

The
BOOK OF DANIEL

DANIEL 1

Daniel brought to Babylon, taught the learning of the Chaldeans; he will not make himself soiled

CHAPTER 1

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem, and pressed the siege upon it.

2 And Jehovah gave Jehoiakim, king of Judah, into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, and he brought them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.²

3 And the king said to Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *some* of the children of Israel, and *some* of the king's seed, and part of the princes,

4 Children in whom there did not exist any blemish, and good in appearance, and intelligently successful in all wisdom, and knowing

²1:2 **god**, *elohiym*, the same word that is translated God when used of Jehovah God, and gods when referring to many gods. Here it should be translated singular, because although there were many temples to different gods in Babylon, Marduk [also Merodach] was the main god to Nebuchadnezzar. The temple of Marduk was the central and most prominent temple, located in the so-called sacred area. Marduk is found in Jer 50:2, where God says that Babylon is captured, Bel is in confused shame, Merodach is broken to pieces, where Bel [Babylonian for Baal] is Merodach or Marduk. Marduk is referred to in Isa 46:1, and Jer 50:2 and 51:44. Merodach is the Nimrod of Gen 10:8-12. Merodach is found in the names of the kings of Babylon, Evil Merodach, 2 Kng 25:27 and Jer 52:31, probably meaning Soldier of Merodach; and Merodach-Baladan, Isa 39:1. The meaning of Baladan is not known. Marduk was god of war and the head god of the Babylonian list of gods. Cyrus the Great claimed to be commissioned by Marduk. The Assyrians and the Babylonians prostrated themselves to Marduk.

knowledge, and discerning intelligence, and to whom *was* power in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the writing and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king weighed out to them a word day by day of the king's dainty food, and of the wine on which he feasted, and making them great three years, that at its termination they might stand before the face of the king.

6 And among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel,^{6a} Hananiah,^{6b} Mishael,^{6c} and Azariah;^{6d}

7 And to them the chief ruler of the eunuchs put names; and he put to Daniel, Belteshazzar, and to Hananiah, Shadrach, and to Mishael, Meshach, and to Azariah, Abednego.⁷

8 And Daniel put it upon his heart that he would not make himself soiled with the portion of the king's dainty food, and with the wine on which he feasted; and he sought of the chief ruler of the eunuchs that he might not make him-

^{6a} 1:6 **Daniel**, Judge belonging to God.

^{6b} 1:6 **Hananiah**, Jehovah Has Given Grace.

^{6c} 1:6 **Mishael**, Who Is God?

^{6d} 1:6 **Azariah**, Jehovah Has Helped.

⁷ 1:7 **Shadrach**, Illumined By The Sun God; **Meshach**, Who Is Shak (the Babylonian goddess of the earth); **Abednego**, Servant of Lucifer (that is, The Shining One). The Babylonians gave these names to these three Hebrew youths in order to convert them to their gods, but the Babylonian false religion never took effect in these men's lives. Regardless of the pressures of the world, with God's grace you do not have to let the world's influence take effect in your life.

DANIEL 2 *Daniel and his three friends eat only clean food; they were wiser than all; the king's dreams self soiled.*

9 And God had given Daniel mercy and compassion before the face of the chief ruler of the eunuchs.

10 And the chief ruler of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord, the king, who has weighed out your food and your feasting, for why should he see your faces more boiled up than the children who are of your age? And you shall cause me to make my head liable to the king.

11 And Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief ruler of the eunuchs had weighed out *to be* over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Test your servants, please, ten days, and let them give us vegetables^{1 2} to eat, and water to drink.

13 And let our appearances be seen before your face, and the appearance of the children who eat of the dainty food of the king; and do with your servants as you see.

14 And he attentively heard them in this word, and tested them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearances were seen *to be better and fatter in flesh than all the*

^{1 2} **1:12** Their asking for vegetables only was not that they were vegetarian, but they refused to eat the meat slaughtered in Babylon because the blood of the meat had not been properly drained, and in other ways was not clean according to the Law of Moses. I place this note here to say among other things that nowhere does the Bible teach vegetarianism, except before the flood when the soil was extremely rich from the original creation. Now most of the vitamins and minerals and good food content are at the bottom of the ocean where it was washed in the world wide flood of Noah's day. Eating meat does not cause health problems. Eating too much refined carbohydrates is the main dietary cause of nearly all disease.

children who ate the dainty food of the king.

16 And it was, Melzar lifted away their dainty food, and the wine *on which* they should feast, and gave them vegetables.

17 As for these four offspring, God gave to them intelligence and intelligent success in all writings and wisdom, and Daniel understood all visions and dreams.

18 And at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the chief ruler of the eunuchs brought them in before the face of Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king spoke with them, and among them all there was none found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, and they stood before the face of the king.

20 And in all words of wisdom and understanding that the king searched out of them he found them ten hands above all the horoscopists, those who whisper enchantments, who *were* in all his dominion.

21 And Daniel was until the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER 2

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his spirit was being struck, and his sleep was from him.

2 And the king said to call the horoscopists, and those who whisper enchantments,² and those

² **2:2** whisper enchantments, and those who chant spells, ashshaph, and kashaph. These words are very close synonyms for witchcraft activities. The Chaldeans were professionals in witchcraft and astrology (horoscopists).

The Chaldeans cannot make known king Nebuchadnezzar's dreams; Daniel brought in **DANIEL 2**

who chant spells, and the Chaldeans to cause his dreams to stand out boldly to the king. And they came and stood before the face of the king.

3 And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was struck to know the dream.

4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, Oh king, live forever; say to your servants the dream, and we will cause the interpretation to come alive *to you*.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The word has gone from me; if you will not make the dream known to me and its interpretation you shall be done in pieces, and your houses shall be put as an outhouse.

6 And if you cause the dream and its interpretation to come alive, you shall take from me gifts, and rewards, and great wealth; therefore cause the dream and its interpretation to come alive to me.

7 They answered a second time, and said, Let the king say the dream to his servants, and we will cause its interpretation to come alive.

8 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that you would buy time, because that you are gazing at *the fact that* the word has gone from me.

9 But if you will not make known to me the dream, there *is but* one royal decree for you, for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to say before me until the time is changed; therefore say to me the dream, and I shall know

you can cause its interpretation to come alive to me.

10 The Chaldeans answered in front of the king and said, There is not a man upon the dry land that can cause the king's word to come alive; therefore *there is* no king, great one, or ruler, that has asked these words of any horoscopist, or enchanter, or Chaldean.

11 And it is a rare word that the king asks, and there is none other that can cause it to come alive before the king except the gods whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 Facing all this, the king was enraged, and burst out in great rage, and said to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

13 And the royal decree went out that the wise *men* should be cut off, and they sought Daniel and his companions to be cut off.

14 Then Daniel turned back with prudent counsel and accountability to Arioch, the great one of the executioners, those of the king who had gone out to cut off the wise *men* of Babylon;

15 He answered and said to Arioch, the mighty one, that one of the king, *Why is* the royal decree cut so close from before the king? Then Arioch made the word known to Daniel.

16 And Daniel thrust himself in, and sought of the king that he would give to him a fixed appointment, and that he would cause the interpretation to come alive to the king.

17 Then Daniel departed to his house, and made the word known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

DANIEL 2 *Daniel's prayer of thanksgiving, he is brought to the king and God reveals the dream*
his companions;

18 And they sought compassions from before the God of the heavens concerning this mystery, that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision that night. Then Daniel knelt down with goodness to the God of the heavens.

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed is the name of God out of eternity and to eternity, for wisdom and might *are* his;

21 And he changes the times and the seasons; he removes kings, and raises up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise, and intelligence to them who know discernment;

22 He reveals the deep and hidden things; he knows by seeing what *is* in the darkness, and the light flows freely from him.

23 I extend my hands to you, God of my fathers, and loudly address you who has given me wisdom and might, and now has made known to me by seeing what we sought from you that you have made known to us the word of the king.

24 Therefore Daniel thrust himself in to Arioch, to whom the king had weighed out to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; he went, and said thus to him; Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon; thrust me in before the king, and I will cause the interpretation to come alive to the king.

25 Then Arioch trembling thrust Daniel in before the king in haste, and said thus to him that, I have uncovered a mighty man out of the children of the captivity, that of Judah, who will make the interpretation known to the king.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Are you able to make known to me the dream at which I have gazed and its interpretation?

27 Daniel answered before the king, and said, The mystery which the king has demanded of the wise *men*, the enchanters, the horoscopists, those who cut through things, are not able to cause it to come alive to the king,

28 But there is God in the heavens who reveals mysteries, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar that which shall be in the last days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed are these:

29 As for you, Oh king, what you grasped upon your bed caused that which should be after these *things* to ascend, and he who reveals mysteries makes known to you that which shall be.

30 And as for me, not for any wisdom there is to me more than any alive, this mystery is revealed to me, but for the reason that the interpretation should be made known to the king, and you might know what you grasped in your heart.

31 What you gazed at, Oh king, was: And behold *there was* one large image. This great image - and its brightness was pre-eminent

God reveals the future empires from Daniel through the first and second comings of Messiah **DANIEL 2**

- rose in front of you, and its sight was fearful.

32 This image's head was of good gold; his breast and his arms were of silver; his belly and his thighs were of brass;

33 His legs were of iron; his feet were part of iron and part of clay.

34 You were gazing until that a stone was cut out without hands, and the image was struck upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and crushed them to pieces.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold were crushed as one, and became like the chaff out of the harvest threshing floors; and the wind lifted them away, and not any place was uncovered for them; and the stone that struck the image became a great strong rock, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream, and we will say its interpretation before the king.

37 You, Oh king, are a king of kings, for the God of the heavens has given to you a kingdom, strength, and power, and honor.

38 And he has given into your hand wherever the children of mortal men reside, the living creatures of the field, and the birds of the heavens, and has caused you to rule over them all. You are he, the head of gold.¹

¹ 2:38 Here are the dates and the names of the world empires from Nebuchadnezzar to the second coming of Christ when Jesus will set up His One Thousand Year Reign on earth:

Babylon, Head of Gold, 606 – 536 BC. Nebuchadnezzar being the main king; Babylon reigned the 70 years of the Captivity of the Jews.

39 And after you another kingdom shall rise up more earthy than you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be powerful as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes to pieces and weakens all things; and as iron that makes all these to be good for nothing, it shall crush to pieces and make good for nothing.⁴⁰

41 And that you gazed at the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be split, and part of the fixedness of the iron shall be in it, inasmuch as you gazed at the iron mixed with sticky clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, afterwards the kingdom shall be partly powerful and partly fragile.

Medo – Persia, Breast and Arms of Silver, 536 – 334 BC. From Cyrus whom God raised up to return the Jews to Jerusalem to Alexander the Great of Greece.

Greece, Belly and Thighs of Brass, 334 – 63 BC. From Alexander to the conquering of Palestine by the Roman Emperor Pompey.

Rome, Legs of Iron, 63 BC – 476 AD. From Pompey to the last Roman emperor, and the disintegration of the empire under the invasion of the Germanic tribes.

Split, weak, Roman empire, Part Iron, Part Clay, 476 AD to the second coming of Christ. This refers to the Roman empire being split into eastern and western attempts to preserve the Roman empire, and its various divisions and attempts at re-organization through the present day, and its revival in the ten toes as the empire of the Anti-Christ until Jesus returns to reign in His One Thousand Year Kingdom, then His eternal kingdom.

The Kingdom of Christ, Stone Cut Out Without Hands, The Kingdom of Christ ruling the last period of world history, and then forever.

⁴⁰ 2:40 Note how world governments get worse and worse to the end of time. Governments generally have always been corrupt and greedy, but they shall be at their worst in the last days.

DANIEL 3 *Daniel and three friends given great positions in the empire; the king's image of gold*

43 And that you gazed at iron mixed with sticky clay, they shall be mingled with the seed of mortal men, but they shall not cling, this one to that one, just as iron will not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of the heavens shall raise up a kingdom, which shall not ever be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall crush to pieces and terminate all these kingdoms, and it shall be raised up forever.

45 Inasmuch as in your gazing that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it crushed to pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king that which shall be after these;^{4 5} and the dream *is* fixed, and its interpretation faithful.

46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his nostrils, and prostrated himself to Daniel, and said that they should offer a sacrifice and pleasant *perfumes* should be poured out to him.

47 The king answered Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is* that your God, he *is* God of gods, and Jehovah of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, since you were able to reveal this mystery.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great one, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

⁴⁵ 2:45 that which shall be after these; the exact same phrase God used in Rev 4:1.

49 And Daniel sought of the king, and he weighed out to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *to be* over the affairs of the province of Babylon; and Daniel *was* in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

1 Nebuchadnezzar, the king, made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits, and its width six cubits; he raised it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar, the king, sent to gather together the governors *of large provinces*, the governors *of small provinces*, and the mayors, the judges, the treasurers, the advisors, the attorneys, and all the rulers of the provinces, to arrive at the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had raised up.

3 Then the princes, the governors, and mayors, the judges, the treasurers, the advisors, the attorneys, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had raised up, and they rose before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had raised up.

4 And a herald called out forcefully, To you it is said, Oh people, communities, and tongues,

5 At the time you attentively hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and prostrate yourselves to the image of gold that Nebuchadnezzar, the king, has raised up;

6 And whoever does not fall down and prostrate himself shall the same moment be placed in the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that appointed time, when all the people attentively heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, trigon, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the communities, and the tongues fell down prostrating themselves to the image of gold that Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had raised up.

8 Therefore at that appointed time mighty men of the Chaldeans drew near, and devouring, to chew the Jews to pieces.

9 They answered and said to king Nebuchadnezzar, Oh king, live forever.

10 You, Oh king, have put a judgment that every mortal man that shall attentively hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music shall fall down and prostrate himself to the image of gold,

11 And he who does not fall down and prostrate himself, that he should be placed in the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are mighty men of the Jews to whom you have weighed out over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these mighty men, Oh king, have put you as no account; they will not open up to serve your god; they will not prostrate themselves to the image of gold which you have raised up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar quivering in his rage and hot anger said to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these mighty men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, *Is it* your purpose, Oh Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, not to be open to serve my gods, and you will not to prostrate yourselves to the image of gold which I have raised up?

15 Now if you are prepared that at the appointed time that you attentively hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and prostrate yourselves to the image which I have made - and if you do not prostrate yourselves, the same moment you shall be placed in the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God who shall free you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, Oh Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to turn back *an answer* to you against this judicial sentence.

17 If it is *necessary*, our God to whom we are open to serve is able to set us free from the burning fiery furnace, and he will set us free out of your hand, Oh king.

18 And if not, be it known to you, Oh king, that we will not be open to serve your gods, and we will not prostrate ourselves to the image of gold which you have raised up.

DANIEL 3 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego delivered; the fourth man in the fire is the Son of God*

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with hot anger, and the image of his nostrils was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; he answered and said they should heat the one furnace seven periods of time more than its normal appearance to be heated.

20 And he said to the mightiest mighty men of resources who were in his resources to shackle Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to place *them* in the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these mighty men were shackled in their coats, their leggings, and their headdresses, and their other garments, and were placed in the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's word was cut close, and the furnace very hot, the flame of the fire cut off those mighty men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

23 And these three mighty men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down shackled into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar, the king, was amazed, and rose up trembling in haste; he answered and said to his advisors, Did we not place three mighty men shackled into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, *It is certain, Oh king.*

25 He answered and said, Lo, I am gazing at four mighty men, free, walking in the midst of the fire, and there is no hurt to them; and the

sight of the fourth is like *the* Son of God.²⁵

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar drew near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, and answered and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of God Most High, come out, and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and mayors, and the king's advisors, being gathered together, gazed at these mighty men, upon whose bodies the fire had no rulership, and a hair of their head was not singed, and their cloaks were not changed, and the smell of fire had not passed to them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his Messenger, and freed his servants who attend upon him as servants, and have changed the king's word, and given their bodies that they might not be open to serve and might not prostrate themselves to any god except their own God.

29 And out of this I put a judicial sentence, That every people, community, and tongue who say any fault against the God of

²⁵ **3:25 the Son of God;** Nebuchadnezzar saw that the person walking with the three was a supernatural being. In verse 28 Nebuchadnezzar confesses that God had sent His Messenger [so did Daniel in 6:22], whom we discern to be the Messenger of Jehovah, the Son of God, before He was revealed as the Man Jesus. Note Gen 16:7. We cannot know what was in the heart of Nebuchadnezzar, nor for sure what revelation God gave him at the moment, but his words are clear. To him the fourth man appeared to be the Son of God, and Nebuchadnezzar so confessed.

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Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be done in pieces, and their houses shall be made like an outhouse since there is no other God who is able to snatch out like this.

30 Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar, the king, to all people, communities, and tongues, who reside in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

2 It seemed good to me to cause signs and miracles that God Most High has worked toward me to come alive to you.

3 How great *are* his signs, and how powerful *are* his miracles! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was resting secure in my house, and prosperous in my palace;

5 I gazed at a dream which made me slink back in fear, and the conceived thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head terrified me.

6 And out of *this* I put a judicial decree to thrust in before me all the wise *men* of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 Then were thrust in the horoscopists, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and those who cut through things, and I said the dream before them and they did not make its interpretation known to me.

8 And at the last Daniel was thrust in before me, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the Spirit of the holy God;⁸ and I said the dream before him:

9 Oh Belteshazzar, the great one of the horoscopists, because I know by seeing that the Spirit of the holy God is in you, and no mystery distresses you, say to me the visions of my dream that I have gazed at, and its interpretation.

10 And I was gazing at the visions of my head in my bed; I gazed, and behold a tree *was* in the midst of the earth, and its height *was* great.

11 The tree grew, and was mighty, and its height reached to the heavens, and it was gazed at to the end of all the earth;

12 Its foliage was beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it *was* food for all; the living creatures of the field were shaded beneath it, and the birds of the heavens resided in its boughs, and all flesh was nourished from it.

13 I gazed at the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one descended out of the heavens;

14 He called forcefully, and thus said, Cut down the tree, and chop off his branches; shake off his foliage, and scatter his fruit; cause the living creatures to flee out from

⁸ 4:8 Nebuchadnezzar is giving this testimony after his experience with God's revelations through Daniel. He saw the revelations of God through Daniel, and then he experienced the prophecy. So, he is testifying as a believer now, as he so plainly says in 4:34-37.

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under it, and the birds out of his branches;

15 But leave the stump of his roots in the earth, and with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion *be* with the living creatures in the grass of the earth;

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a living creature's heart be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him.

17 The judicial sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the judicial demand *is* by the saying of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know by seeing that the Most High is powerful in the kingdom of mortal men, and he gives it to whomever he pleases, and he raises up over it the lowliest of mortal men.

18 I have gazed at this dream, I, king Nebuchadnezzar; and you, Oh Belteshazzar, say its interpretation, inasmuch as all the wise of my kingdom are not able to make the interpretation known to me; and you are able, for the Spirit of the holy God is in you.

19 Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was stunned for a single moment, and his conceived thoughts caused him to tremble. The king answered and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream and its interpretation cause you to tremble. Belteshazzar answered and said, My master, the dream *be* to them who hate you, and its interpretation to your enemies.

20 The tree that you gazed at, which grew, and was mighty, whose height reached to the heavens, and it was gazed at by all the earth,

21 And its foliage *was* beautiful, and its fruit much, and in it *was* food for all, beneath which the living creatures of the field resided, and upon whose branches resided the birds of the heavens,

22 You *are* it, Oh king, who has grown, and become mighty; and your greatness has increased, and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 And that the king gazed at a watcher and a holy one descending out from the heavens, and saying, Cut down the tree, and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and in the tender grass of the field with a band of iron and brass; and let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and *let* his portion *be* with the living creatures of the field, until that seven periods of time pass over him;

24 This *is* the interpretation, Oh king, and this *is* the cut out decree of the Most High, which has come upon my master, the king;

25 And they shall drive you out from mortal men, and your residence shall be with the living creatures of the field, and they shall feed you grass as oxen, and they shall wet you with the dew of the heavens, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until that you know by seeing that the Most High is powerful in the kingdom of mortal men, and he gives it to whomever he pleases.

26 And that they say to leave the stump of the tree roots, your kingdom *shall be* permanent to you, out of that you shall have known by seeing that the heavens *are* powerful.

27 Therefore, Oh king, let my advice be beautiful to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your crookednesses by giving grace to those looked down on with harshness, if it may be a lengthening of your security.

28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king answered and said, Is not this that great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my strength, and for the honor of my magnificence?

31 While the word *was* in the king's mouth, a voice out of the heavens fell to him: To you it is said, Oh king Nebuchadnezzar, The kingdom has passed on from you.

32 And they shall drive you out from mortal men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the living creatures of the field; they shall feed you grass as oxen, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until that you know by seeing that the Most High is powerful in the kingdom of mortal men, and he gives it to whom-ever he pleases.

33 The same moment the word was finished upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was driven out from mortal men, and he ate grass as oxen, and his body was

wet with the dew of the heavens, until that his hairs were grown like eagles', and his nails like birds'.

34 And at the end of *the* days, I, Nebuchadnezzar raised up my eyes to the heavens, and my intelligence returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I addressed him who lives forever loudly, and magnified that one whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation;

35 And all the residents of the earth are accounted as nothing; and he does as he pleases in the resources of the heavens and among the residents of the earth; and there is none that can strike his hand to pieces, and say to him, What are you doing?

36 At the same appointed time my intelligence came back to me, and the dignity of my kingdom, my magnificence, and brightness came back to me; and my advisors and my magnates sought me; and I was straightened up upon my kingdom, and exceeding increase was added to me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar address loudly, and exalt, and magnify the King of the heavens, all whose works are weighed out evenly, and his ways *are* judgment; and he is able to humiliate those who walk in arrogance.

CHAPTER 5

1 Belshazzar, the king, made a great feast for a thousand of his magnates, and he drank wine before the thousand.

DANIEL 5*The handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast; Daniel thrust in*

2 Belshazzar, while tasting the wine, said to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had brought out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, that the king and his magnates, his queens and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were brought out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem, and the king and his magnates, his queens and his concubines drank from them.

4 They drank wine, and addressed the gods of gold, and silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone loudly.

5 In the same moment fingers of a mortal man's hand issued out, and wrote in front of the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king gazed at the palm of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's cheerfulness was changed, and what he grasped caused him to tremble, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees knocked, this one against that one.

7 The king called out to *his* resources to thrust in those who whisper enchantments, the Chaldeans, and those who cut through things. The king answered and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whoever of all mortal men who shall call out this writing, and cause it to come alive to me, and its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, and have a necklace of gold upon his neck, and he shall govern *as* the third in the kingdom.

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8 Then all the king's wise were thrust in, and they were not able to call out the writing and make its interpretation known to the king.

9 Then King Belshazzar greatly trembled, and his cheerfulness was changed on him, and his magnates were perplexed.

10 The queen *mother*, on account of the words of the king and his magnates, came into the banquet house, and the queen *mother* answered and said, Oh king, live forever; do not let that for which you are grasping cause you to tremble, nor let your cheerfulness be changed;

11 There is a mighty man in your kingdom, in whom is the Spirit of the holy God, and in the days of your father light, and intelligence, and wisdom like the wisdom of God was found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, the king, I say, your father, raised him *to be* the great one over the horoscopists, those who whisper enchantments, Chaldeans, those cutting through things - your father, the king;

12 Inasmuch as a pre-eminent spirit, and intelligence, and intelligent success, interpretation of dreams, and solving enigmas, and freeing knotty sayings were found in the same Daniel, to whom the king put the name of Belteshazzar; now let Daniel be called out, and he will cause the interpretation to come alive.

13 Then Daniel was thrust in before the face of the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, *Are*

you that Daniel who *is* out of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king, my father, brought out of Judaea?

14 And I have attentively heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light, and intelligence, and preeminent wisdom are found in you.

15 And now the wise have been thrust in before me, those who whisper enchantments, that they should call out this writing and make known its interpretation to me, and they were not able to cause the interpretation of the word to come alive;

16 And I have attentively heard of you, that you are able to open up interpretations, and free knotty sayings; now if you are able to call out the writing, and make known its interpretation to me, you shall be clothed with purple, and a necklace of gold upon your neck, and you shall govern as third ruler in the kingdom.

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

18 Oh king, God Most High gave to Nebuchadnezzar, your father, a kingdom, and greatness, and honor, and magnificence;

19 And out of the greatness that he gave him, all people, communities, and tongues were shaking and *they* tip-toed when before him; he cut off in death whom he pleased, and he let live whom he pleased, and he raised up whom

he pleased, and he put down whom he pleased.

20 And when his heart was raised up and his spirit was overpoweringly obstinate in pride, he was deposed from the throne of his kingdom, and they caused his honor to pass on from him;

21 And he was driven from the children of mortal men, and his heart was made like the living creatures, and his dwelling *was* with the wild donkeys; they fed him grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until that he knew by seeing that the God Most High is powerful in the kingdom of mortal men, and that he raises up over it whomever he pleases.

22 And you his son, Oh Belshazzar, have not looked down on your heart with harshness, even though you knew by seeing all this,

23 And have exalted yourself against the Master of the Heavens, and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your magnates, your queens and your concubines, have drunk wine in them; and you have addressed loudly the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which do not gaze, and do not attentively hear, and do not know by seeing, and you have not magnified the God in whose hand *is* your breath and whose *are* all your ways;

24 Then the palm of the hand was sent from before him, and this writing was written.

DANIEL 6 *The new law of Darius not to pray to any god except him for 30 days; Daniel prays to God*

25 And this *is* the writing that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the word; MENE; God has weighed out your kingdom and completed it.

27 TEKEL; You are weighed in the balances and are found wanting.

28 PERES; Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then Belshazzar said to, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and a necklace of gold about his neck, and proclaimed concerning him, that he should be third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, was cut off in death.

31 And Darius, the Median, took the kingdom, a son of sixty-two years.

CHAPTER 6

1 It was beautiful to Darius to raise up over the kingdom a hundred and twenty governors, who should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And these three royal ministers *were* above, of whom Daniel *was* first, that the governors *of large provinces* were to give judicial account to them that there should be no loss to the king.

3 Then this Daniel was eminent above the royal ministers and governors because a preeminent spirit *was* in him, and the king thought to raise him over the whole kingdom.

4 Then the royal ministers and governors were seeking to find a pretext against Daniel concerning the kingdom, and they were not able to find a pretext nor a destructive act, inasmuch as he *was* faithful, and there was no error or fault found in him.

5 Then these mighty men said that, We shall not find any pretext against this Daniel except we find *it* against him concerning the royal law of his God.

6 Then these royal ministers and governors tumultuously assembled together to the king, and thus said to him, King Darius, live forever.

7 All the royal ministers of the kingdom, the superintendents, and the governors, the advisors, and the mayors, have consulted together to raise up a legal royal edict, and to make it strong legally, that whoever shall seek a request from any god or mortal man for thirty days, except from you, Oh king, shall be placed in the den of lions.

8 Now, Oh king, raise up the legal decree, and record the writing, that it not be changed, according to the royal law of the Medes and Persians which does not pass away.

9 Therefore king Darius recorded the writing and the legal decree.

10 And when Daniel knew that the writing was recorded, he thrust himself into his house, and his windows *being* open wide in his second story room opposite Jerusalem, he knelt upon his knees three appointed times a day, and prayed,

Daniel in the den of lions who did not hurt him; the lions killed those who put him there **DANIEL 6**
and raised his hands before his God as he was doing.

11 Then these mighty men tumultuously assembled and found Daniel asking and stooping down for grace before his God.

12 Then they drew near and said before the king concerning the king's legal decree, Have you not recorded a legal decree that every mortal man who shall ask from any God or mortal man within thirty days except you, Oh king, shall be placed in the den of lions? The king answered and said, The word is fixed according to the royal law of the Medes and Persians which does not pass away.

13 Then they answered and said before the king, That Daniel who *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah does not put you as any account, Oh king, and the legal decree that you have recorded, and three appointed times a day asks his request.

14 Then the king, when he attentively heard *these* words, stunk in his own sight, and put *his* mind upon Daniel to free him, and he endeavored until the setting of the sun to snatch him out.

15 Then these mighty men tumultuously assembled to the king, and said to the king, Know by seeing, Oh king, that the royal law of the Medes and Persians is, That no legal decree and legally raised up edict which the king has raised up may be changed.

16 Then the king said, and they brought Daniel, and placed him in the den of lions. The king answered and said to Daniel, Your God to

whom you are open to serve constantly, he will free you.

17 And one stone was brought and put upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his signet ring and with the signet ring of his magnates, that *their* will concerning Daniel might not be changed.

18 Then the king departed to his palace, and passed the night in hunger, and instruments of music were not thrust in before him, and his sleep departed from him.

19 Then the king rose in the dawn, in haste in the dawn, and departed in haste to the den of lions.

20 And when he drew near to the den, he shrieked to Daniel with a lamenting voice; the king answered and said to Daniel, Oh Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, to whom you are open to serve constantly, able to free you from the lions?

21 Then Daniel spoke to the king, Oh king, live forever.

22 My God has sent his Messenger and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me, inasmuch as transparent innocence was found in me before him, and also, Oh king, I have done no hurt before you.

23 Then the king greatly rejoiced over him, and said they should bring Daniel up out of the den. And Daniel was brought up out of the den, and no hurt was found in him because he believed his God.

DANIEL 7 *Daniel's vision of the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the beast with iron teeth*

24 And the king said to, and they brought those mighty men who had chewed Daniel to bits, and they placed them into the den of lions, their children, and their wives; and they had not arrived at the bottom of the den until that the lions ruled over them, and crushed all their bones to pieces.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all people, communities, and tongues who reside in all the earth, Peace be multiplied to you.

26 From the preceding, I put a tasted judgment, That in every dominion of my kingdom they tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, because he *is the* living God, and exalted forever, and his kingdom *is* that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be* to the end.

27 He sets free and snatches out, and he works signs and miracles in the heavens and in earth, who has freed Daniel from the hand of the lions.

28 And this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. Note Isa 44:28.

CHAPTER 7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel gazed at a dream, and visions of his head upon his bed; then he wrote the dream, the head¹ of the discourse, saying:

¹ **7:1 the head of the discourse.** This is the literal statement. Apparently what he means is that he wrote the head or chief parts of what he gazed at in dreams and visions at various times, what God moved him to write. The first 6 chapters are events out of his life

2 Daniel answered and said, I was gazing at my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens gushed forth upon the great sea.

3 And four huge living creatures ascended out of the sea, this one different from that one.

4 The first *was* like a lion, and wings of an eagle *were* to him; I was gazing until that its wings were pulled off, and it was lifted up from the earth, and raised upon its feet as a mortal man, and a mortal man's heart was given to it.

5 And behold another living creature, a second, like a bear, and it raised itself up on one side, and *there were* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth, and thus they said to it, Rise up; devour much flesh.

6 After this I was gazing, and lo another, like a leopard, and to it *were* four wings of a bird upon its back, and four heads *were* on the

story that God's Holy Spirit led him to record for our blessing. Chapters 7 - 12 are dreams and visions he gazed at that cover the events from Daniel's day all the way through the first and second comings of the Messiah, the Anointed One. The first vision in chapter 7 is the most comprehensive covering the entire span of history from his day to the end of time. The other three visions treat emphasized periods within the overall time frame. The four main world empires cover the entire time frame. They are the Babylonian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman, all four of which are seen in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in chapter 2. The Roman empire covers the entire last days, falling apart a few hundred years after the first coming of Jesus, with attempts to revive on various occasions since that time, and revived in the end times before His second coming. Actually the last world empire is composed of the most prominent elements of all four of the empires, especially the Roman and the Babylonian, and is called Babylon, Rev 14:8; 16:19; 18:2, 10, 21.

The Ancient of Days on His throne; the Son of Mortal Man; the saints shall take the kingdom **DANIEL 7**
living creature, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I was gazing in the night visions, and behold a fourth living creature, causing all to slink back in fear, and well loined, and preeminently strong, and huge teeth of iron *were* to it; it ate, and crushed in pieces, and trampled the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the living creatures that were before it, and ten horns *were* to it. Rev 13:1

8 I was gaining intelligence of the horns, and behold, another little horn ascended among them; three of the first horns *were* plucked up by the roots from before him, and behold *there were* eyes like the eyes of a mortal man in this horn and a mouth speaking huge things.

9 I was gazing until that the thrones were placed,⁹ and the Ancient of days sat down, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne *was like* a flame of fire, and his wheels *as* fire flaming. Rev 20:4

⁹ **7:9 were placed, remah.** The meaning of *remah* is not cast down or throw down, but to place. It is found only in Ezra and Daniel, and in Ezra 7:24 it cannot mean cast down or throw down. In all the places where it appears in Daniel place makes perfectly good sense, Dan 3:6, 11, 15, 20, 21, 24; 6:7, 12, 16, 24. The thrones placed are thrones for God's people who will judge the world with Him. This is obvious when you read 7:22, **judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the appointed time came to be that the saints possessed the kingdom,** and 7:27, **the kingdom under all the heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High.** See 1 Cor 6:2; Mat 19:28; Luk 22:30; Rev 1:6; 3:21; 4:4; 20:4.

10 A river of fire flowed in front *of him*, and issued out from before him; a thousand thousands ministered in brilliance to him, and a myriad of myriads rose up before him; the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I was gazing then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke; I was gazing until that the living creature was cut off in death, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning fire.

12 And *as to* the rest of the living creatures - their dominion was passed on, and being lengthened, their lives were lengthened for an appointed season and a set time.

13 I was gazing in the night visions, and behold, *one* with the clouds of the heavens like the Son of Mortal Man was coming, and he arrived to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. Mat 24:30

14 And there were given to him dominion, and heavy honor, and a kingdom that all peoples, communities, and tongues should open up to serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 I was pierced in my spirit, I, Daniel, in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head caused me to tremble.

16 I drew near to one of them who rose up, and asked from him the certainty of all this. And he talked with me, and he caused me to know by seeing the interpretation of the words.

DANIEL 8 *The fourth kingdom; the ten horns; the saints possess the kingdom; the ram and male goat*

17 These great living creatures, they which *are* four, *are* four kings; they shall rise up out of the earth.

18 And the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

19 Then I wanted the truth: about the fourth living creature which was different from all the others, preeminently dreadful, whose teeth *were* iron and his nails of brass *who* devoured - crushed in pieces and trampled the remainder with his feet,

20 And about the ten horns that *were* in his head, and the other which came up and fell from before *the* three, even about that horn to whom *were* eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look was greater than his companions.

21 I was gazing, and this horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them,

22 Until that the Ancient of Days arrived, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the appointed time came to be that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth living creature shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall eat up the whole earth, and shall trample it down, and crush it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings *who* shall rise up, and another shall rise after them, and he shall be different from
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the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change appointed times and laws, and they shall be given into his hand until a year and *two* years and a half year.²⁵Rev 13:7

26 And the judgment shall sit, and they shall cause his dominion to pass on, to consume and to destroy *it* to the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under all the heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall be opened to serve and attentively hear him.

28 Up to this *is* the end of the word. As for me, Daniel, my grasping for its meaning caused me to greatly tremble, and my cheerfulness changed in me, and I guarded the word in my heart.

CHAPTER 8

1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision was seen by me! By me, Daniel, after that which was seen by me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it was when I saw that I *was* at Shushan in the palace which *is* in the province of Elam, and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

²⁵ 7:25 Both Strong and Gesenius agree that the meaning of *'iddan* is year, not an indefinite period of time.

The ram (Persia) and male goat (Alexander, Greeks); the little horn (Antiochus Epiphanes, AntiChrist) **DANIEL 8**

3 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, one ram stood before the face of the river, and to him *were* two horns, and the two horns *were* high, and the one was higher than the second, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram butting westward, and northward, and southward, and none of the living creatures might stand before his face, and there was not any who could snatch out of his hand, but he did as he pleased, and became great.

5 And as I was discerning, behold, a male of the goats came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and was not touching the earth, and to the male goat *was* a horn to be gazed at between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram which *was* lord of the two horns, which I had seen standing before the face of the river, and rushed toward him in the heat of his power.

7 And I saw him touch the side of the ram, and he was bitter against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before his face, and he threw him down to the earth, and walked abusively upon him, and there was none who could snatch the ram out of his hand.

8 And the male goat of the goats became exceedingly great, and when he was mighty the great horn was broken, and there came up four to be gazed at in its place toward the four winds of the heavens.

9 And out of one of them came a little horn, and became exceedingly great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the *land of* splendor.

10 And it became great unto the host of the heavens, and it caused some of the host and of the stars to fall to the earth, and walked abusively upon them.

11 And he made himself great against the Chief Ruler of the host, and the continual *sacrifice* was lifted away by him, and the fixed place of his sanctuary was thrown down.

12 And a host was given *him* against the continual *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it threw down the truth to the earth, and it did *it* and prospered.

13 And I attentively heard one saint speaking, and one saint said to that certain one who spoke, How long *shall be* the vision of the continual *sacrifice*, and the transgression of the stunned devastation to give both the sanctuary and the host to be walked on abusively?

14 And he said to me, Unto dusk to dawn, two thousand and three hundred, and the sanctuary shall be vindicated as right.

15 And it was, when I, I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the understanding, then, behold, there stood in front of me as the appearance of a mighty man.

16 And I attentively heard a man's voice between *the banks* of Ulai, and he called out, and said, Gabriel, cause this one to understand the vision.

DANIEL 9 *The kingdom of Alexander the Great divid into four; the AntiChrist; Daniel's prayer and confession*

17 And he came near where I stood, and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face, and he said to me, Understand, son of man, because the vision *shall be* at the time of the end.

18 And as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the earth, and he touched me, and stood me up standing.

19 And he said, Behold, I will cause you to know by seeing what shall be in the last end of the outrage, because the end *shall be* at the appointed meeting¹⁹.

20 The ram which you saw, lord of *two* horns, *is* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the shaggy male goat *is* the king of Greece, and the great horn that *is* between his eyes is the first king.

22 And as to that which was broken, and four stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the peoples, and not in his power.

23 And in the last end of their kingdom when the moral breakings away are complete, a king of a forceful face shall stand up and understand riddles.

24 And his power *is* mighty, and not by his own power, and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and do *it*, and shall de-

stroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his intelligent success he shall cause fraud to prosper in his hand, and he shall make himself great in his own heart, and shall destroy many by tranquil security, and he shall also stand up against the Chief Ruler of chief rulers, and he shall be broken without a hand.

26 And the vision of the dusk and the dawn about which was said, it *is* true, and you shut up the vision, because it *shall be* for many days.

27 And I, Daniel, was *overcome*, and was worn *out* for days, and I rose up, and did the king's work, and I was stunned at the vision, and none understood it.

CHAPTER 9

1 In *the* first year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans,

2 In *the* first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years, which was the word of Jehovah to Jeremiah, the prophet, that he would fulfill for the desolations of Jerusalem in seventy years. Jer 25:11-12; 29:10

3 And I gave my face to the Lord God to seek by judging in prayer and earnest prayers for grace with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes;

4 And I judged in prayer to Jehovah, my God, and held out my hand, and said, Oh Lord, the great and fearful God, hedging about the covenant and mercy to them who

¹⁹ 8:19 appointed meeting, *mowed*, the same word that is used of the tent of appointed meeting, referring to the tabernacle where Jehovah God met with His people by appointment. Specific meeting times between God and His people were scheduled throughout the year and each week. The end is also an appointed meeting that everyone shall make, on time, and shall not be late.

love him, and to them who hedge about his commandments,

5 We have sinned and have been crooked; we have done wickedly, and have rebelled, and have departed from your commandments and from your pronounced judgments;

6 And we have not attentively listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our chief rulers, and our fathers, and to all the people of the earth.

7 Unto you, Oh Lord, *is* righteousness, and to us shameful confusion of faces, as this day, to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near, and who are far off, through all the lands there where you have driven them, because of their treacherous cover ups that they have treacherously covered up against you.

8 Oh Jehovah, to us *is* shameful confusion of face, to our kings, to our chief rulers, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9 To the Lord, our God, *are* compassions and forgivenesses, because we have rebelled against him;

10 And we have not attentively heard the voice of Jehovah, our God, to walk in his laws, which he gave before our face by the hand of his servants, the prophets.

11 And all Israel has crossed over your law, and departed, failing to attentively hear your voice, and the curse has been poured out upon us, and the oath that is writ-

ten in the law of Moses, the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he has raised up his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil, which has not been done under the entire heavens as what has been done upon Jerusalem.

13 All this evil has come upon us as *it is* written in the law of Moses, and we have not rubbed the face of Jehovah, our God, that we might turn from our crookednesses and be intelligently successful in your truth.

14 And Jehovah has been sleepless upon the evil, and brought it upon us because righteous *is* Jehovah, our God, in all his works which he does, and we have not attentively heard his voice.

15 And now, Lord our God, who has brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and has made for yourself a name as this day, we have sinned; we have done wickedly.

16 Oh Jehovah, according to all your righteousness, please, let your *burning* nostrils and your heat be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain, because of our sins and of the crookednesses of our fathers Jerusalem and your people *are* a disgrace to all those around us.

17 And now, Our God, attentively hear the judging in prayer of your servant, and to his earnest prayers for grace, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary that is a stunned desolation, for the

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Seventy weeks are cut out upon your people and holy city

Lord's sake.

18 My God, spread out your ear, and attentively hear; open your eyes, and see our stunned devastations, and the city which is called by your name, because we do not fall down with earnest prayers for grace before your face upon our righteousness but upon your great compassions.

19 Oh Lord, attentively hear; Oh Lord, forgive; Oh Lord, prick up your ears, and do; do not delay for your own sake, Oh my God, because your name is called out upon your city and upon your people.

20 And while I *was* speaking, and judging in prayer, and holding out my hand for my sin and the sin of my people, Israel, and falling down to ask for grace before the face of Jehovah, my God, for the holy mountain of my God,

21 And while I *was* speaking, judging in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to go swiftly touched me about the time of the food offering at dusk.

22 And he caused *me* to understand, and talked with me, and said, Oh Daniel, I am now come out to cause you to be intelligently successful in understanding.

23 At the beginning of your earnest prayers for grace the word came out, and I am come to cause *it* to stand out boldly *to you*, because you are greatly beloved; and understand the word, and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks^{2 4a} are cut out^{2 4b} upon your people and upon your holy city to shut off the transgression, and to seal off sins, and to cover crookedness, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Holy of Holies.

25 And know by seeing and be intelligently successful: from the going out of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem to Messiah Commander^{2 5} *shall be* seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks, to turn back, and build the street, and the moat, and in distressing times.

26 And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, and not for himself; and the city and the sanctuary shall be destroyed by the people's commander who shall come, and its end *shall be* with a flood, and to the end of the war stunned devastations are determined.

27 And he shall cause the covenant to prevail with many one week, and in the middle of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the food offering to cease, and at the extremity of the filthy disgusting things he shall cause it to be stunned devastations, even until the completion, and that determined shall be

^{24a} **9:24 weeks**, *shabuwa*, a form of the word seven. Strong says a week of years, that is, seventy times 7, or 490 years.

^{24b} **9:24 cut out**, *chathak*, to cut out as cutting out a dress or shirt so that it has a definite beginning and a definite end, so that it fits perfectly.

²⁵ **9:25 Messiah Commander**, *Mashiyach Nagiyd*. **Messiah** is Anointed One, and *Nagiyd* is Commander, one who is out front, one who stands out boldly, who gives the commands. It is the noun form of *nagad*, to cause to stand out boldly.

Daniel's praying and fasting; Michael standing against the chief rulers of Persia and Greece **DANIEL 10**
poured out upon the stunned devastation. Note Rev 17:1

CHAPTER 10

1 In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called by the name of Belteshazzar; and the word *was* true, and *involved* a great host; and he understood the word, and understanding *was* to him of the vision.

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

3 I did not eat any pleasant food, and meat and wine did not come into my mouth, and anointing, I did not anoint myself, until three weeks of days were fulfilled.

4 And in the twenty-fourth day of the first new moon, as I was upon the bank of the great river, which *is* Hiddekel,⁴

5 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold one man was clothed in linen whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz;

6 And his body *was* like the topaz, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flames of fire, and his outstretched arms and his feet like the eye of polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a tumultuous multitude.

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

8 And I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there did not remain any power in me; and my glorious authority was turned into corruption in me, and I did not retain any power.

9 And I attentively heard the voice of his words, and when I attentively heard the voice of his words, then I was in a deep sleep upon my face and my face *was* toward the earth.

10 And behold, a hand touched me and moved me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, Oh Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upon your standing *place*, because now I am sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me I stood shuddering.

12 And he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel, because from the first day that you gave your heart to understand and to look down on yourself with harshness before the face of your God, your words were attentively heard, and I have come for your words.

13 But the chief ruler of the kingdom of Persia stood against me twenty-one days, and lo, Michael, one of the chief rulers, came to help me, and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 And I come to cause you to understand what shall happen to your people in the last days because the vision *is* yet for *many* days.

⁴ 10:4 Hiddekel, Tigris, Gen 1:14.

DANIEL 11 *The fourth king of Persia rich/ powerful (Xerxes); The king of the South, Ptolemy of Egypt*

15 And when he had spoken to me these words, I gave my face toward the earth, and I became tongue-tied.

16 And behold, *one* as the likeness of the sons of men touched upon my lips, and I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to him who stood in front of me, Oh my Lord, by the vision my pressures are turned upon me, and I have retained no power.

17 And how can the servant of this my Lord talk with this my Lord? And as for me, at the time there remained no power in me, and there was no breath left in me.

18 And again *one* like the appearance of a man touched me, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, Do not fear, Oh man, greatly beloved; peace to you! Be strong! And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my Lord speak, because you have strengthened me.

20 And he said, Do you know why I come to you? And now I will turn back to devour with the chief ruler of Persia, and when I have gone out, then lo, the chief ruler of Greece shall come.

21 But I will to cause to stand out boldly to you what *is* recorded in the Writing of Truth, and there does not exist one who strengthens me in these things but Michael, your chief ruler.

CHAPTER 11

1 And I, in the first year of Darius, the Mede, stood to strengthen and to fortify him.

2 And now I will cause the truth to stand out boldly to you. Behold, there shall yet stand up three kings in Persia, and the fourth shall be richer, greater than all of them in riches, and through his strength of riches he shall wake up all against the kingdom of Greece.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, and shall rule with great dominion, and do as he pleases.

4 And when he shall stand up his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of the heavens, and not to his posterity, and not according to his empire which he ruled, because his kingdom shall be torn out, even for others separate from these.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and *one* out of his chief rulers, even he will be strong above him, and he will rule; his rule *shall be* a great rule.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an upright agreement, and she shall not retain the power of the outstretched arm; and he shall not stand, nor his outstretched arm; and she shall be given *up*, and they who brought her, and he who begot her, and he who strengthened her in these times.

7 And out of a branch of her roots one shall stand up in his station, and shall come with great resources, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall be the strongest;

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8 And also shall bring their gods, with their anointed princes, with their pleasing vessels of silver and of gold, captives into Egypt, and he shall stand *more* years than the king of the north.

9 And the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall turn back to his own soil.

10 And his sons shall be grated into anger, and shall gather a tumultuous crowd of great resources, and coming, one shall come, and flush through, and cross over, and he shall turn back, and be grated into anger to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be bitter, and shall come out and devour with him, with the king of the north, and he shall cause a great tumultuous crowd to stand up, but the tumultuous crowd shall be given into his hand.

12 And he has taken away the tumultuous crowd, and his heart shall be raised up, and he shall cause myriads to fall, and he shall not be strengthened by it.

13 And the king of the north shall turn back, and shall cause a tumultuous crowd to stand greater than the first, and after times of years, coming, he shall come with great resources and with much wealth.

14 And in those times many shall stand against the king of the south, and children of violence shall lift themselves up against your people to cause the vision to stand, and they shall totter weak legged.

15 And the king of the north shall come, and mound up a military mound, and capture a fortified city, and the outstretched arms of the south shall not stand, nor his chosen people, and there shall not exist any power to stand.

16 And he who comes against him shall do as he pleases, and none shall stand before his face, and he shall stand in the land of splendor, and it shall be finished by his hand.

17 And he shall put his face to enter with the might of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus he shall do, and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her, and she shall not stand, and shall not be for him.

18 And he shall put his face toward the habitable places, and shall capture many, and a ruler shall cause the disgrace to cease for him, except his own disgrace turns back to him.

19 And he shall turn his face back toward the fort of his own land, and he shall totter weak legged, and fall, and not be found.

20 And *there* shall stand up upon his standing place one who crosses over to drive the Honor²⁰ of the kingdom, and within a unit of days he shall be broken, and not with burning nostrils, and not in war.

21 And upon his standing place shall stand up one despised, to whom they shall not give the glorious authority of the kingdom, and he shall come in with tranquil security, and seize the kingdom by smooth treachery.

²⁰ 11:20 Honor, *heder*, honor, used this once in the Bible referring to Jerusalem as the prized honor of the kingdom of Israel.

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The king of the north, Syria, Antiochus Epiphanes; the AntiChrist

22 And with the outstretched arms of a flood they shall be flushed from before his face, and shall be broken, and also the commander of the covenant.

23 And out of the league with him he shall do deceitfully, and he shall come up, and shall become strong with a few people.

24 He shall enter with tranquil security, and upon the fattest places of the province, and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and collected property, and he shall calculate his devices against the fortified cities and until a time.

25 And he shall wake up his power and his heart against the king of the south with great resources, and the king of the south shall be awakened to battle with great resources and exceedingly mighty, and he shall not stand because they shall calculate devices against him.

26 And they who eat of his dainty food shall break him, and his resources shall be flushed *out*, and many shall fall down polluted.

27 And both of these kings' hearts shall be good for nothing, and they shall speak lies at one table, and it shall not prosper because the end shall yet be at the appointed meeting.

28 And he shall turn back into his land with a great collection of property, and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant, and he shall deal and turn back to his own land.

29 At the appointed meeting he shall turn back and come toward the south, and it shall not be as the first, or as the last.

30 And the ships of Cyprus shall come against him, and he shall be despondent, and turn back, and be enraged against the holy covenant; thus he shall do, and he shall turn back, and discern toward them who forsake the holy covenant.

31 And outstretched arms shall stand as a part of him, and they shall profane the sanctuary, the fortress, and shall take away the continual *sacrifice*, and they shall give the disgusting filthy thing³¹ that makes a stunned devastation.

³¹ **11:31 the disgusting filthy thing, *shiqquwts*.** This phrase refers to sacrifices that Antiochus Epiphanes would later make to the altar of Zeus which he would place in the temple at Jerusalem instead of the altar of Jehovah God. Daniel lived in Babylon and received this prophecy around 540-538 B.C. Antiochus Epiphanes placed this disgustingly filthy thing (the abomination of desolation of the KJV) upon the altar of the Temple in 167 B.C., 372 years later. Antiochus Epiphanes was a Greek ruler, one of the successors to the divided kingdom of Alexander the Great, that ruled Palestine and the Jews 175-164 BC, who sought to unify his empire by forcing all people to adhere to the same religion and culture, Greek. The Jews were the only ones who refused. He erected the altar of the Greek god Zeus over the altar of the burnt offering in the Temple. Jews were forced to participate in heathen festivities and were put to death if they were caught with the Book of the Law in their possession. This led to the heroic revolt of Judah Maccabaeus and his family, who fought Greek rule, until they were ruled over by the Romans.

However, since Antiochus was a picture of the Anti-Christ to come, this same phrase occurs in Dan 12:11 referring to the future, which launches the three and one-half years of Great Tribulation, and Jesus places it yet in the future in connection with the Great Tribulation of Israel in the last days, Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14. So although it is in the section describing Antiochus Epiphanes or 175-164 B.C. it is a picture and forewarning of what the Anti-Christ will do to plunge the world into the Great Tribulation.

32 And he shall corrupt the wicked against the covenant by flatteries, and the people who know by seeing their God shall seize strength, and do.

33 And they who are intelligently successful among the people shall cause many to understand, and they shall totter weak legged from the sword, and from flame, from captivity, and from spoil, *many* days.

34 And when they shall totter weak legged they shall be surrounded with help, with a little help, and many shall join themselves to them with smooth treachery.

35 And some of them of intelligent success shall totter weak legged to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, to the time of the end because it is yet for an appointed meeting.

36 And the king shall do as he pleases, and he shall exalt himself, and make himself great above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the Almighty of gods, and shall prosper until the outrage is finished, because what is determined shall be done. See Note on 11:31

37 And he shall not understand about the god of his fathers, and about the desire of women, and he shall not understand about any god, because he shall make himself great above all.

38 And in his standing place he shall give heavy glory to the god of fortresses,³⁸ and he shall make

³⁸ 11:38 god of fortresses, *eloah maa'uziym*. Since he will not discern any significance in any god, he will makes fortresses, military fortresses and equipment, the thing he believes in; since he makes the military

heavy in glory a god whom his fathers did not know with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 And he shall do *things* in the fortress of fortresses with a strange god; he will increase those who recognize him with heavy glory, and he shall cause them to rule over many, and he shall allot the soil *to them* as payment.

40 And at the time of the end the king of the south shall butt at him, and the king of the north shall fear him, and he shall come into the lands with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships, and shall flush through, and cross over.

41 And he shall enter into the land of splendor, and many shall totter weak legged, but these shall escape out of his hand, Edom, and Moab, and the head of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall send out his hand also upon the lands, and the land of Egypt shall not be escaping.

43 And he shall rule over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.

44 And tidings out of the east and out of the north shall cause him to tremble, and he shall go out in great heat to desolate and to devote many *to destruction*⁴⁴. Ezk 38-39; Rev 16:12-14

fortresses, then he makes himself god, which is what verse 37 says, **he shall magnify himself above all**. All of his forefathers trusted a god or gods. He will not discern any significance in any god of his fathers, and shall trust a god they never knew, himself and his military might.

⁴⁴ 11:44 **devote to destruction**, *charam*; see Note Jos 6:18.

DANIEL 12 *Instructions to Daniel who does not understand; the 3 1/2 years of Revelation*

45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas in the Mountain of Holy Splendor; and he shall come to his end, and none shall surround him with help.

See Note 11:31 Mat 24:15; Mrk 13:14.

CHAPTER 12

1 And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great chief ruler who stands for the children of your people, and there shall be a time of distress that has never been since there was a people to that time, and at that time your people shall escape, everyone found written in the book. Mat 24:21, 29; Mrk 13:24.

2 And many of them who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, these to everlasting life, and those to disgrace and everlasting revulsion. Rev 20:5, 12-14.

3 And they who are intelligently successful shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

4 And you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book unto the time of the end; many will travel, and knowledge will be increased.

5 And I looked, I, Daniel, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this *side* of the lip of the river, and the other on that *side* of the lip of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen who *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *is* the end of these miracles?

7 And I attentively heard the man clothed in linen, who *was* upon the waters of the river, and he raised

up his right hand and his left hand to the heavens, and swore by him who lives forever that it shall be for an appointed time, appointed times, and a half; and when he shall have finished dashing to pieces the hand of *the* holy people, all these shall be finished. Dan 7:25; Rev 12:14.

8 And I attentively heard, and I did not understand, and I said, Oh my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these?

9 And he said, Walk on, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 Many shall be separated in purity, and made white, and refined; and the wicked shall do wickedly, and not any of the wicked shall understand; and the intelligently successful shall understand.

11 And from the time that the continual *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the filthy disgusting thing that makes a stunned devastation is given, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Rev 12:2, 3.

12 Righteously happy is he who waits, and reaches the thousand, three hundred and thirty-five days^{1 2}.

13 And you, walk on until the end, and you shall rest, and stand in your lot at the end of the days.

¹² 12:11-12. I am not aware of any place in the Bible that explains the purpose of the extra 30 days beyond the 1,260 days (42 months, three and one-half years), nor the extra 45 days beyond that. My own opinion is that it is time for setting up the administration of the One Thousand Years Reign of Christ on earth. As to the exact details, we will have to wait until it happens to know exactly.