2) TEKEL: You are weighed in the balances and found wanting.

3) PERES: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

C. Belshazzar probably thought catastrophe could be averted if he treated Daniel kindly; but that night the prophecy was fulfilled.
INTRODUCTION:

This chapter is one of the most familiar and interesting in the entire Bible. It is a story we have heard since childhood, yet there is a freshness about it that never grows stale.

After the death of Belshazzar, Daniel served Darius the Mede. He had a very high position in the government of the Babylonian Empire. He had been proclaimed the third ruler in the kingdom under Belshazzar. When Darius set up his new administration, he remembered Daniel’s talents and abilities.

READING:

Daniel 5:30-31, That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

v. 31, And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

1. DANIEL’S POSITION UNDER DARIUS

   Daniel 6:1-5, It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;
   v. 2, and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.
   v. 3, Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.
v. 4,  So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

v. 5,  Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

A.  Darius was now the ruler of the Medo-Persian Empire which destroyed the Babylonian Empire and took power. The head of gold had given way to the breast and arms of silver.

B.  Darius set 120 satraps or princes over the various provinces of the empire. Over these princes he appointed three governors or superior officers, of which Daniel was the chief governor.

C.  The satraps and governors resented Daniel and attempted to find a way to demote him.

2.  THE MALICIOUS PLOT AGAINST DANIEL

Daniel 6:6-15  So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: “King Darius, live forever!

v. 7,  “All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

v. 8,  “Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.”

v. 9,  Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

v. 10,  Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

v. 11,  Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

v. 12,  And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king’s decree: “Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.”

v. 13,  So they answered and said before the king, “That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

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v. 14, And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

v. 15, Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed.”

A. The governors and satraps assembled themselves before the king. Then they proposed a law that was a trap for Daniel.

B. They asked for a decree that whoever would petition any man or god except the king would be thrown into a den of lions. This decree included the God of Israel.

C. Darius was flattered and signed the decree. His signature made the decree a royal statute which could not be changed or canceled.

3. DANIEL’S MIRACULOUS PRESERVATION

Daniel 6:16-28, So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.”

v. 17, Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

v. 18, Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

v. 19, Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

v. 20, And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

v. 21, Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever!

v. 22, “My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

v. 23, Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

v. 24, And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions; them, their children, and their
wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

v. 25, Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

v. 26, I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end.

v. 27, He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

v. 28, So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

A. Daniel, though he knew the decree had been signed, continued his daily habit of prayer. The princes immediately accused him before the king.

B. Darius loved Daniel and tried to find a loophole in the law, but it was binding. King Darius was forced to throw Daniel into the lion's den.

C. Daniel’s deliverance is mentioned in the New Testament.

Hebrews 11:33, Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

D. Daniel’s deliverance came through his faith in God. His accusers suffered the fate they had meant for him.

Proverbs 11:8, The righteous is delivered from trouble, and it comes to the wicked instead.

Darius wrote another decree glorifying and blessing the name of Daniel’s God. Thus the first two Gentile world empires were introduced to the glory and power of God.
INTRODUCTION:

The vision of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2 is known as the “image” vision. In chapter 7, we will study the “beast” vision of Daniel the prophet. It demonstrates the difference between how man views things, and how God views them.

READING:

Daniel 7:1,  In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

1. THE VISION IN THE NIGHT

A. The vision was seen by Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar’s reign. The book of Daniel is not arranged chronologically, the first six chapters are historic and the last six are prophetic.

B. The first verses of chapter 7 are an introduction. Daniel saw the four winds of heaven move over the Great Sea.

Daniel 7:2-3,  Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

v. 3, “And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.”
The sea in Scripture often represents the teeming masses of mankind.

Isaiah 57:20,  But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

Revelation 17:15, Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.”

C. Daniel saw four beasts rise out of the sea. While Nebuchadnezzar saw the imposing power and splendor of the times of the Gentiles in chapter 2, Daniel saw as the true character of Gentile world government. It is rapacious and warlike, established and maintained only by the force of arms.

2. THE FOUR CREATURES FROM THE SEA

A. Daniel 7:4, “The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.”

The first beast was like a lion and had eagle’s wings.

The lion is a king in the animal world. The eagle is a king among birds. This beast symbolizes the Babylonian Empire.

B. Daniel 7:5, “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’”

Daniel saw a second beast similar to a bear. It had raised itself on one side and had three ribs in its mouth.

This beast symbolizes the Medo-Persian Empire. The fact that it was raised on one side indicates that one part of the empire would be stronger than the other.

C. Daniel 7:6, “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.”

The third beast was like a leopard with four wings.

A leopard moves quietly. Wings symbolize swiftness. The beast itself represents the Grecian Empire founded by Alexander the Great. The four heads represent the four divisions that the empire was divided into after Alexander’s death.
D. Daniel 7:7, 19-28, "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

v. 19, "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

v. 20, "and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

v. 21, "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

v. 22, "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

v. 23, "Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

v. 24, The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

v. 25, He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

v. 26, ‘But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

v. 27, Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’

v. 28, ‘This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.’

The physical attributes of the fourth beast are not described by Daniel. It was dreadful, terrible, and exceedingly strong. It had iron teeth and ten horns that symbolize the Roman Empire. The horns represent various kingdoms, or nations.
INTRODUCTION:

This eighth chapter gives details concerning the Persian and Greek world empires. These were the silver and bronze kingdoms in Daniel 2. They were the Medo-Persian and Macedonian kingdoms in history. At the time of Daniel’s vision, the Babylonian monarchy was nearing its end. Belshazzar was the last king of that monarchy.

READING:

Daniel 8:17-19, 26,  
So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end.”

v. 18, Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

v. 19, And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

v. 26, “And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.”

1. THE VISION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT

Daniel 8:1-5,  
In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me; to me, Daniel; after the one that appeared to me the first time.
v. 2. I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.
v. 3. Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.
v. 4. I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.
v. 5. And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

A. Daniel was in the palace at Shushan, the capital of Persia, when the vision occurred. In the vision he saw himself by the River Ulai. Beside the river he saw a ram with two horns, and one horn was higher than the other. The two horns represent Media and Persia, the two ruling kingdoms of the Medo-Persian Empire. The higher horn represents Persia, which became greater than Media.

B. The ram was pushing in three directions. He was so powerful that nobody could stand against him.

C. In verse five, a male goat came out of the west without touching the ground. This male goat is symbolic of the Grecian Empire. The phrase, without touching the ground, indicated that the armies of Greece would move with great speed.

2. THE NOTABLE HORN AND THE LITTLE HORN

A. Daniel 8:6-9. Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.
v. 7. And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.
v. 8. Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.
v. 9. And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.
The goat had a notable horn between his eyes. This horn symbolized Alexander the Great. When this horn was broken, four horns or kingdoms came into being. Out of one of these kingdoms grew a little horn.

B. Daniel 8:10-14, And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.
   v. 11, He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.
   v. 12, Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.
   v. 13, Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?”
   v. 14, And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”

The little horn symbolizes Antiochus Epiphanes, the Syrian. He profaned the temple in Jerusalem and persecuted the Jews terribly.

This prophecy is one of the most difficult in the Bible. Historically, it was fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes. The “interpretation” is unclear.

C. Daniel 8:23-27, “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes.
   v. 24, His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.
   v. 25, “Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means.
   v. 26, “And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.”
   v. 27, And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king’s business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.
Antiochus Epiphanes is regarded as the outstanding forerunner of the Antichrist. Verse 23 particularly applies to the coming Antichrist.

This vision had a great effect on Daniel; he fainted and was sick for a few days.
INTRODUCTION:

The ninth chapter of Daniel was written in the first year of the reign of Darius the son of Ahasuerus. This Darius was also called Cyrus. He led the army when Babylon was taken.

At this time, Daniel was in his 80s. He had lived in Babylon and Shushan since he was a teenager.

This vision deals with the 70 years the nation of Israel was in bondage. The Bible says the first year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign was the first year of Israel’s captivity.

READING:

Daniel 9:24, “Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

1. WHY ISRAEL WENT INTO BONDAGE

A. Israel went into captivity so the land could rest.

2 Chronicles 36:21, To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.
The people were commanded by God to allow the land to rest every seven years. This rest was to last for one year. It was the Sabbath of the Lord. God would give them abundance in the sixth year, so it would not be necessary to till the soil during the seventh year. This commandment gave the land a time of rejuvenation.

This commandment had a consequence. Disobedience and rebellion would cause captivity to result.

Leviticus 26:33-34, *I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.*

v. 34, *Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths.*

Luke 21:24, "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Jeremiah 25:11, ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.’"

B. The people all knew and understood how they were supposed to obey God. Moses was ordered by the Lord to post the law plainly. The people knew they were supposed to pay tithes and obey God first.

Deuteronomy 27:1-8, *Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: “Keep all the commandments which I command you today. *v. 2, “And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime.*

v. 3, “You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD your God is giving you, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ just as the LORD God of your fathers promised you.

v. 4, “Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime.*

v. 5, “And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them.

v. 6, “You shall build with whole stones the altar of the LORD your God, and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God."
v. 7, “You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God.

v. 8, “And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law.”

1) Deuteronomy lists 21 blessings for obedience in chapter 28, verses 1-14.

2) Chapter 28 then continues by listing 15 curses for disobedience. These curses included bondage.

Deuteronomy 28:36-37, 48-50, “The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods; wood and stone.

v. 37, “And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.”

v. 48, “Therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

v. 49, “The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand,

v. 50, “a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.”

2. JUDAH GOES INTO BONDAGE

Around 606 BC, the nation of Judah was taken captive by Babylon.

They were required to serve 70 years of bondage.

3. DANIEL’S PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Daniel 9:1-19, In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

v. 2, in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

v. 3, Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.
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v. 4, And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

v. 5, “we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

v. 6, “Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

v. 7, “O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day; to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

v. 8, “O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

v. 9, “To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.

v. 10, “We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

v. 11, “Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

v. 12, “And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

v. 13, “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

v. 14, “Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

v. 15, “And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

v. 16, “O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.

v. 17, “Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.

v. 18, “O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our
supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.

v. 19, “O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

A. A study of the prayers of the Bible is one of the most interesting and profitable studies you can make. Daniel is considered an intercessor of the first rank.

Ezekiel 14:14-20, “Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.

v. 15, “If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts,

v. 16, “even though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

v. 17, “Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I cut off man and beast from it,

v. 18, “even though these three men were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered.

v. 19, “Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast,

v. 20, “even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord GOD, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

B. Daniel understood by reading the writings of Jeremiah, the mystery of the 70 weeks. He began to seek God through fasting and prayer.

Jeremiah 25:11, “And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.”

C. When Daniel prayed, he included himself with the sinners in tremendous humility. He considered himself part of the guilty nation.

D. There are seven summations in Daniel's prayer.

1) God would hear.

2) God would forgive sin.

3) God would hearken or heed.
4. THE EFFECT OF THE ANGEL’S COMING

Daniel 10:10, 18, *Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.*

v. 18, *Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.*

A. The divine touch of the messenger caused Daniel to stand. Daniel made a confession when his mouth was opened.

B. The second touch had an instantaneous effect on Daniel. It strengthened him.

C. The angel’s remarkable words were designed to prepare Daniel for the amazing revelation to follow in chapter 11.

5. THE PROPHECY OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

Daniel 9:24-27, *“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.*

v. 25, *“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.*

v. 26, *“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.*

v. 27, *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”*
A. This prophecy, in as far as dispensational truth is concerned, is the most important prophecy in the Old Testament. Noted Bible scholars have stated that this prophecy is the key to all Biblical prophecy.
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B. The prophecy of the 70 weeks relates exclusively to the Jewish people, the nation of Israel, and city of Jerusalem. Many people misinterpret this prophecy as one which deals with the Gentiles.

C. These weeks are weeks of years, rather than days. The 70 weeks of years were set apart from other periods of time and divided for a six-fold purpose.

1) To finish the transgression.
2) To make an end of sins.
3) To make reconciliation for iniquity.
4) To bring everlasting righteousness.
5) To seal the vision and prophecy.
6) To anoint the Most Holy.

D. According to the interpretation of the vision, after 62 weeks and seven weeks (62+7=69 weeks of years, or 483 years) the Messiah would come. Then He would be cut off. This speaks of Jesus’ crucifixion for the world.

6. THE SEVENTIETH WEEK

The final week of years (seven years) is still to come. It is time of the last world ruler, the Antichrist.
INTRODUCTION:

This lesson is about the fourth and final prophecy of Daniel. This prophecy is so minute in detail that some people regard it as history and not prophecy. Some scholars teach that it must have been written after the events occurred; however, we know that God is able to reveal what He foresees to His people.

READING:

Daniel 10:11-13, And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

v. 12, Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

v. 13, “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”

1. DANIEL THE PRIME MINISTER--A MAN OF PRAYER

A. Daniel 10:1-3, In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was
true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

v. 2, In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.

v. 3, I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Daniel earnestly sought the Lord for three weeks before he experienced his final marvelous revelation.

B. Daniel 10:5-8, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

v. 6, His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

v. 7, And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

v. 8, Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.

The man who appeared to Daniel was clothed in linen. His face was as lightning and his eyes were like lamps of fire. The sight and impact of this celestial glory was too much for mortal flesh, and Daniel was overcome. His strength left him.

C. Daniel 10:14-21, “Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.”

v. 15, When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

v. 16, And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

v. 17, “For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.”

v. 18, Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.
v. 19, *And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!”* So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

v. 20, *Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.**

v. 21, *“But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.)”*

For 21 days Daniel had prayed. For three weeks it seemed as though his prayer was unanswered. The messenger was detained by an evil spirit sent by Satan. It was clear that Daniel was supposed to receive the revelation of what would happen to the Jewish people in the last days.
INTRODUCTION:

In chapter 11, the future is brought before the eyes of God’s people. They are made to see the Antichrist, the Great Tribulation, and the resurrection and judgment with its rewards and punishments.

READING:

Daniel 11:2, “And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.”


A. Daniel 11:1, “(Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.)”

   Gabriel explained to Daniel that two years earlier he had stood with Michael to confirm and strengthen him. It was Michael’s responsibility to overthrow the prince of Babylon so the prince of Persia could rule.

B. Daniel 11:3, “Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.”
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This mighty king was Alexander the Great.

C. Daniel 11:5, “Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.”

Ptolemy was one of Alexander’s trusted generals. He ruled the southern portion of the Greek Empire, including Egypt.

D. Daniel 11:25-27, “He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.

v. 26, “Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

v. 27, “Both these kings’ hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.”

Antiochus returned home to Syria in glory and victory after conquering Egypt.

E. Daniel 11:28 “While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.”

On his way back to Syria, Antiochus broke his covenant and plundered Palestine.

2. THE LAST DAYS

Daniel 11:36-42, “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

v. 37, “He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.

v. 38, “But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things."
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v. 39, “Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

v. 40, “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

v. 41, “He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

v. 42, “He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.”

A. The little horn, the king of the north, the man of sin, and the beast in the book of Revelation are the same person—the future Antichrist. The purpose of this vision was to show Daniel...what will happen to your people in the latter days... (Daniel 10:14).

B. The character of the Antichrist is related in Daniel 11:36-39.

C. The Antichrist will end his life in the lake of fire.

Daniel 11:45, “And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.”

Isaiah 11:4, But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

Revelation 19:20, Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 12 is the final chapter of the book of Daniel. It reveals the concluding events of human history. The witness of this chapter was a sealed message that was revealed by Jesus Christ to John on the Isle of Patmos.

READING:

Daniel 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”

1. A TIME OF TROUBLE--THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Matthew 24:21, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

2. JUDGMENT BY THE BOOK--THE BIBLE

A. Daniel 12:1, “…And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.”

B. Revelation 20:12, And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of
Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

3. RESURRECTION
   A. Daniel 12:2, “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”
   B. John 5:29, “And come forth; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

4. THE SEALED MESSAGE IS TO BE OPENED
   A. Daniel 12:4, 9, “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”
      v. 9, And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”
   B. Revelation 5:5, But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

5. A TIME, TIMES, AND HALF A TIME
   A. Daniel 12:7, Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

The phrase a time, times and half a time, refers to three-and-a-half years.
   B. This period of time marks the midpoint of the Great Tribulation.
      1) Daniel 9:27, “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”
2) Revelation 11:2, “But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.”

   Forty-two months is equal to three-and-a-half years.

3) Daniel 12:11, “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

   These 1,290 days also equal three-and-a-half years.

C. Daniel prophesied that the midpoint of the Great Tribulation would be a turning point. The Antichrist would be revealed, and wickedness would overrun the earth.

6. YOU SHALL REST

   A. Daniel 12:13, “But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

   Daniel still had a place to fill.

   B. Daniel prophesied that the true believer should not be afraid of the coming end-time events. The believer shall be preserved through them. This is a glimpse of the promise of the rapture of the church.
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THE SIXTEEN APPEARANCES OF ANGELS IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

1. Daniel 3:25, “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

2. Daniel 4:13, “I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven.”

3. Daniel 4:17, “This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.”

4. Daniel 4:23, “And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him.’”

5. Daniel 6:22, “My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

6. Daniel 7:16 “I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things.”
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7. Daniel 8:13, *Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, “How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?”*

8. Daniel 8:14, *And he said to me, “For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.”*

9. Daniel 8:16-26, *And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.”*
   v. 17, *So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end.”*
   v. 18, *Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.*
   v. 19, *And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.*
   v. 20, *“The ram which you saw, having the two horns; they are the kings of Media and Persia.*
   v. 21, *“And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.*
   v. 22, *“As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.*
   v. 23, *“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes.*
   v. 24, *His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.*
   v. 25, *Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means.*
   v. 26, *“And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future.”*

10. Daniel 9:21, *Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.*
11. Daniel 10:4-12, Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,
v. 5, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!
v. 6, His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.
v. 7, And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.
v. 8, Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.
v. 9, Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.
v. 10, Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.
v. 11, And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.
v. 12, Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.”

12. Daniel 10:16, And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, “My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.”

13. Daniel 10:18, Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

14. Daniel 10:20, Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.”

15. Daniel 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”

16. Daniel 12:5-6, Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.
v. 6, And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?
Sixteen Appearances of Angels in the Book of Daniel
Appendix