

# DANIEL

## End Times Study

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## Prophecies in Daniel

### Daniel Chapter 2 603 BC

Head of gold	Babylon
Chest of silver	Media/Persia (539 BC)
Belly of bronze	Greece (331 BC)
Legs of iron	Rome (31 BC)
A divided kingdom	Rome divided into Western and Eastern Empires (395 AD)
Partly of iron	Eastern Rome (Byzantium) lasted until 1453 AD!
Partly of clay	Western Rome (sacked and destroyed 476 AD)
In the time of those kings.... The church was established during the time of Rome.	
Will never be destroyed Amen!	
How did Daniel know all this in 603 BC?	

### Daniel Chapter 7 553 BC

Lion	Babylon
Heart of a man	Nebuchadnezzar
Bear	Media/Persia
Three ribs	Babylon, Lydia, Egypt
Leopard	Greece
Four heads	The four dynasties/empires which succeeded Alexander
A terrible beast	Rome!
Ten horns	The first ten emperors of Rome (Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, Vespasian, Titus)
Eleventh horn	Domitian, the first systematic persecutor of the church
Uprooted three horns	Galba, Otho and Vitellius
Spoke Boastfully Demanded to be worshipped as a god	
Changed set times and laws	Decreed a new month: Domitianus
Waged war against the saints	Persecutions of Domitian
The Ancient of Days	In rides Jesus!! An everlasting kingdom

### Daniel Chapter 8 551 BC

Ram with two horns Media /Persian empire  
 Longer but grew up later Cyrus/Persia  
 Charged west, north and south Babylon (west), Lydia (north) and Egypt (south)  
 Goat with a prominent horn Greece/Alexander the Great  
 Charged from the West True!  
 At the height of his power Alexander died at 33 yrs (323 BC)  
 Four prominent horns Alexander's successors Lysimachus (west), Cassander (north), Ptolemy (south) and Antigonus (east)  
 Out of one of them... Seleucus, general of Ptolemy I established a new dynasty  
 Toward Beautiful Land Conquered Palestine under Antiochus III  
 Reached host of heavens Antiochus IV Epiphanes The bad guy!  
 Domitian of OT  
 Took away daily sacrifice 167 BC  
 2300 evenings and mornings Dec 167-Dec 25, 164 BC  
 Hannukkuh

**Daniel Chapter 9:20-27**

Seventy sevens 490 Years  
 Atone for wickedness etc. Jesus Christ  
 From the decree to restore Decree of Artaxerxes 458 BC + 490 = 32 AD and rebuild Jerusalem  
 The people of the ruler will come 70 AD Jerusalem destroyed under Titus  
 Put an end to sacrifice 70 AD Temple destroyed forever  
 Abomination of desolation Pagan rites on temple site

**Daniel 11**

Kings of the North Seleucid emperors, their generals and family  
 Kings of the South Ptolemaic emperors, their generals and family

This is a point-by-point, year-by-year, ruler-by-ruler, war-by-war account of the wars between the Seleucids and the Ptolemies from about 312BC until 164 BC

The great persecutions under Antiochus Epiphanes  
 "Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will

still come at the appointed time."  
 Israel never again struggled with idolatry or with other pagan religions. They were truly refined until the time of the coming of Jesus.

Daniel 11:36-45 The final destruction of the Greek powers: the Ptolemies under Cleopatra and Marc Antony are defeated at the battle of Actium. 31 BC

It is also a preview of events during and leading up to the Tribulation.

**THE TIME OF THE GENTILES (THE NATIONS) 30 A.D. → 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING**

WITH THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY, THE 'TIMES OF THE GENTILES' BEGINS.

'THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES' IS A MISINTERPRETED BIBLICAL PHRASE.

IT IS BETTER TRANSLATED 'TIMES OF THE NATIONS'

Strong's # 1484 ethnos (eth'-nos); probably from 1486; a race (as of the same habit), i.e. a tribe; specially, a foreign (non-Jewish) one (usually by implication, pagan): KJV-- Gentile, heathen, nation, people. (DIC)

TIME OF THE NATIONS (GENTILES)

BEGINS - WITH THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

ENDS - WITH THE PEACE TREATY BETWEEN ANTI-CHRIST AND ISRAEL

DANIEL'S PROPHECIES = DAN 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, ETC.

WITH THESE EVENTS, GOD'S DEALINGS WITH MAN BEGIN TO AGAIN EXTEND BEYOND ISRAEL WHICH STARTS A DECLINE OF IT'S INFLUENCE IN THE AFFAIRS MAN WITH GOD. ISRAEL'S INFLUENCE AS GOD'S MEDIATOR ENDS WITH THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH AGE AT CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION.

THE 'GENTILE' (OTHER) NATIONS OF THE WORLD BEGIN TO ASCEND TO THE FOREFRONT OF GOD DEALING WITH MAN.

THEIR INFLUENCE WILL END WITH THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AT WHICH TIME ISRAEL WILL AGAIN MOVE QUICKLY INTO THE FOREFRONT OF GOD'S DEALINGS WITH MAN.

WITH ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF MESSIAH, THE TIME OF THE GENTILES IS IN FULL EFFECT WITH ISRAEL BECOMING A SPIRITUAL AND EVENTUALLY A POLITICAL NON-ENTITY IN WORLD AFFAIRS UNTIL THE FULLNESS (COMPLETION) OF THE TIME OF THE GENTILES IS COME IN (IS FULLY ACCOMPLISHED).

**2 KINGS 25:1-2**

*1 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.*

*2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. (KJV)*

**DAN 2:31-35**

*31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.*

*32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,*

*33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.*

*34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.*

*35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (KJV)*

**ROM 11:25**

*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (KJV)*

THROUGH DANIEL, A FAITHFUL PROPHET OF GOD, GOD REVEALED A GREAT DEAL OF HUMAN HISTORY BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE.

THIS OCCURRED WHILE DANIEL AND JUDAH WERE IN THE BABYLONIAN AND MEDO-PERSIAN CAPTIVITY THAT FOLLOWED.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL CONTAINS SEVERAL INFORMATIVE AND PUZZLING DREAMS AND VISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THOSE DREAMS AND VISION.

SOME HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY FULFILLED AS PROOF TO ALL OF THE ACCURACY AND VALIDITY OF THE PROPHECY DANIEL WAS GIVEN....

OF THESE, MOST PAST EVENTS ARE SIMPLY PRECURSORS TO A SECOND AND FINAL FULFILLMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE 'LAST DAYS' AT 'END OF TIME'...

OTHERS STILL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DAY AND HAVE YET TO BE FULFILLED.

**DANIEL'S VISIONS, DREAMS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

DAN 2 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE GREAT IMAGE

DAN 4 - NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE GREAT TREE

DAN 5 - DANIEL INTERPRETS THE HAND WRITING ON THE WALL

DAN 7 - DANIEL'S DREAM OF THE 4 WILD BEASTS

DAN 8 - DANIEL'S DREAM OF THE RAM AND THE HE GOAT

DAN 9 - DANIEL'S VISION OF THE 70 SEVENS AND THE LITTLE HORN

DAN 10 - DANIEL'S LAST VISION - ISRAEL IN THE LAST DAYS

DAN 11-12 - HISTORY TO ANTI-CHRIST

**6 GENTILE EMPIRES RULED ISRAEL**

BABYLON 586-539 BC

MEDIA 539-530 BC

PERSIA 530-334 BC

GREECE 334-323 BC

EGYPT 323- 30 BC

REV 17:10

5 HAVE FALLEN

1 IS NOW; ROME 30BC

1 IS TO COME: FUTURE - REVIVED ROME (E.U.??)

REV 17:11

THE RULE OF ANTI-CHRIST

THE BEAST IS THE 8TH

**DAN 2:31-45**

**DAN 7:1-28**

**REV 13:1,2**

BABYLONIAN

LION

REGAL SPLENDOR/KINGSHIP

MEDO-PERSIAN

BEAR

STRENGTH/POWER

GRECIAN

LEOPARD

SPEED/QUICKNESS

ROMAN

BEAST

WITH 10 HORNS

**NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE**

HEAD	GOLD	BABYLON UNDER NEBUCHADNEZZAR
BREAST/ARMS	SILVER	2 ARMS-MEDIA/PERSIA-MEDO- PERSIAN EMPIRE
BELLY/THIGHS	BRONZE	GREECE (EGYPT)
LEGS	IRON	ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE
FEET	IRON/CLAY	(PART OF EACH - NOT MIXED)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REPRESENTING A 10 NATION CONFEDERACY MADE UP OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS UNIFIED BUT SEPARATE OR</li> <li>• POSSIBLY REPRESENTING 5 MIDDLE EASTERN (TOES ON 1 FOOT) AND EUROPEAN (WEST) NATIONS (TOES ON THE OTHER FOOT), OR</li> <li>• POSSIBLY A MIX OF SUERNATURAL AND HUMAN (IRON MIXED W CLAY re GEN 6)</li> </ul>

AMONG DANIEL'S DREAMS AND VISIONS ARE NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S GREAT IMAGE IN DANIEL 2.

IT IS ACTUALLY A CONDENSED OUTLINE OF THE DOMINIONS OF THE WORLD UNTIL THE END OF THE TIMES OF THE NATIONS

4 MAJOR EMPIRES WERE TO RISE AND FALL:

BABYLON  
MEDO-PERSIA  
GREECE  
ROME

A 5TH EMPIRE IS DESCRIBED WHICH IS JESUS' ETERNAL KINGDOM

DAN 2:44

*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. (KJV)*

DAN 7:14

*And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (KJV)*

**DANIEL 1:1-21**

**1 IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH CAME NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON UNTO JERUSALEM, AND BESIEGED IT.**

**2 AND THE LORD GAVE JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH INTO HIS HAND, WITH PART OF THE VESSELS OF THE HOUSE OF GOD: WHICH HE CARRIED INTO THE LAND OF SHINAR TO THE HOUSE OF HIS GOD; AND HE BROUGHT THE VESSELS INTO THE TREASURE HOUSE OF HIS GOD.**

**3 AND THE KING SPAKE UNTO ASHPENAZ THE MASTER OF HIS EUNUCHS, THAT HE SHOULD BRING CERTAIN OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND OF THE KING'S SEED, AND OF THE PRINCES;**

**4 CHILDREN IN WHOM WAS NO BLEMISH, BUT WELL FAVOURED, AND SKILFUL IN ALL WISDOM, AND CUNNING IN KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE, AND SUCH AS HAD ABILITY IN THEM TO STAND IN THE KING'S PALACE, AND WHOM THEY MIGHT TEACH THE LEARNING AND THE TONGUE OF THE CHALDEANS.**

**5 AND THE KING APPOINTED THEM A DAILY PROVISION OF THE KING'S MEAT, AND OF THE WINE WHICH HE DRANK: SO NOURISHING THEM THREE YEARS, THAT AT THE END THEREOF THEY MIGHT STAND BEFORE THE KING.**

**6 NOW AMONG THESE WERE OF THE CHILDREN OF JUDAH, DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH:**

**7 UNTO WHOM THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS GAVE NAMES: FOR HE GAVE UNTO DANIEL THE NAME OF BELTESHAZZAR; AND TO HANANIAH, OF SHADRACH; AND TO MISHAEL, OF MESHACH; AND TO AZARIAH, OF ABEDNEGO.**

**8 BUT DANIEL PURPOSED IN HIS HEART THAT HE WOULD NOT DEFILE HIMSELF WITH THE PORTION OF THE KING'S MEAT, NOR WITH THE WINE WHICH HE DRANK: THEREFORE HE REQUESTED OF THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS THAT HE MIGHT NOT DEFILE HIMSELF.**

**9 NOW GOD HAD BROUGHT DANIEL INTO FAVOUR AND TENDER LOVE WITH THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS.**

**10 AND THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS SAID UNTO DANIEL, I FEAR MY LORD THE KING, WHO HATH APPOINTED YOUR MEAT AND YOUR DRINK: FOR WHY SHOULD HE SEE YOUR FACES WORSE LIKING THAN THE CHILDREN WHICH ARE OF YOUR SORT? THEN SHALL YE MAKE ME ENDANGER MY HEAD TO THE KING.**

**11 THEN SAID DANIEL TO MELZAR, WHOM THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS HAD SET OVER DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH,**

**12 PROVE THY SERVANTS, I BESEECH THEE, TEN DAYS; AND LET THEM**

**GIVE US PULSE TO EAT, AND WATER TO DRINK.**

**13 THEN LET OUR COUNTENANCES BE LOOKED UPON BEFORE THEE, AND THE COUNTENANCE OF THE CHILDREN THAT EAT OF THE PORTION OF THE KING'S MEAT: AND AS THOU SEEST, DEAL WITH THY SERVANTS.**

**14 SO HE CONSENTED TO THEM IN THIS MATTER, AND PROVED THEM TEN DAYS.**

**15 AND AT THE END OF TEN DAYS THEIR COUNTENANCES APPEARED FAIRER AND FATTER IN FLESH THAN ALL THE CHILDREN WHICH DID EAT THE PORTION OF THE KING'S MEAT.**

**16 THUS MELZAR TOOK AWAY THE PORTION OF THEIR MEAT, AND THE WINE THAT THEY SHOULD DRINK; AND GAVE THEM PULSE.**

**17 AS FOR THESE FOUR CHILDREN, GOD GAVE THEM KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN ALL LEARNING AND WISDOM: AND DANIEL HAD UNDERSTANDING IN ALL VISIONS AND DREAMS.**

**18 NOW AT THE END OF THE DAYS THAT THE KING HAD SAID HE SHOULD BRING THEM IN, THEN THE PRINCE OF THE EUNUCHS BROUGHT THEM IN BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR.**

**19 AND THE KING COMMUNED WITH THEM; AND AMONG THEM ALL WAS FOUND NONE LIKE DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH: THEREFORE STOOD THEY BEFORE THE KING.**

**20 AND IN ALL MATTERS OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THAT THE KING INQUIRED OF THEM, HE FOUND THEM TEN TIMES BETTER THAN ALL THE MAGICIANS AND ASTROLOGERS THAT WERE IN ALL HIS REALM.**

**21 AND DANIEL CONTINUED EVEN UNTO THE FIRST YEAR OF KING CYRUS. (KJV)**

ISAIAH, A CENTURY BEFORE THE EVENT, PROPHESED TO ISRAEL'S KING HEZEKIAH, THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE TAKEN CAPTIVE BY BABYLON.

**ISA 39:5-7**

*5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:*

*6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.*

*7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. (KJV)*

WHEN THE EVENT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, DANIEL WAS ONE OF THE CAPTIVES TAKEN BACK TO BABYLON BY

NEBUCHADNEZZAR. DANIEL BEING OF ROYAL BLOOD (AND HIGHLY EDUCATED) WAS TAKEN INTO NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PALACE TO SERVE.

**DAN 3:3**

*Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. (KJV)*

BABYLON WAS WHERE IDOLATRY HAD IT'S BEGINNING.

IT WAS THE HOME OF NIMROD AND THE LOCATION OF THE TOWER OF BABEL – INTENDED TO REACH ABOVE HEAVEN.

**GEN 10:10**

*And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (KJV)*

DANIEL HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO SERVING GOD AND TO NOT COMPROMISE HIMSELF IN ANYWAY.

**DAN 1:8**

*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (KJV)*

**LEV 11:1-47**

- 1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them,*
- 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.*
- 3 Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat.*
- 4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.*
- 5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.*
- 6 And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you.*
- 7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.*
- 8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.*
- 9 These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them*

shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you:

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you.

13 And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind;

15 Every raven after his kind;

16 And the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his kind,

17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

18 And the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle,

19 And the stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth;

22 Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind.

23 But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you.

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even.

25 And whosoever beareth ought of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

26 The carcasses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, are unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all four, those are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 These also shall be unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after his kind,

30 And the ferret, and the chameleon, and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole.

31 These are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

32 And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel, whereinto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, that on which such water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean.

35 And every thing whereupon any part of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; whether it be oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: for they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Nevertheless a fountain or pit, wherein there is plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean.

37 And if any part of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean.

38 But if any water be put upon the seed, and any part of their carcase fall thereon, it shall be unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even.

40 And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten.

42 Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination.

43 Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten. (KJV)

LEV 17:10-14

- 10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.
- 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.
- 12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.
- 13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.
- 14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

1 COR 8:1-13

- 1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.
- 2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.
- 3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.
- 4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.
- 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)
- 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- 7 Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
- 8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.
- 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- 10 For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be

- emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?
- 12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.
- 13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. (KJV)

WHILE STUDYING SCRIPTURE, DANIEL DISCOVERED OTHER PROPHECIES WHICH INDICATED THAT GOD HAD GRANTED BABYLON THE RIGHT TO RULE OVER OTHER NATIONS. (SEE ALSO ISAIAH'S PROPHECIES).

JER 27:4-8

- 4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;
- 5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.
- 6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.
- 7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.
- 8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. (KJV)

JER 25:11-12

- 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. (KJV)

**DANIEL 2:1-49**

**1 AND IN THE SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMED DREAMS, WHEREWITH HIS SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED, AND HIS SLEEP BRAKE FROM HIM.**

**2 THEN THE KING COMMANDED TO CALL THE MAGICIANS, AND THE ASTROLOGERS, AND THE SORCERERS, AND THE CHALDEANS, FOR TO SHEW THE KING HIS DREAMS. SO THEY CAME AND STOOD BEFORE THE KING.**

**3 AND THE KING SAID UNTO THEM, I HAVE DREAMED A DREAM, AND MY SPIRIT WAS TROUBLED TO KNOW THE DREAM.**

**4 THEN SPAKE THE CHALDEANS TO THE KING IN SYRIACK, O KING, LIVE FOR EVER: TELL THY SERVANTS THE DREAM, AND WE WILL SHEW THE INTERPRETATION.**

**5 THE KING ANSWERED AND SAID TO THE CHALDEANS, THE THING IS GONE FROM ME: IF YE WILL NOT MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE DREAM, WITH THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, YE SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES, AND YOUR HOUSES SHALL BE MADE A DUNGHILL.**

**6 BUT IF YE SHEW THE DREAM, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, YE SHALL RECEIVE OF ME GIFTS AND REWARDS AND GREAT HONOUR: THEREFORE SHEW ME THE DREAM, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.**

**7 THEY ANSWERED AGAIN AND SAID, LET THE KING TELL HIS SERVANTS THE DREAM, AND WE WILL SHEW THE INTERPRETATION OF IT.**

**8 THE KING ANSWERED AND SAID, I KNOW OF CERTAINTY THAT YE WOULD GAIN THE TIME, BECAUSE YE SEE THE THING IS GONE FROM ME.**

**9 BUT IF YE WILL NOT MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE DREAM, THERE IS BUT ONE DECREE FOR YOU: FOR YE HAVE PREPARED LYING AND CORRUPT WORDS TO SPEAK BEFORE ME, TILL THE TIME BE CHANGED: THEREFORE TELL ME THE DREAM, AND I SHALL KNOW THAT YE CAN SHEW ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.**

**10 THE CHALDEANS ANSWERED BEFORE THE KING, AND SAID, THERE IS NOT A MAN UPON THE EARTH THAT CAN SHEW THE KING'S MATTER: THEREFORE THERE IS NO KING, LORD, NOR RULER, THAT ASKED SUCH THINGS AT ANY MAGICIAN, OR ASTROLOGER, OR CHALDEAN.**

**11 AND IT IS A RARE THING THAT THE KING REQUIRETH, AND THERE IS NONE OTHER THAT CAN SHEW IT BEFORE THE KING, EXCEPT THE GODS, WHOSE DWELLING IS NOT WITH FLESH.**

**12 FOR THIS CAUSE THE KING WAS ANGRY AND VERY FURIOUS, AND COMMANDED TO DESTROY ALL THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON.**

**13 AND THE DECREE WENT FORTH THAT THE WISE MEN SHOULD BE SLAIN; AND THEY SOUGHT DANIEL AND HIS FELLOWS TO BE SLAIN.**

**14 THEN DANIEL ANSWERED WITH COUNSEL AND WISDOM TO ARIOCH THE CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S GUARD, WHICH WAS GONE FORTH TO SLAY THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON:**

**15 HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO ARIOCH THE KING'S CAPTAIN, WHY IS THE DECREE SO HASTY FROM THE KING? THEN ARIOCH MADE THE THING KNOWN TO DANIEL.**

**16 THEN DANIEL WENT IN, AND DESIRED OF THE KING THAT HE WOULD GIVE HIM TIME, AND THAT HE WOULD SHEW THE KING THE INTERPRETATION.**

**17 THEN DANIEL WENT TO HIS HOUSE, AND MADE THE THING KNOWN TO HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH, HIS COMPANIONS:**

**18 THAT THEY WOULD DESIRE MERCIES OF THE GOD OF HEAVEN CONCERNING THIS SECRET; THAT DANIEL AND HIS FELLOWS SHOULD NOT PERISH WITH THE REST OF THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON.**

**19 THEN WAS THE SECRET REVEALED UNTO DANIEL IN A NIGHT VISION. THEN DANIEL BLESSED THE GOD OF HEAVEN.**

**20 DANIEL ANSWERED AND SAID, BLESSED BE THE NAME OF GOD FOR EVER AND EVER: FOR WISDOM AND MIGHT ARE HIS:**

**21 AND HE CHANGETH THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS: HE REMOVETH KINGS, AND SETTETH UP KINGS: HE GIVETH WISDOM UNTO THE WISE, AND KNOWLEDGE TO THEM THAT KNOW UNDERSTANDING:**

**22 HE REVEALETH THE DEEP AND SECRET THINGS: HE KNOWETH WHAT IS IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE LIGHT DWELLETH WITH HIM.**

**23 I THANK THEE, AND PRAISE THEE, O THOU GOD OF MY FATHERS, WHO HAST GIVEN ME WISDOM AND MIGHT, AND HAST MADE KNOWN UNTO ME NOW WHAT WE DESIRED OF THEE: FOR THOU HAST NOW MADE KNOWN UNTO US THE KING'S MATTER.**

**24 THEREFORE DANIEL WENT IN UNTO ARIOCH, WHOM THE KING HAD ORDAINED TO DESTROY THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON: HE WENT AND SAID THUS UNTO HIM; DESTROY NOT THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON: BRING ME IN BEFORE THE KING, AND I WILL SHEW UNTO THE KING THE INTERPRETATION.**

**25 THEN ARIOCH BROUGHT IN DANIEL BEFORE THE KING IN HASTE, AND SAID THUS UNTO HIM, I HAVE FOUND A MAN OF THE CAPTIVES OF JUDAH, THAT WILL MAKE KNOWN UNTO THE KING THE INTERPRETATION.**

**26 THE KING ANSWERED AND SAID TO DANIEL, WHOSE NAME WAS BELTESHAZZAR, ART THOU ABLE TO MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE DREAM WHICH I HAVE SEEN, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF?**



**27 DANIEL ANSWERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING, AND SAID, THE SECRET WHICH THE KING HATH DEMANDED CANNOT THE WISE MEN, THE ASTROLOGERS, THE MAGICIANS, THE SOOTHSAYERS, SHEW UNTO THE KING;**

**28 BUT THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN THAT REVEALETH SECRETS, AND MAKETH KNOWN TO THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS. THY DREAM, AND THE VISIONS OF THY HEAD UPON THY BED, ARE THESE;**

**29 AS FOR THEE, O KING, THY THOUGHTS CAME INTO THY MIND UPON THY BED, WHAT SHOULD COME TO PASS HEREAFTER: AND HE THAT REVEALETH SECRETS MAKETH KNOWN TO THEE WHAT SHALL COME TO PASS.**

**30 BUT AS FOR ME, THIS SECRET IS NOT REVEALED TO ME FOR ANY WISDOM THAT I HAVE MORE THAN ANY LIVING, BUT FOR THEIR SAKES THAT SHALL MAKE KNOWN THE INTERPRETATION TO THE KING, AND THAT THOU MIGHTEST KNOW THE THOUGHTS OF THY HEART.**

**31 THOU, O KING, SAWEST, AND BEHOLD A GREAT IMAGE. THIS GREAT IMAGE, WHOSE BRIGHTNESS WAS EXCELLENT, STOOD BEFORE THEE; AND THE FORM THEREOF WAS TERRIBLE.**

**32 THIS IMAGE'S HEAD WAS OF FINE GOLD, HIS BREAST AND HIS ARMS OF SILVER, HIS BELLY AND HIS THIGHS OF BRASS,**

**33 HIS LEGS OF IRON, HIS FEET PART OF IRON AND PART OF CLAY.**

**34 THOU SAWEST TILL THAT A STONE WAS CUT OUT WITHOUT HANDS, WHICH SMOTE THE IMAGE UPON HIS FEET THAT WERE OF IRON AND CLAY, AND BRAKE THEM TO PIECES.**

**35 THEN WAS THE IRON, THE CLAY, THE BRASS, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD, BROKEN TO PIECES TOGETHER, AND BECAME LIKE THE CHAFF OF THE SUMMER THRESHINGFLOORS; AND THE WIND CARRIED THEM AWAY, THAT NO PLACE WAS FOUND FOR THEM: AND THE STONE THAT SMOTE THE IMAGE BECAME A GREAT MOUNTAIN, AND FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH.**

**36 THIS IS THE DREAM; AND WE WILL TELL THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF BEFORE THE KING.**

**37 THOU, O KING, ART A KING OF KINGS: FOR THE GOD OF HEAVEN HATH GIVEN THEE A KINGDOM, POWER, AND STRENGTH, AND GLORY.**

**38 AND WHERESOEVER THE CHILDREN OF MEN DWELL, THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD AND THE FOWLS OF THE HEAVEN HATH HE GIVEN INTO THINE HAND, AND HATH MADE THEE RULER OVER THEM ALL. THOU ART THIS HEAD OF GOLD.**

**39 AND AFTER THEE SHALL ARISE ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR TO THEE, AND ANOTHER THIRD KINGDOM OF BRASS, WHICH SHALL BEAR RULE OVER**

**ALL THE EARTH.**

**40 AND THE FOURTH KINGDOM SHALL BE STRONG AS IRON: FORASMUCH AS IRON BREAKETH IN PIECES AND SUBDUETH ALL THINGS: AND AS IRON THAT BREAKETH ALL THESE, SHALL IT BREAK IN PIECES AND BRUISE.**

**41 AND WHEREAS THOU SAWEST THE FEET AND TOES, PART OF POTTERS' CLAY, AND PART OF IRON, THE KINGDOM SHALL BE DIVIDED; BUT THERE SHALL BE IN IT OF THE STRENGTH OF THE IRON, FORASMUCH AS THOU SAWEST THE IRON MIXED WITH MIRY CLAY.**

**42 AND AS THE TOES OF THE FEET WERE PART OF IRON, AND PART OF CLAY, SO THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PARTLY STRONG, AND PARTLY BROKEN.**

**43 AND WHEREAS THOU SAWEST IRON MIXED WITH MIRY CLAY, THEY SHALL MINGLE THEMSELVES WITH THE SEED OF MEN: BUT THEY SHALL NOT CLEAVE ONE TO ANOTHER, EVEN AS IRON IS NOT MIXED WITH CLAY.**

**44 AND IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS SHALL THE GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM, WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED: AND THE KINGDOM SHALL NOT BE LEFT TO OTHER PEOPLE, BUT IT SHALL BREAK IN PIECES AND CONSUME ALL THESE KINGDOMS, AND IT SHALL STAND FOR EVER.**

**45 FORASMUCH AS THOU SAWEST THAT THE STONE WAS CUT OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS, AND THAT IT BRAKE IN PIECES THE IRON, THE BRASS, THE CLAY, THE SILVER, AND THE GOLD; THE GREAT GOD HATH MADE KNOWN TO THE KING WHAT SHALL COME TO PASS HEREAFTER: AND THE DREAM IS CERTAIN, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF SURE.**

**46 THEN THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR FELL UPON HIS FACE, AND WORSHIPPED DANIEL, AND COMMANDED THAT THEY SHOULD OFFER AN OBLATION AND SWEET ODOURS UNTO HIM.**

**47 THE KING ANSWERED UNTO DANIEL, AND SAID, OF A TRUTH IT IS, THAT YOUR GOD IS A GOD OF GODS, AND A LORD OF KINGS, AND A REVEALER OF SECRETS, SEEING THOU COULDEST REVEAL THIS SECRET.**

**48 THEN THE KING MADE DANIEL A GREAT MAN, 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.**

**49 THEN DANIEL REQUESTED OF THE KING, AND HE SET SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, OVER THE AFFAIRS OF THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON: BUT DANIEL SAT IN THE GATE OF THE KING. (KJV)**

JUST AFTER NEBUCHADNEZZAR DEFEATED NECHO (KING OF EGYPT) (AS PREDICTED IN EZEK 29:18-19), HE RECEIVED WORD THAT HIS FATHER DIED MAKING HIM UNDISPUTED RULER OF THE KNOWN WORLD.

**EZEK 29:18-19**

*18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:  
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. (KJV)*

WITH HIS MANY CONQUESTS, NEBUCHADNEZZAR THOUGHT HE HAD DEFEATED EVERY FOREIGN GOD INCLUDING JEHOVAH, THE GOD OF ISRAEL.

ABOUT THIS TIME, HE HAD A VISION OF A GREAT STATUE OR IMAGE. WHEN HE CAME TO HIMSELF HE WAS EXTREMELY TROUBLED BY WHAT HE HAD SEEN.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HE COULDN'T RECALL THE VISION; HE JUST KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT AND THAT IT TROUBLED HIM.

NONE OF HIS PHILOSOPHERS, MAGICIANS OR WISEMEN COULD EXPLAIN THE VISION TO HIM.

THE MAGICIANS AND 'WISEMEN' PRACTICED ALL SORTS OF OCCULTIC ACTIVITY AND BLACK ARTS.

THE PHILOSOPHERS WERE THE NATURAL PHYSICAL SCIENTISTS OF THE DAY.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR DECLARED THAT IF THEY COULD NOT REVEAL AND EXPLAIN HIS DREAM, THE MAGICIANS, WISEMEN AND PHILOSOPHERS WERE TO BE PUT TO DEATH.

**DANIEL 2:1-12**

*1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.  
2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.  
3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.  
4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.  
5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream,*

*with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.*

*6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.*

*7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.*

*8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.*

*9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.*

*10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.*

*11 And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.*

*12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. (KJV)*

DANIEL WAS ONE OF THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE DAY WHO HAD BECOME SKILLED IN THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES.

DANIEL WAS NOT PRESENT DURING THE FIRST AUDIENCE WITH THE KING. WHEN HE HEARD WHAT WAS HAPPENING HE REQUESTED TO SEE NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

DANIEL SAID THAT IF THE KING WOULD GIVE HIM SOME TIME, HE WOULD RECALL AND EXPLAIN THE VISION FOR THE KING.

AT THE TIME HE MADE THIS PROMISE, DANIEL DIDN'T KNOW EITHER THE DREAM OR IT'S MEANING.

DANIEL AND THREE CLOSE FRIENDS WHO ALSO PLACED THEIR TRUST (AND LIVES) IN GOD'S HANDS (SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO) MET AND PRAYED.

IN THE NIGHT GOD REVEALED THE DREAM AND IT'S MEANING TO DANIEL.

AFTER GIVING THANKS DANIEL ASKED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

**DANIEL 2:13-24**

**13 And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.**

**14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon:**

**15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.**

**16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.**

**17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:**

**18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.**

**19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.**

**20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:**

**21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:**

**22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.**

**23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.**

**24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. (KJV)**

THE NEXT DAY DANIEL WENT INTO THE KING AND GIVING GOD ALL THE GLORY DESCRIBED THE VISION THE KING HAD EXPERIENCED AND EXPLAINED IT'S MEANING TO HIM.

#### **DANIEL 2:25-35**

**25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.**

**26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the**

**dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?**

**27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;**

**28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;**

**29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.**

**30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.**

**31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.**

**32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,**

**33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.**

**34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.**

**35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (KJV)**

THE VISION WAS A REVELATION OF FUTURE HISTORY DETAILING THE MAJOR WORLD DYNASTIES TO COME.

THESE EMPIRES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE DIFFERENT METALS AND BODY PARTS ON THE IMAGE.

**HEAD OF GOLD**

**BABYLON**

**REGAL SPLENDOR**

#### **DANIEL 2:36-38**

**36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.**

**37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.**

**38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of**

*the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. (KJV)*

#### **BREAST OF SILVER MEDO-PERSIA A DUAL EMPIRE**

THE LEFT ARM = MEDIA THE RIGHT ARM = PERSIA

#### **DANIEL 2:39**

*And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. (KJV)*

#### **BELLY OF BRASS GREECE**

MEDO-PERSIA WAS EVENTUALLY CONQUERED BY ALEXANDER THE GREAT. HIS EMPIRE WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS A FEW YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN WHEN ROME TOOK OVER.

CYRUS CAPTURED BABYLON WHILE BELSHAZZAR THE SECOND RULER WAS IN CONTROL.

THIS WAS THE NIGHT THAT BELSHAZZAR DURING THE PAGAN ORGY USED THE TEMPLE UTENSILS TAKEN FROM JERUSALEM.

GOD DECLARED HIS DOOM VIA THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL EVENT DESCRIBED IN DANIEL 5.

CYRUS WAS NAMED BY NAME ALMOST TWO CENTURIES BEFORE THE ACTUAL EVENT BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH. HIS CONQUEST OF BABYLON WAS ALSO FORETOLD.

#### **ISA 44:28**

*That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. (KJV)*

#### **ISA 45:1-4**

- 1 *Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;*
- 2 *I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:*
- 3 *And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.*
- 4 *For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even*

*called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. (KJV)*

#### **THIGH PARTS AND LEGS LIKE IRON - ROME**

#### **DANIEL 2:40**

*And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (KJV)*

ROME IN 364 A.D. WAS DIVIDED INTO AN EASTERN AND WESTERN EMPIRE. IRON REPRESENTED IT TO INDICATE ITS STRENGTH. SOME BELIEVE THAT THE LEGS BEING THE LONGEST PART OF THE BODY MEANT THAT IT WOULD REMAIN IN EXISTENCE LONGER THAN THE OTHER KINGDOMS.

#### **FEET AND TOES IRON AND CLAY**

#### **DANIEL 2:41-43**

- 41 *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.*
- 42 *And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.*
- 43 *And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (KJV)*

AS EACH BODY PART IS DESCRIBED THE MATERIAL USED IS OF LESS AND LESS VALUE INDICATING A DETERIORATION FROM CIVILIZATION TO CIVILIZATION.

THE FINAL PART, A MIXTURE OF UNCOMBINED IRON AND CLAY WHICH DO NOT 'CLEAVE' TO EACH OTHER.

SOME BELIEVE REPRESENTS THE TWO FACTIONS OF THE FINAL ROMAN EMPIRE:

- FASCISM/ANARCHISM (IRON) AND COMMUNISM/SOCIALISM (CLAY)
- EASTERN NATIONS (ISLAM) / EUROPEAN – REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE
- SUPERNATURAL – DEMONIC / HUMAN
- Some believe the 10 toes represent 5 world powers (kings) coming out of the Eastern 'leg' of the old Roman Empire and 5 coming out of the Western 'leg'. Very

possible in today's political alignments and events leading up the the 'rule of anti-Christ'...

- Some believe the toes of iron mixed with clay represent the strong and weak governments which coming from the diverse cultures of East and West cannot remain united for too long except under a strong leader – the 'little horn'.
- Others believe the iron and the clay represent the mixing of mortal man with supernatural beings as in Genesis 6 and later.  
There will be 'miracles' and supernatural events as the 'little horn' – the 'willful king' – the 'idol shepherd' – the one we call 'the anti-Christ'.

#### **DANIEL 2:44-49**

**44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**

**45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.**

**46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.**

**47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.**

**48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, 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.**

**49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king. (KJV)**

THE VISION REVEALED THAT IN THE END A 'STONE CUT WITHOUT HANDS' WOULD COME AND SMASH THE IMAGE

NOT JUST THE TEN TOES WHICH IT STIRKES BUT THE WHOLE IMAGE → WORLD GOVERNMENTS

A KINGDOM WAS ESTABLISHED THAT WILL NEVER BE

BROUGHT TO AN END. THE STONE IS JESUS.

*PS 118:22*

*The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. (KJV)*

*1 PETER 2:7*

*Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, (KJV)*

*MATT 21:44*

*And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. (KJV)*

AT HIS 1ST COMING JESUS DID NOT SMASH

THE IMAGE AS IT WAS NOT COMPLETELY FORMED (ROME'S EASTERN/WESTERN EMPIRE - THE LEGS DIDN'T YET EXIST).

AT HIS SECOND COMING HOWEVER.....THE STONE BECOMES A GREAT MOUNTAIN FILLING THE WHOLE EARTH (CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN).

While retaining their membership in the U.N., most of the nations of the world have also in recent years joined a regional association. The principal regional associations presently on the world scene are eight in number, and a ninth seems to be in the process of formation.

#### 1. **Arab League.**

Founded in 1945, this now has twenty-two members, including the Palestinian Authority.

#### 2. **Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).**

The twenty-seven members of this organization, founded in 1947, comprise twenty-two small island states, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

#### 3. **Organization of American States (OAS).**

OAS was formed in 1948. The thirty-five members include the United States. In 1993, the United States, Canada, and Mexico entered into NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). In 1994, work began on developing FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas).

#### 4. **European Union (EU).**

Formed in 1993, EU is an offshoot of an older organization, the European Communities (EC), which originated in 1951. EU now has twenty-five members, and another three nations have been accepted for membership in the future. It is governed jointly by the European

Parliament (a legislative body) and the Commission (an executive body under a president). Economic integration is proceeding rapidly, as a result of introducing a common market in 1993 and a common currency in 2002..

**5. African Union (AU).**

Founded in 1963, this organization comprises fifty-three nations, including all the nations of Africa except Morocco. The current name, adopted in 2002, signals an intent to seek economic integration after the model of EU.

**6. Association of South Eastern Asian Nations (ASEAN).**

The ten members include Brunei/Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. ASEAN was founded in 1967. In 2003, the six original members established AFTA, the ASEAN Free Trade Area, and the whole association wants as soon as possible to achieve economic integration modeled after Europe.

**7. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).**

Although SAARC, founded in 1985, has only seven members, they include India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The association therefore represents a huge population.

**8. Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).**

This organization, composed of former Soviet republics, was founded in 1991. At present, the roster numbers twelve states.

**9. China and its satellites.**

China, the largest nation in the world, spans such a diversity of peoples that it may be viewed as a regional association in itself. The nations that are essentially satellites of Communist China include Tibet, Mongolia, and North Korea. In 2003, the two Koreas and Japan joined China for talks on the future of the region. Although unproductive at first, they perhaps marked the embryonic stage of yet another regional association.

**10. Daniel 8 treats Israel as one of the ten kingdoms.**

It will remain aloof from regional organizations and retain her independence, thus becoming one of the ten.

No regional association arose before 1945, the first of the transitional years ushering in the period of the feet, yet all arose before the end of the same period.

It is now evident why Scripture associates the first stage in the history of the fifth kingdom with both the feet and toes, for during this stage, many of the toes existed in nascent form.

Only five major nations have not yet joined or sought membership in a regional association.

These are Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Iran, and Afghanistan. As we said, South Korea and Japan may yet enter into an alliance with China.

Or it is possible that prophecy views these two nations and Taiwan as satellites of the United States, since perhaps all three still depend on security agreements with the United States to preserve their independence from China.

How Iran and Afghanistan will be brought under regional authority remains to be seen

**A Perfect Fit**

The regional associations now on the world scene closely match the ten toes of prophecy.

**Five regional associations are Western; five are Eastern.**

There were of course five toes on each foot of the image. In other words, five of the toes would be composed of nations from the East, five of nations from the West.

Of the ten toes we have identified, SPC, OAS, EU, AU, and Israel would generally be considered part of the Western world. The other five would generally be considered part of the Eastern world.

**The European nations remain the strongest.**

Daniel said that the iron would be strong. The meaning is that military power would continue to be concentrated in the European nations. As we look about us today, we can see that the military gap between the developed European nations and the underdeveloped non-European nations has not significantly narrowed. Very few third-world countries have acquired nuclear weapons.

**The non-European associations are the least cohesive.**

Daniel said that the clay would be fragmented. Whereas any combination of European nations would be highly unified, any combination of non-European nations would be fractured and loose. It can be no coincidence that, indeed, one of the most cohesive regional associations so far achieved is EU. The other strictly European association, CIS, is also strongly knit together, as a result of its emergence from a single nation. All the non-European associations are poorly integrated.

**Among the Toes**

In his dream, Nebuchadnezzar noticed the ten toes just before he saw the stone strike the feet of the image.

The toes represent human government on the eve of Christ's return to establish His kingdom.

If the world has indeed entered the time of the toes, we cannot escape the momentous implication that Christ's return is very near.

When we look at other portions of the image, we notice that a division of the body into separate appendages represents the division of a kingdom into parts.

- The two arms show the Medes and the Persians before they united.
- After the death of Alexander, the Greek empire dissolved into four kingdoms.
- The thighs of the statue represent the two remnant kingdoms that held power at various times over the Jews:

the Ptolemaic kingdom of Egypt and the Seleucid dynasty of Syria.

- The two legs side-by-side, together yet obviously capable of separating, picture the bisected character of the Roman Empire, part Latin and part Greek.
- The statue's two feet symbolize the polarization of the United Nations during the Cold War.
- The toes are partly iron and partly clay.

The ten divisions of the fifth kingdom must therefore incorporate non-European as well as European nations.

The Book of Revelation foresees only ten kingdoms at the end of the present age.

*12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. Rev 17:12-13*

It is enlightening to read the preceding passage in conjunction with the next.

*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Rev 13:7*

Together, these passages seem to say that the power which the ten will confer upon the beast is power over the whole world.

The impression created is that the ten kingdoms are not a group of small nations in Europe. Rather, they appear to be worldwide in

extent.

The ten toes of the image transparently refer to a time when world political authority would condense into ten regional alliances or federations. At this stage of history, the fifth kingdom would presumably be divided into ten parts. Although each alliance would in some measure govern itself, it would continue to operate under the umbrella of a single world government. Thus, if the fifth kingdom is truly the U.N., as we have said, the ten toes must be ten regional groupings of its member states.

If we accept that the feet represent the United Nations, we have another reason to view the toes as geographically broader than Europe. Since every part of each foot ends in a toe (what is obvious may still be significant), the toes must span the world.

### **The Revived Roman Empire**

Many students of prophecy would reject the analysis of the fifth kingdom offered here. They view the fifth kingdom as a revived Roman Empire. It is true that the Antichrist will be a Roman ruler. Prophecy shows his connection with Rome in several ways.

One source of helpful information is Daniel's vision of beasts arising from the sea (**Dan. 7:1-14**). Here we have God's view of the same kingdoms that appear in **Daniel 2** as parts of a magnificent image. God sees them, however, as vicious beasts.

Babylon is a lion with eagles' wings.

Medo-Persia is the bear raised on one side.

Greece is the leopard with four wings.

The dreadful and terrible beast is Rome.

The fifth kingdom appears abruptly in the simple statement,

"And it had ten horns." These ten horns appear to be symbolically equivalent to the ten toes of the great image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Notice that the horn representing the Antichrist grows up in the midst of the other ten.

The Book of Daniel could hardly make it plainer that the Antichrist will emerge during the period of the toes. Yet it portrays him as a horn on the fourth beast, the beast that, at an earlier stage of the vision, had represented ancient Rome. The only reasonable conclusion is that the Antichrist will be the ruler of a revived Roman Empire.

The Book of Daniel prophesies that after Christ's death, Jerusalem would be destroyed by the people of the "coming prince," a reference to the Antichrist (**Dan. 9:26**). Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70 by

the Romans. It follows that the Antichrist will be a Roman ruler.

The Book of Revelation places the Antichrist in the succession of ancient Roman emperors (**Rev. 17:8-11**).

Six have reigned until the moment John is writing, and the beast will be both the seventh and the eighth in the same line of succession.

The beast is the Antichrist (**Rev. 13:16**). It says of him that people will marvel at his recovery from a wound.

It says also in chapter 17 that he was, is not, and shall ascend from the bottomless pit.

The meaning is that he will be killed, but God will bring him out of the bottomless pit for another season of life. That is why he is both the seventh and the eighth king.

Moreover, the beast representing the Antichrist carries the woman called "that great city, which [presently, in John's day] reigneth over the kings of the earth" (**Rev. 17:18**).

Lest we fail to recognize Rome in this description, the woman sits on seven mountains, or seven hills (**Rev. 17:9**). Rome is, of course, known as the city of seven hills.

If the fifth kingdom is truly the U.N., and if the fifth kingdom must become a revived Roman Empire, prophecy implies that the U.N. will someday transfer its headquarters from New York City to Rome.

*Again Note: There are alternative views of the 7 kingdoms, 7 hills, and 10 kings. Some of these are also legitimate possibilities.*

*"And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."*  
Rev 17:12-14

Roman Empire of John's Day - in power.	1957 Treaty of Rome
A modern reformed Roman Empire – The European Union (??)	1992 Maastricht Treaty Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Existing Continental Unions		
1	African Union	2001 -- 53 Member States
2	Union of South American Nations	2004 -- Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela
3	Pacific Union	2004 -- Australia, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.
4	Caribbean Community	Jan 1, 2006 -- The CARICOM Single Market and Economy treaty went into effect with Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago as the first full members. On 3 July 2006 the total membership was brought up to 12 when Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines became full members. The British overseas territory of Montserrat is seeking permission from the United Kingdom to become a part of the single market; Haiti will not join the market initially because of its difficult internal political situation; and the Bahamas will not join because of local opposition to a provision that allows skilled workers to move more easily among nations.
5	Central Asian Union	April 26, 2007 -- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
6	Asian Union Asia Cooperation Dialogue	2002 -- 30 Member States including Russia, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Pakistan ++



7	North American Union (2010) (Currently called NAFTA ???)	U.S., Canada, Mexico The North American Free Trade Agreement is the trade bloc in North America created by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and its two supplements, the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC) and The North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC), whose members are Canada, Mexico, and the United States. It came into effect on January 1, 1994 and (as of 2008) it remains the largest trade bloc in the world in terms of combined GDP of its members.
8	Mediterranean Union (2010 ??)	proposed community of countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea
9	South Asian Union (2010 ??)	Prelude-South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was set up in 1985 South Asian leaders called for setting up for SAEU at end of the 14th SAARC summit in New Delhi,2007.
10	East Asian Union (Proposed*) * It is unclear at this time what will become of the East Asian Union.	The shape of the East Asia Community remains something to be defined in the future. The issues being explored at this stage deal with whether there will be a Community which must be resolved prior to understanding what it will look like. In the regional context, the contours of an Asian economic integration are beginning to take shape. The East Asia Summit (EAS) has gathered a self-sustaining momentum towards the creation of an East Asian Community in the coming years. It may even lead to a larger Asian solidarity, as envisioned by Pandit Nehru in the early 1950s. We perceive the comprehensive interaction with South-East Asia as a vehicle for regional growth.

**DANIEL 3:1-30**

**ARE WE WILLING TO DIE TO OBEY AND SERVE GOD ???**

**1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING MADE AN IMAGE OF GOLD, WHOSE HEIGHT WAS THREESCORE CUBITS, AND THE BREADTH THEREOF SIX CUBITS: HE SET IT UP IN THE PLAIN OF DURA, IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON.**

**2 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING SENT TO GATHER TOGETHER THE PRINCES, THE GOVERNORS, AND THE CAPTAINS, THE JUDGES, THE TREASURERS, THE COUNSELLORS, THE SHERIFFS, AND ALL THE RULERS OF THE PROVINCES, TO COME TO THE DEDICATION OF THE IMAGE WHICH NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING HAD SET UP.**

**3 THEN THE PRINCES, THE GOVERNORS, AND CAPTAINS, THE JUDGES, THE TREASURERS, THE COUNSELLORS, THE SHERIFFS, AND ALL THE RULERS OF THE PROVINCES, WERE GATHERED TOGETHER UNTO THE DEDICATION OF THE IMAGE THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING HAD SET UP; AND THEY STOOD BEFORE THE IMAGE THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD SET UP.**

**4 THEN AN HERALD CRIED ALOUD, TO YOU IT IS COMMANDED, O PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES,**

**5 THAT AT WHAT TIME YE HEAR THE SOUND OF THE CORNET, FLUTE, HARP, SACKBUT, PSALTERY, DULCIMER, AND ALL KINDS OF MUSICK, YE FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING HATH SET UP:**

**6 AND WHOSO FALLETH NOT DOWN AND WORSHIPPETH SHALL THE SAME HOUR BE CAST INTO THE MIDST OF A BURNING FIERY FURNACE.**

**7 THEREFORE AT THAT TIME, WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE CORNET, FLUTE, HARP, SACKBUT, PSALTERY, AND ALL KINDS OF MUSICK, ALL THE PEOPLE, THE NATIONS, AND THE LANGUAGES, FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED THE GOLDEN IMAGE THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING HAD SET UP.**

**8 WHEREFORE AT THAT TIME CERTAIN CHALDEANS CAME NEAR, AND ACCUSED THE JEWS.**

**9 THEY SPAKE AND SAID TO THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR, O KING, LIVE FOR EVER.**

**10 THOU, O KING, HAST MADE A DECREE, THAT EVERY MAN THAT SHALL HEAR THE SOUND OF THE CORNET, FLUTE, HARP, SACKBUT, PSALTERY, AND DULCIMER, AND ALL KINDS OF MUSICK, SHALL FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE:**

**11 AND WHOSO FALLETH NOT DOWN AND WORSHIPPETH, THAT HE SHOULD BE CAST INTO THE MIDST OF A BURNING FIERY FURNACE.**

**12 THERE ARE CERTAIN JEWS WHOM THOU HAST SET OVER THE AFFAIRS OF THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO; THESE MEN, O KING, HAVE NOT REGARDED THEE: THEY SERVE NOT THY GODS, NOR WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE WHICH THOU HAST SET UP.**

**13 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN HIS RAGE AND FURY COMMANDED TO BRING SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO. THEN THEY BROUGHT THESE MEN BEFORE THE KING.**

**14 NEBUCHADNEZZAR SPAKE AND SAID UNTO THEM, IS IT TRUE, O SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, DO NOT YE SERVE MY GODS, NOR WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE WHICH I HAVE SET UP?**

**15 NOW IF YE BE READY THAT AT WHAT TIME YE HEAR THE SOUND OF THE CORNET, FLUTE, HARP, SACKBUT, PSALTERY, AND DULCIMER, AND ALL KINDS OF MUSICK, YE FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE IMAGE WHICH I HAVE MADE; WELL: BUT IF YE WORSHIP NOT, YE SHALL BE CAST THE SAME HOUR INTO THE MIDST OF A BURNING FIERY FURNACE; AND WHO IS THAT GOD THAT SHALL DELIVER YOU OUT OF MY HANDS?**

**16 SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, ANSWERED AND SAID TO THE KING, O NEBUCHADNEZZAR, WE ARE NOT CAREFUL TO ANSWER THEE IN THIS MATTER.**

**17 IF IT BE SO, OUR GOD WHOM WE SERVE IS ABLE TO DELIVER US FROM THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE, AND HE WILL DELIVER US OUT OF THINE HAND, O KING.**

**18 BUT IF NOT, BE IT KNOWN UNTO THEE, O KING, THAT WE WILL NOT SERVE THY GODS, NOR WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE WHICH THOU HAST SET UP.**

**19 THEN WAS NEBUCHADNEZZAR FULL OF FURY, AND THE FORM OF HIS VISAGE WAS CHANGED AGAINST SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO: THEREFORE HE SPAKE, AND COMMANDED THAT THEY SHOULD HEAT THE FURNACE ONE SEVEN TIMES MORE THAN IT WAS WONT TO BE HEATED.**

**20 AND HE COMMANDED THE MOST MIGHTY MEN THAT WERE IN HIS ARMY TO BIND SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, AND TO CAST THEM INTO THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE.**

**21 THEN THESE MEN WERE BOUND IN THEIR COATS, THEIR HOSEN, AND THEIR HATS, AND THEIR OTHER GARMENTS, AND WERE CAST INTO THE MIDST OF THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE.**

**22 THEREFORE BECAUSE THE KING'S COMMANDMENT WAS URGENT, AND THE FURNACE EXCEEDING HOT, THE FLAME OF THE FIRE SLEW THOSE MEN THAT TOOK UP SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO.**

**23 AND THESE THREE MEN, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, FELL DOWN BOUND INTO THE MIDST OF THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE.**

**24 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING WAS ASTONIED, AND ROSE UP IN HASTE, AND SPAKE, AND SAID UNTO HIS COUNSELLORS, DID NOT WE CAST THREE MEN BOUND INTO THE MIDST OF THE FIRE? THEY ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THE KING, TRUE, O KING.**

**25 HE ANSWERED AND SAID, LO, I SEE FOUR MEN LOOSE, WALKING IN THE MIDST OF THE FIRE, AND THEY HAVE NO HURT; AND THE FORM OF THE FOURTH IS LIKE THE SON OF GOD.**

**26 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR CAME NEAR TO THE MOUTH OF THE BURNING FIERY FURNACE, AND SPAKE, AND SAID, SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, YE SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, COME FORTH, AND COME HITHER. THEN SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, CAME FORTH OF THE MIDST OF THE FIRE.**

**27 AND THE PRINCES, GOVERNORS, AND CAPTAINS, AND THE KING'S COUNSELLORS, BEING GATHERED TOGETHER, SAW THESE MEN, UPON WHOSE BODIES THE FIRE HAD NO POWER, NOR WAS AN HAIR OF THEIR HEAD SINGED, NEITHER WERE THEIR COATS CHANGED, NOR THE SMELL OF FIRE HAD PASSED ON THEM.**

**28 THEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR SPAKE, AND SAID, BLESSED BE THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, WHO HATH SENT HIS ANGEL, AND DELIVERED HIS SERVANTS THAT TRUSTED IN HIM, AND HAVE CHANGED THE KING'S WORD, AND YIELDED THEIR BODIES, THAT THEY MIGHT NOT SERVE NOR WORSHIP ANY GOD, EXCEPT THEIR OWN GOD.**

**29 THEREFORE I MAKE A DECREE, THAT EVERY PEOPLE, NATION, AND LANGUAGE, WHICH SPEAK ANY THING AMISS AGAINST THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, SHALL BE CUT IN PIECES, AND THEIR HOUSES SHALL BE MADE A DUNGHILL: BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER GOD THAT CAN DELIVER AFTER THIS SORT.**

**30 THEN THE KING PROMOTED SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO, IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON. (KJV)**

DANIEL 3 TELLS THE STORY OF SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO, DANIEL'S THREE GODLY FRIENDS IN BABYLON.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD CONSTRUCTED A LARGE IMAGE AND DECLARED THAT ALL THE WORLD SHOULD BOW DOWN AT THE

SOUND OF THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP IT.

THIS WAS DONE IN AN EFFORT TO UNIFY NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S VAST EMPIRE RELIGIOUSLY AND BREAK DOWN SOME OF THE BARRIERS AND PROBLEMS THE VARIOUS RELIGIONS OF THE CONQUERED PEOPLE'S HAD CREATED.

THIS IS A PICTURE OF ANTI-CHRIST'S ACTIONS FOLLOWING HIS RISE TO POWER DURING THE TRIBULATION. ANTI-CHRIST WILL ALSO BUILD AN IMAGE AND DEMAND THAT ALL MEN WORSHIP IT UNDER PENALTY OF DEATH.)

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE WAS OF GOLD AND MEASURED 60 CUBITS HIGH AND 6 CUBITS WIDE.

ANY ONE NOT BOWING THEMSELVES TO THE IMAGE WAS TO BE BURNED ALIVE.

(666 THE NUMBER OF THE NAME OF THE ANTI-CHRIST - REV 13:18.

REV 13:11-15

- 11 *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*
- 12 *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*
- 13 *And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,*
- 14 *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*
- 15 *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

REV 13:18

*Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (KJV)*

REFUSING TO BOW THE THREE ISRAELITES WERE CAST INTO A BURNING FURNACE MADE SEVEN TIMES HOTTER THAN

NORMAL. THE GUARDS CASTING THE MEN INTO THE FURNACE DIED DUE TO THE HEAT.

ONCE INSIDE THE CORDS BINDING THE MEN WERE BURNED OFF BUT THE MEN WALKED AROUND IN THE FLAME UNHARMED.

TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S AMAZEMENT HE SAW FOUR MEN IN THE FIRE; NOT JUST THE THREE HE HAD THROWN INTO THE FURNACE (AS IF SEEING THEM WASN'T ENOUGH).

HE CALLED TO SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO WHO CAME OUT OF THE FURNACE. THEY DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE ODOR OF SMOKE ON THEM.

**DAN 3:26-27**

***26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.***

***27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. (KJV)***

NEBUCHADNEZZAR AGAIN HAD TO AGREE THAT THE GOD OF ISRAEL WAS GREATER THAN ANY AND ALL OTHERS.

THE KING PROMOTED THE THREE MEN TO POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY IN HIS KINGDOM.

PROPHETICALLY, THE JEWS DURING ANTI-CHRIST'S RULE WILL UNDERGO EXTREME PERSECUTION.

THOSE WHO STAND TRUE TO GOD AND REFUSE TO BEND THEIR KNEE TO ANTI-CHRIST WILL COME OUT OF THE AFFLICTION TO GREAT HONOR AND REWARD UNDER JESUS RULE.

**NOTE: DANIEL WAS MISSING THROUGHOUT THESE EVENTS.**

HE CERTAINLY DID NOT AND WOULD NOT HAVE BOWED TO THE IMAGE.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SCENE AND IN A PLACE BEYOND THE REACH, INFLUENCE, OR PRESENCE

OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR – DANIEL WAS GONE...

IF SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO REPRESENT ISRAEL UNDER PERSECUTION AND TESTING DURING THE TRIBULATION AND ANTI-CHRIST'S RULE THEN DANIEL REPRESENTS THE CHURCH, RAPTURED AND REMOVED FROM THE SCENE.

**DANIEL 4:1-37**

**1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING, UNTO ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, THAT DWELL IN ALL THE EARTH; PEACE BE MULTIPLIED UNTO YOU.**

**2 I THOUGHT IT GOOD TO SHEW THE SIGNS AND WONDERS THAT THE HIGH GOD HATH WROUGHT TOWARD ME.**

**3 HOW GREAT ARE HIS SIGNS! AND HOW MIGHTY ARE HIS WONDERS! HIS KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND HIS DOMINION IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.**

**4 I NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS AT REST IN MINE HOUSE, AND FLOURISHING IN MY PALACE:**

**5 I SAW A DREAM WHICH MADE ME AFRAID, AND THE THOUGHTS UPON MY BED AND THE VISIONS OF MY HEAD TROUBLED ME.**

**6 THEREFORE MADE I A DECREE TO BRING IN ALL THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON BEFORE ME, THAT THEY MIGHT MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DREAM.**

**7 THEN CAME IN THE MAGICIANS, THE ASTROLOGERS, THE CHALDEANS, AND THE SOOTHSAYERS: AND I TOLD THE DREAM BEFORE THEM; BUT THEY DID NOT MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.**

**8 BUT AT THE LAST DANIEL CAME IN BEFORE ME, WHOSE NAME WAS BELTESHAZZAR, ACCORDING TO THE NAME OF MY GOD, AND IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GODS: AND BEFORE HIM I TOLD THE DREAM, SAYING,**

**9 O BELTESHAZZAR, MASTER OF THE MAGICIANS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GODS IS IN THEE, AND NO SECRET TROUBLETH THEE, TELL ME THE VISIONS OF MY DREAM THAT I HAVE SEEN, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.**

**10 THUS WERE THE VISIONS OF MINE HEAD IN MY BED; I SAW, AND BEHOLD A TREE IN THE MIDST OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEIGHT THEREOF WAS GREAT.**

**11 THE TREE GREW, AND WAS STRONG, AND THE HEIGHT THEREOF REACHED UNTO HEAVEN, AND THE SIGHT THEREOF TO THE END OF ALL THE EARTH:**

**12 THE LEAVES THEREOF WERE FAIR, AND THE FRUIT THEREOF MUCH, AND IN IT WAS MEAT FOR ALL: THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD HAD SHADOW UNDER IT, AND THE FOWLS OF THE HEAVEN DWELT IN THE BOUGHS THEREOF, AND**

ALL FLESH WAS FED OF IT.

13 I SAW IN THE VISIONS OF MY HEAD UPON MY BED, AND, BEHOLD, A WATCHER AND AN HOLY ONE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;

14 HE CRIED ALOUD, AND SAID THUS, HEW DOWN THE TREE, AND CUT OFF HIS BRANCHES, SHAKE OFF HIS LEAVES, AND SCATTER HIS FRUIT: LET THE BEASTS GET AWAY FROM UNDER IT, AND THE FOWLS FROM HIS BRANCHES:

15 NEVERTHELESS LEAVE THE STUMP OF HIS ROOTS IN THE EARTH, EVEN WITH A BAND OF IRON AND BRASS, IN THE TENDER GRASS OF THE FIELD; AND LET IT BE WET WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN, AND LET HIS PORTION BE WITH THE BEASTS IN THE GRASS OF THE EARTH:

16 LET HIS HEART BE CHANGED FROM MAN'S, AND LET A BEAST'S HEART BE GIVEN UNTO HIM; AND LET SEVEN TIMES PASS OVER HIM.

17 THIS MATTER IS BY THE DECREE OF THE WATCHERS, AND THE DEMAND BY THE WORD OF THE HOLY ONES: TO THE INTENT THAT THE LIVING MAY KNOW THAT THE MOST HIGH RULETH IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND GIVETH IT TO WHOMSOEVER HE WILL, AND SETTETH UP OVER IT THE BASEST OF MEN.

18 THIS DREAM I KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAVE SEEN. NOW THOU, O BELTESHAZZAR, DECLARE THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, FORASMUCH AS ALL THE WISE MEN OF MY KINGDOM ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE INTERPRETATION: BUT THOU ART ABLE; FOR THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GODS IS IN THEE.

19 THEN DANIEL, WHOSE NAME WAS BELTESHAZZAR, WAS ASTONIED FOR ONE HOUR, AND HIS THOUGHTS TROUBLED HIM. THE KING SPAKE, AND SAID, BELTESHAZZAR, LET NOT THE DREAM, OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, TROUBLE THEE. BELTESHAZZAR ANSWERED AND SAID, MY LORD, THE DREAM BE TO THEM THAT HATE THEE, AND THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF TO THINE ENEMIES.

20 THE TREE THAT THOU SAWEST, WHICH GREW, AND WAS STRONG, WHOSE HEIGHT REACHED UNTO THE HEAVEN, AND THE SIGHT THEREOF TO ALL THE EARTH;

21 WHOSE LEAVES WERE FAIR, AND THE FRUIT THEREOF MUCH, AND IN IT WAS MEAT FOR ALL; UNDER WHICH THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD DWELT, AND UPON WHOSE BRANCHES THE FOWLS OF THE HEAVEN HAD THEIR HABITATION:

22 IT IS THOU, O KING, THAT ART GROWN AND BECOME STRONG: FOR THY GREATNESS IS GROWN, AND REACHETH UNTO HEAVEN, AND THY DOMINION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

23 AND WHEREAS THE KING SAW A WATCHER AND AN HOLY ONE COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND SAYING, HEW THE TREE DOWN, AND DESTROY IT; YET LEAVE THE STUMP OF THE ROOTS THEREOF IN THE EARTH, EVEN WITH A BAND OF IRON AND BRASS, IN THE TENDER GRASS OF THE FIELD; AND LET IT BE WET WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN, AND LET HIS PORTION BE WITH THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD, TILL SEVEN TIMES PASS OVER HIM;

24 THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION, O KING, AND THIS IS THE DECREE OF THE MOST HIGH, WHICH IS COME UPON MY LORD THE KING:

25 THAT THEY SHALL DRIVE THEE FROM MEN, AND THY DWELLING SHALL BE WITH THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD, AND THEY SHALL MAKE THEE TO EAT GRASS AS OXEN, AND THEY SHALL WET THEE WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN, AND SEVEN TIMES SHALL PASS OVER THEE, TILL THOU KNOW THAT THE MOST HIGH RULETH IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND GIVETH IT TO WHOMSOEVER HE WILL.

26 AND WHEREAS THEY COMMANDED TO LEAVE THE STUMP OF THE TREE ROOTS; THY KINGDOM SHALL BE SURE UNTO THEE, AFTER THAT THOU SHALT HAVE KNOWN THAT THE HEAVENS DO RULE.

27 WHEREFORE, O KING, LET MY COUNSEL BE ACCEPTABLE UNTO THEE, AND BREAK OFF THY SINS BY RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THINE INIQUITIES BY SHEWING MERCY TO THE POOR; IF IT MAY BE A LENGTHENING OF THY TRANQUILLITY.

28 ALL THIS CAME UPON THE KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

29 AT THE END OF TWELVE MONTHS HE WALKED IN THE PALACE OF THE KINGDOM OF BABYLON.

30 THE KING SPAKE, AND SAID, IS NOT THIS GREAT BABYLON, THAT I HAVE BUILT FOR THE HOUSE OF THE KINGDOM BY THE MIGHT OF MY POWER, AND FOR THE HONOUR OF MY MAJESTY?

31 WHILE THE WORD WAS IN THE KING'S MOUTH, THERE FELL A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, SAYING, O KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR, TO THEE IT IS SPOKEN; THE KINGDOM IS DEPARTED FROM THEE.

32 AND THEY SHALL DRIVE THEE FROM MEN, AND THY DWELLING SHALL BE WITH THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD: THEY SHALL MAKE THEE TO EAT GRASS AS OXEN, AND SEVEN TIMES SHALL PASS OVER THEE, UNTIL THOU KNOW THAT THE MOST HIGH RULETH IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND GIVETH IT TO WHOMSOEVER HE WILL.

33 THE SAME HOUR WAS THE THING FULFILLED UPON NEBUCHADNEZZAR: AND HE WAS DRIVEN FROM MEN, AND DID EAT GRASS AS OXEN, AND HIS BODY WAS WET WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN, TILL HIS HAIRS WERE GROWN

*LIKE EAGLES' FEATHERS, AND HIS NAILS LIKE BIRDS' CLAWS.*

**34 AND AT THE END OF THE DAYS I NEBUCHADNEZZAR LIFTED UP MINE EYES UNTO HEAVEN, AND MINE UNDERSTANDING RETURNED UNTO ME, AND I BLESSED THE MOST HIGH, AND I PRAISED AND HONOURED HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER, WHOSE DOMINION IS AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, AND HIS KINGDOM IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION:**

**35 AND ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH ARE REPUTED AS NOTHING: AND HE DOETH ACCORDING TO HIS WILL IN THE ARMY OF HEAVEN, AND AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH: AND NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND, OR SAY UNTO HIM, WHAT DOEST THOU?**

**36 AT THE SAME TIME MY REASON RETURNED UNTO ME; AND FOR THE GLORY OF MY KINGDOM, MINE HONOUR AND BRIGHTNESS RETURNED UNTO ME; AND MY COUNSELLORS AND MY LORDS SOUGHT UNTO ME; AND I WAS ESTABLISHED IN MY KINGDOM, AND EXCELLENT MAJESTY WAS ADDED UNTO ME.**

**37 NOW I NEBUCHADNEZZAR PRAISE AND EXTOL AND HONOUR THE KING OF HEAVEN, ALL WHOSE WORKS ARE TRUTH, AND HIS WAYS JUDGMENT: AND THOSE THAT WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO ABASE. (KJV)**

DANIEL 4 RELATES NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SEVEN YEAR PERIOD OF INSANITY FOR HIS CONTINUAL FORGETFULNESS AND REJECTION OF GOD.

DURING THE 7 YEARS NEBUCHADNEZZAR IS POSSESSED, BESIDE HIMSELF – CRAZY, INSANE...LIKE ANTI-CHRIST WILL BE.

EVENTUALLY, NEBUCHADNEZZAR CAME TO HIMSELF AND REPENTED – ANICHRIST WILL NOT...

DON'T BE TO SURPRISED TO MEET NEBUCHADNEZZAR IN THE LORD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM.

## **DANIEL 5:1-31**

**1 BELSHAZZAR THE KING MADE A GREAT FEAST TO A THOUSAND OF HIS LORDS, AND DRANK WINE BEFORE THE THOUSAND.**

**2 BELSHAZZAR, WHILE HE TASTED THE WINE, COMMANDED TO BRING THE GOLDEN AND SILVER VESSELS WHICH HIS FATHER NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD TAKEN OUT OF THE TEMPLE WHICH WAS IN JERUSALEM; THAT THE KING, AND HIS PRINCES, HIS WIVES, AND HIS CONCUBINES, MIGHT DRINK THEREIN.**

**3 THEN THEY BROUGHT THE GOLDEN VESSELS THAT WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE TEMPLE OF THE HOUSE OF GOD WHICH WAS AT JERUSALEM; AND THE KING, AND HIS PRINCES, HIS WIVES, AND HIS CONCUBINES, DRANK IN THEM.**

**4 THEY DRANK WINE, AND PRAISED THE GODS OF GOLD, AND OF SILVER, OF BRASS, OF IRON, OF WOOD, AND OF STONE.**

**5 IN THE SAME HOUR CAME FORTH FINGERS OF A MAN'S HAND, AND WROTE OVER AGAINST THE CANDLESTICK UPON THE PLAISTER OF THE WALL OF THE KING'S PALACE: AND THE KING SAW THE PART OF THE HAND THAT WROTE.**

**6 THEN THE KING'S COUNTENANCE WAS CHANGED, AND HIS THOUGHTS TROUBLED HIM, SO THAT THE JOINTS OF HIS LOINS WERE LOOSED, AND HIS KNEES SMOTE ONE AGAINST ANOTHER.**

**7 THE KING CRIED ALOUD TO BRING IN THE ASTROLOGERS, THE CHALDEANS, AND THE SOOTHSAYERS. AND THE KING SPAKE, AND SAID TO THE WISE MEN OF BABYLON, WHOSOEVER SHALL READ THIS WRITING, AND SHEW ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, SHALL BE CLOTHED WITH SCARLET, AND HAVE A CHAIN OF GOLD ABOUT HIS NECK, AND SHALL BE THE THIRD RULER IN THE KINGDOM.**

**8 THEN CAME IN ALL THE KING'S WISE MEN: BUT THEY COULD NOT READ THE WRITING, NOR MAKE KNOWN TO THE KING THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF.**

**9 THEN WAS KING BELSHAZZAR GREATLY TROUBLED, AND HIS COUNTENANCE WAS CHANGED IN HIM, AND HIS LORDS WERE ASTONIED.**

**10 NOW THE QUEEN, BY REASON OF THE WORDS OF THE KING AND HIS LORDS, CAME INTO THE BANQUET HOUSE: AND THE QUEEN SPAKE AND SAID, O KING, LIVE FOR EVER: LET NOT THY THOUGHTS TROUBLE THEE, NOR LET THY COUNTENANCE BE CHANGED:**

**11 THERE IS A MAN IN THY KINGDOM, IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GODS; AND IN THE DAYS OF THY FATHER LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM, LIKE THE WISDOM OF THE GODS, WAS FOUND IN HIM; WHOM THE**

**KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR THY FATHER, THE KING, I SAY, THY FATHER, MADE MASTER OF THE MAGICIANS, ASTROLOGERS, CHALDEANS, AND SOOTHSAYERS;**

**12 FORASMUCH AS AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT, AND KNOWLEDGE, AND UNDERSTANDING, INTERPRETING OF DREAMS, AND SHEWING OF HARD SENTENCES, AND DISSOLVING OF DOUBTS, WERE FOUND IN THE SAME DANIEL, WHOM THE KING NAMED BELTESHAZZAR: NOW LET DANIEL BE CALLED, AND HE WILL SHEW THE INTERPRETATION.**

**13 THEN WAS DANIEL BROUGHT IN BEFORE THE KING. AND THE KING SPAKE AND SAID UNTO DANIEL, ART THOU THAT DANIEL, WHICH ART OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH, WHOM THE KING MY FATHER BROUGHT OUT OF JEWRY?**

**14 I HAVE EVEN HEARD OF THEE, THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE GODS IS IN THEE, AND THAT LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING AND EXCELLENT WISDOM IS FOUND IN THEE.**

**15 AND NOW THE WISE MEN, THE ASTROLOGERS, HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN BEFORE ME, THAT THEY SHOULD READ THIS WRITING, AND MAKE KNOWN UNTO ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF: BUT THEY COULD NOT SHEW THE INTERPRETATION OF THE THING:**

**16 AND I HAVE HEARD OF THEE, THAT THOU CANST MAKE INTERPRETATIONS, AND DISSOLVE DOUBTS: NOW IF THOU CANST READ THE WRITING, AND MAKE KNOWN TO ME THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF, THOU SHALT BE CLOTHED WITH SCARLET, AND HAVE A CHAIN OF GOLD ABOUT THY NECK, AND SHALT BE THE THIRD RULER IN THE KINGDOM.**

**17 THEN DANIEL ANSWERED AND SAID BEFORE THE KING, LET THY GIFTS BE TO THYSELF, AND GIVE THY REWARDS TO ANOTHER; YET I WILL READ THE WRITING UNTO THE KING, AND MAKE KNOWN TO HIM THE INTERPRETATION.**

**18 O THOU KING, THE MOST HIGH GOD GAVE NEBUCHADNEZZAR THY FATHER A KINGDOM, AND MAJESTY, AND GLORY, AND HONOUR:**

**19 AND FOR THE MAJESTY THAT HE GAVE HIM, ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, TREMBLED AND FEARED BEFORE HIM: WHOM HE WOULD HE SLEW; AND WHOM HE WOULD HE KEPT ALIVE; AND WHOM HE WOULD HE SET UP; AND WHOM HE WOULD HE PUT DOWN.**

**20 BUT WHEN HIS HEART WAS LIFTED UP, AND HIS MIND HARDENED IN PRIDE, HE WAS DEPOSED FROM HIS KINGLY THRONE, AND THEY TOOK HIS GLORY FROM HIM:**

**21 AND HE WAS DRIVEN FROM THE SONS OF MEN; AND HIS HEART WAS**

**MADE LIKE THE BEASTS, AND HIS DWELLING WAS WITH THE WILD ASSES: 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 RULED IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND THAT HE APPOINTETH OVER IT WHOMSOEVER HE WILL.**

**22 AND THOU HIS SON, O BELSHAZZAR, HAST NOT HUMBLD THINE HEART, THOUGH THOU KNEWEST ALL THIS;**

**23 BUT HAST LIFTED UP THYSELF AGAINST THE LORD OF HEAVEN; AND THEY HAVE BROUGHT THE VESSELS OF HIS HOUSE BEFORE THEE, AND THOU, AND THY LORDS, THY WIVES, AND THY CONCUBINES, HAVE DRUNK WINE IN THEM; AND THOU HAST PRAISED THE GODS OF SILVER, AND GOLD, OF BRASS, IRON, WOOD, AND STONE, WHICH SEE NOT, NOR HEAR, NOR KNOW: AND THE GOD IN WHOSE HAND THY BREATH IS, AND WHOSE ARE ALL THY WAYS, HAST THOU NOT GLORIFIED:**

**24 THEN WAS THE PART OF THE HAND SENT FROM HIM; AND THIS WRITING WAS WRITTEN.**

**25 AND THIS IS THE WRITING THAT WAS WRITTEN, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.**

**26 THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE THING: MENE; GOD HATH NUMBERED THY KINGDOM, AND FINISHED IT.**

**27 TEKEL; THOU ART WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES, AND ART FOUND WANTING.**

**28 PERES; THY KINGDOM IS DIVIDED, AND GIVEN TO THE MEDES AND PERSIANS.**

**29 THEN COMMANDED BELSHAZZAR, AND THEY CLOTHED DANIEL WITH SCARLET, AND PUT A CHAIN OF GOLD ABOUT HIS NECK, AND MADE A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING HIM, THAT HE SHOULD BE THE THIRD RULER IN THE KINGDOM.**

**30 IN THAT NIGHT WAS BELSHAZZAR THE KING OF THE CHALDEANS SLAIN.**

**31 AND DARIUS THE MEDIAN TOOK THE KINGDOM, BEING ABOUT THREESCORE AND TWO YEARS OLD. (KJV)**

DANIEL 5 RECOUNTS THE FALL OF BABYLON AND IT'S OVERTHROW BY THE MEDO-PERSIAN RULER CYRUS.

BELSHAZZAR (THE SON OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SON) WAS ON THE BABYLONIAN THRONE.

*JER 27:6-7*

6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. (KJV)

BABYLON WAS A GREAT CITY; THOUGHT TO BE IMPREGNABLE. IT WAS LARGE ENOUGH AND SITUATED SO THAT UNDER SIEGE, IT HAD OR COULD GROW ANY OF THE MATERIALS AND FOOD SUPPLIES IT MAY NEED INDEFINITELY.

DURING A DRUNKEN ORGY, USING THE HOLY UTENSILS TAKEN FROM THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM, GOD'S HAND APPEARED WRITING A MESSAGE ON THE WALL OF THE HALL.

#### **DANIEL 5:1-5**

**1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.**

**2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.**

**3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.**

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

**5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. (KJV)**

BELSHAZZAR, SEEING THE HAND WAS OVERTAKEN BY FEAR TO THE POINT HE 'WET HIS PANTS' (LOINS WERE LOOSED) AND HIS KNEES LITERALLY BEGAN TO KNOCK (HIS KNEES SMOTE TOGETHER).

HE QUICKLY CALLED FOR DANIEL (AFTER BEING REMINDED BY THE QUEEN THAT DANIEL HAD BEEN USEFUL IN THIS SORT OF SITUATION IN THE PAST).

DANIEL INTERPRETED THE MESSAGE FORETELLING BABYLON'S FALL AND BELSHAZZAR'S DEMISE.

#### **DANIEL 5:6-29**

**6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.**

**7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.**

**8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.**

**9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.**

**10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:**

**11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;**

**12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.**

**13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?**

**14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.**

**15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:**

**16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make**



*interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.*

*17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.*

*18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:*

*19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.*

*20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:*

*21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: 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 ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.*

*22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;*

*23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:*

*24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.*

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

*26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.*

*27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.*

*28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.*

*29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. (KJV)*

(GOD HAD PREVIOUSLY WARNED NEBUCHADNEZZAR MANY TIMES THAT GOD WAS RUNNING THINGS.)

DAN 4:17

*This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. (KJV)*

THE RIVER EUPHRATES FLOWED THROUGH THE CENTER BABYLON.

THAT NIGHT DARIUS, A MEDO-PERSIAN KING (SERVING UNDER CYRUS), COMPLETED A PLAN TO DIVERT THE EUPHRATES INTO A TEMPORARY ARTIFICIAL LAKE BED UP STREAM OF BABYLON.

HE AND HIS ARMY ENTERED THE CITY ON THE DRY RIVER BED UNDER THE CITY WALLS AND TOOK BABYLON CAPTIVE.

DANIEL 5:30-31

*30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.*

*31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old. (KJV)*

GOD HAD REVEALED THAT CYRUS WOULD DEFEAT BABYLON SOME TWO HUNDRED YEARS EARLIER.

ISA 44:28

*That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. (KJV)*

ISA 45:1-3

*1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;*

*2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:*

*3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. (KJV)*

GOD HAD SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE HELD IN CAPTIVITY FOR 70 YEARS. THE TIME WAS NEARLY COMPLETED.

*JER 25:11-12*

*11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

*12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. (KJV)*

GOD BROUGHT IN THE MEDES AND PERSIANS TO SEE TO IT THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE RELEASED ON SCHEDULE.

*ISA 13:6-19*

*6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:*

*8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

*9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

*10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*

*11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

*12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

*13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.*

*14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.*

*15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.*

*16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes;*

*their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.*

*17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.*

*18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.*

*19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. (KJV)*

THIS PASSAGE MAY HAVE A DUAL PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT.

- 1) THE FIRST THE FALL OF BELSHAZZAR'S BABYLON AT THE HANDS OF THE MEDES.
- 2) THE SECOND THE FALL OF ANTI-CHRIST'S KINGDOM AT THE HANDS OF JESUS.

## **DANIEL 6:1-28**

**1 IT PLEASSED DARIUS TO SET OVER THE KINGDOM AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY PRINCES, WHICH SHOULD BE OVER THE WHOLE KINGDOM;**

**2 AND OVER THESE THREE PRESIDENTS; OF WHOM DANIEL WAS FIRST: THAT THE PRINCES MIGHT GIVE ACCOUNTS UNTO THEM, AND THE KING SHOULD HAVE NO DAMAGE.**

**3 THEN THIS DANIEL WAS PREFERRED ABOVE THE PRESIDENTS AND PRINCES, BECAUSE AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT WAS IN HIM; AND THE KING THOUGHT TO SET HIM OVER THE WHOLE REALM.**

**4 THEN THE PRESIDENTS AND PRINCES SOUGHT TO FIND OCCASION AGAINST DANIEL CONCERNING THE KINGDOM; BUT THEY COULD FIND NONE OCCASION NOR FAULT; FORASMUCH AS HE WAS FAITHFUL, NEITHER WAS THERE ANY ERROR OR FAULT FOUND IN HIM.**

**5 THEN SAID THESE MEN, WE SHALL NOT FIND ANY OCCASION AGAINST THIS DANIEL, EXCEPT WE FIND IT AGAINST HIM CONCERNING THE LAW OF HIS GOD.**

LEADERS KNOW THAT IF THEY CAN UNITE VARIOUS GROUPS WITH A COMMON RELIGION, THE PEOPLE WILL UNITE IN OTHER MATTERS ALSO.

**6 THEN THESE PRESIDENTS AND PRINCES ASSEMBLED TOGETHER TO THE KING, AND SAID THUS UNTO HIM, KING DARIUS, LIVE FOR EVER.**

**7 ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE KINGDOM, THE GOVERNORS, AND THE PRINCES, THE COUNSELLORS, AND THE CAPTAINS, HAVE CONSULTED TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH A ROYAL STATUTE, AND TO MAKE A FIRM DECREE, THAT WHOSOEVER SHALL ASK A PETITION OF ANY GOD OR MAN FOR THIRTY DAYS, SAVE OF THEE, O KING, HE SHALL BE CAST INTO THE DEN OF LIONS.**

**8 NOW, O KING, ESTABLISH THE DECREE, AND SIGN THE WRITING, THAT IT BE NOT CHANGED, ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE MEDES AND PERSIANS, WHICH ALTERETH NOT.**

**9 WHEREFORE KING DARIUS SIGNED THE WRITING AND THE DECREE.**

**10 NOW WHEN DANIEL KNEW THAT THE WRITING WAS SIGNED, HE WENT INTO HIS HOUSE; AND HIS WINDOWS BEING OPEN IN HIS CHAMBER TOWARD JERUSALEM, HE KNEELED UPON HIS KNEES THREE TIMES A DAY, AND PRAYED, AND GAVE THANKS BEFORE HIS GOD, AS HE DID AFORETIME.**

- WENT INTO HIS HOUSE.
- OPENED THE WINDOWS

- FACED JERUSALEM
  - 2Ch 6:17-42  
20 THAT THINE EYES MAY BE OPEN UPON THIS HOUSE DAY AND NIGHT, UPON THE PLACE WHEREOF THOU HAST SAID THAT THOU WoulDEST PUT THY NAME THERE; TO HEarken UNTO THE PRAYER WHICH THY SERVANT PRAYETH TOWARD THIS PLACE.
- KNELT IN THE WINDOW – TO BE SEEN
  - MAT\_5:16 LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.
- PRAYED TO GOD 3 TIMES A DAY.

**11 THEN THESE MEN ASSEMBLED, AND FOUND DANIEL PRAYING AND MAKING SUPPLICATION BEFORE HIS GOD.**

**12 THEN THEY CAME NEAR, AND SPAKE BEFORE THE KING CONCERNING THE KING'S DECREE; HAST THOU NOT SIGNED A DECREE, THAT EVERY MAN THAT SHALL ASK A PETITION OF ANY GOD OR MAN WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, SAVE OF THEE, 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 ALTERETH NOT.**

**13 THEN ANSWERED THEY AND SAID BEFORE THE KING, THAT DANIEL, WHICH IS OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH, REGARDETH NOT THEE, O KING, NOR THE DECREE THAT THOU HAST SIGNED, BUT MAKETH HIS PETITION THREE TIMES A DAY.**

**14 THEN THE KING, WHEN HE HEARD THESE WORDS, WAS SORE DISPLEASED WITH HIMSELF, AND SET HIS HEART ON DANIEL TO DELIVER HIM: AND HE LABOURED TILL THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN TO DELIVER HIM.**

**15 THEN THESE MEN ASSEMBLED UNTO THE KING, AND SAID UNTO THE KING, KNOW, O KING, THAT THE LAW OF THE MEDES AND PERSIANS IS, THAT NO DECREE NOR STATUTE WHICH THE KING ESTABLISHETH MAY BE CHANGED.**

**16 THEN THE KING COMMANDED, AND THEY BROUGHT DANIEL, AND CAST HIM INTO THE DEN OF LIONS. NOW THE KING SPAKE AND SAID UNTO DANIEL, THY GOD WHOM THOU SERVEST CONTINUALLY, HE WILL DELIVER THEE.**

**17 AND A STONE WAS BROUGHT, AND LAID UPON THE MOUTH OF THE DEN; AND THE KING SEALED IT WITH HIS OWN SIGNET, AND WITH THE SIGNET OF HIS LORDS; THAT THE PURPOSE MIGHT NOT BE CHANGED CONCERNING**

**DANIEL.**

- STONE SEALED DANIEL'S 'TOMB'
- SEALED SHUT
- AT SUNDOWN (vs14)

**18 THEN THE KING WENT TO HIS PALACE, AND PASSED THE NIGHT FASTING: NEITHER WERE INSTRUMENTS OF MUSICK BROUGHT BEFORE HIM: AND HIS SLEEP WENT FROM HIM.**

**19 THEN THE KING AROSE VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, AND WENT IN HASTE UNTO THE DEN OF LIONS.**

- EARLY IN THE AM
- STONE REMOVED
- DANIEL CAME FORTH

**20 AND WHEN HE CAME TO THE DEN, HE CRIED WITH A LAMENTABLE VOICE UNTO DANIEL: AND THE KING SPAKE AND SAID TO DANIEL, O DANIEL, SERVANT OF THE LIVING GOD, IS THY GOD, WHOM THOU SERVEST CONTINUALLY, ABLE TO DELIVER THEE FROM THE LIONS?**

**21 THEN SAID DANIEL UNTO THE KING, O KING, LIVE FOR EVER.**

**22 MY GOD HATH SENT HIS ANGEL, AND HATH SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTHS, THAT THEY HAVE NOT HURT ME: FORASMUCH AS BEFORE HIM INNOCENCY WAS FOUND IN ME; AND ALSO BEFORE THEE, O KING, HAVE I DONE NO HURT.**

**23 THEN WAS THE KING EXCEEDING 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 MANNER OF HURT WAS FOUND UPON HIM, BECAUSE HE BELIEVED IN HIS GOD.**

**24 AND THE KING COMMANDED, AND THEY BROUGHT THOSE MEN WHICH HAD ACCUSED DANIEL, AND THEY CAST THEM INTO THE DEN OF LIONS, THEM, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR WIVES; AND THE LIONS HAD THE MASTERY OF THEM, AND BRAKE ALL THEIR BONES IN PIECES OR EVER THEY CAME AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DEN.**

**25 THEN KING DARIUS WROTE UNTO ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, THAT DWELL IN ALL THE EARTH; PEACE BE MULTIPLIED UNTO YOU.**

**26 I MAKE A DECREE, THAT IN EVERY DOMINION OF MY KINGDOM MEN TREMBLE AND FEAR BEFORE THE GOD OF DANIEL: FOR HE IS THE LIVING GOD, AND STEDFAST FOR EVER, AND HIS KINGDOM THAT WHICH SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED, AND HIS DOMINION SHALL BE EVEN UNTO THE END.**

**27 HE DELIVERETH AND RESCUETH, AND HE WORKETH SIGNS AND WONDERS IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH, WHO HATH DELIVERED DANIEL FROM THE POWER OF THE LIONS.**

**28 SO THIS DANIEL PROSPERED IN THE REIGN OF DARIUS, AND IN THE REIGN OF CYRUS THE PERSIAN. (KJV)**

DANIEL 6 RELATES THE ACCOUNT OF DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN AND SHOWS HOW CYRUS LIKE NEBUCHADNEZZAR BEFORE HIM DEPENDED AND LOVED DANIEL.

**DANIEL 7:1-28**

**1** IN THE FIRST YEAR OF BELSHAZZAR KING OF BABYLON DANIEL HAD A DREAM AND VISIONS OF HIS HEAD UPON HIS BED: THEN HE WROTE THE DREAM, AND TOLD THE SUM OF THE MATTERS.

**2** DANIEL SPAKE AND SAID, I SAW IN MY VISION BY NIGHT, AND, BEHOLD, THE FOUR WINDS OF THE HEAVEN STROVE UPON THE GREAT SEA.

**3** AND FOUR GREAT BEASTS CAME UP FROM THE SEA, DIVERSE ONE FROM ANOTHER.

**4** THE FIRST WAS LIKE A LION, AND HAD EAGLE'S WINGS: I BEHELD TILL THE WINGS THEREOF WERE PLUCKED, AND IT WAS LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, AND MADE STAND UPON THE FEET AS A MAN, AND A MAN'S HEART WAS GIVEN TO IT.

**5** AND BEHOLD ANOTHER BEAST, A SECOND, LIKE TO A BEAR, AND IT RAISED UP ITSELF ON ONE SIDE, AND IT HAD THREE RIBS IN THE MOUTH OF IT BETWEEN THE TEETH OF IT: AND THEY SAID THUS UNTO IT, ARISE, DEVOUR MUCH FLESH.

**6** AFTER THIS I BEHELD, AND LO ANOTHER, LIKE A LEOPARD, WHICH HAD UPON THE BACK OF IT FOUR WINGS OF A FOWL; THE BEAST HAD ALSO FOUR HEADS; AND DOMINION WAS GIVEN TO IT.

**7** AFTER THIS I SAW IN THE NIGHT VISIONS, AND BEHOLD A FOURTH BEAST, DREADFUL AND TERRIBLE, AND STRONG EXCEEDINGLY; AND IT HAD GREAT IRON TEETH: IT DEVOURED AND BRAKE IN PIECES, AND STAMPED THE RESIDUE WITH THE FEET OF IT: AND IT WAS DIVERSE FROM ALL THE BEASTS THAT WERE BEFORE IT; AND IT HAD TEN HORNS.

**8** I CONSIDERED THE HORNS, AND, BEHOLD, THERE CAME UP AMONG THEM ANOTHER LITTLE HORN, BEFORE WHOM THERE WERE THREE OF THE FIRST HORNS PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS: AND, BEHOLD, IN THIS HORN WERE EYES LIKE THE EYES OF MAN, AND A MOUTH SPEAKING GREAT THINGS.

**9** I BEHELD TILL THE THRONES WERE CAST DOWN, AND THE ANCIENT OF DAYS DID SIT, WHOSE GARMENT WAS WHITE AS SNOW, AND THE HAIR OF HIS HEAD LIKE THE PURE WOOL: HIS THRONE WAS LIKE THE FIERY FLAME, AND HIS WHEELS AS BURNING FIRE.

**10** A FIERY STREAM ISSUED AND CAME FORTH FROM BEFORE HIM: THOUSAND THOUSANDS MINISTERED UNTO HIM, AND TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND STOOD BEFORE HIM: THE JUDGMENT WAS SET, AND THE BOOKS WERE OPENED.

**11** I BEHELD THEN BECAUSE OF THE VOICE OF THE GREAT WORDS WHICH

THE HORN SPAKE: I BEHELD EVEN TILL THE BEAST WAS SLAIN, AND HIS BODY DESTROYED, AND GIVEN TO THE BURNING FLAME.

**12** AS CONCERNING THE REST OF THE BEASTS, THEY HAD THEIR DOMINION TAKEN AWAY: YET THEIR LIVES WERE PROLONGED FOR A SEASON AND TIME.

**13** I SAW IN THE NIGHT VISIONS, AND, BEHOLD, ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN CAME WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN, AND CAME TO THE ANCIENT OF DAYS, AND THEY BROUGHT HIM NEAR BEFORE HIM.

**14** AND THERE WAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION, AND GLORY, AND A KINGDOM, THAT ALL PEOPLE, NATIONS, AND LANGUAGES, SHOULD SERVE HIM: HIS DOMINION IS AN EVERLASTING DOMINION, WHICH SHALL NOT PASS AWAY, AND HIS KINGDOM THAT WHICH SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED.

**15** I DANIEL WAS GRIEVED IN MY SPIRIT IN THE MIDST OF MY BODY, AND THE VISIONS OF MY HEAD TROUBLED ME.

**16** I CAME NEAR UNTO ONE OF THEM THAT STOOD BY, AND ASKED HIM THE TRUTH OF ALL THIS. SO HE TOLD ME, AND MADE ME KNOW THE INTERPRETATION OF THE THINGS.

**17** THESE GREAT BEASTS, WHICH ARE FOUR, ARE FOUR KINGS, WHICH SHALL ARISE OUT OF THE EARTH.

**18** BUT THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL TAKE THE KINGDOM, AND POSSESS THE KINGDOM FOR EVER, EVEN FOR EVER AND EVER.

**19** THEN I WOULD KNOW THE TRUTH OF THE FOURTH BEAST, WHICH WAS DIVERSE FROM ALL THE OTHERS, EXCEEDING DREADFUL, WHOSE TEETH WERE OF IRON, AND HIS NAILS OF BRASS; WHICH DEVOURED, BRAKE IN PIECES, AND STAMPED THE RESIDUE WITH HIS FEET;

**20** AND OF THE TEN HORNS THAT WERE IN HIS HEAD, AND OF THE OTHER WHICH CAME UP, AND BEFORE WHOM THREE FELL; EVEN OF THAT HORN THAT HAD EYES, AND A MOUTH THAT SPAKE VERY GREAT THINGS, WHOSE LOOK WAS MORE STOUT THAN HIS FELLOWS.

**21** I BEHELD, AND THE SAME HORN MADE WAR WITH THE SAINTS, AND PREVAILED AGAINST THEM;

**22** UNTIL THE ANCIENT OF DAYS CAME, AND JUDGMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH; AND THE TIME CAME THAT THE SAINTS POSSESSED THE KINGDOM.

**23** THUS HE SAID, THE FOURTH BEAST SHALL BE THE FOURTH KINGDOM UPON EARTH, WHICH SHALL BE DIVERSE FROM ALL KINGDOMS, AND SHALL DEVOUR THE WHOLE EARTH, AND SHALL TREAD IT DOWN, AND BREAK IT IN

**PIECES.**

**24 AND THE TEN HORNS OUT OF THIS KINGDOM ARE TEN KINGS THAT SHALL ARISE: AND ANOTHER SHALL RISE AFTER THEM; AND HE SHALL BE DIVERSE FROM THE FIRST, AND HE SHALL SUBDUE THREE KINGS.**

**25 AND HE SHALL SPEAK GREAT WORDS AGAINST THE MOST HIGH, AND SHALL WEAR OUT THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH, AND THINK TO CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS: AND THEY SHALL BE GIVEN INTO HIS HAND UNTIL A TIME AND TIMES AND THE DIVIDING OF TIME.**

**26 BUT THE JUDGMENT SHALL SIT, AND THEY SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS DOMINION, TO CONSUME AND TO DESTROY IT UNTO THE END.**

**27 AND THE KINGDOM AND DOMINION, AND THE GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOM UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN, SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH, WHOSE KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND ALL DOMINIONS SHALL SERVE AND OBEY HIM.**

**28 HITHERTO IS THE END OF THE MATTER. AS FOR ME DANIEL, MY COGITATIONS MUCH TROUBLED ME, AND MY COUNTENANCE CHANGED IN ME: BUT I KEPT THE MATTER IN MY HEART. (KJV)**

DANIEL CHAPTER 7 GOES BACK IN TIME TO THE FIRST YEAR OF BELSHAZZAR'S REIGN.

(THIS IS BELSHAZZAR NOT BELTESHAZZAR WHICH WAS DANIEL'S CHALDEAN NAME).

NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD DIED SOME 23 YEARS EARLIER AND WAS FOLLOWED BY HIS SONS, ALL OF WHOM WERE EITHER DEMENTED OR JUST PLAIN FOOLISH RULERS.

FINALLY HIS GRANDSON BELSHAZZAR ASCENDED TO THE THRONE. BELSHAZZAR WAS NO BARGAIN OF A KING HIMSELF. IT IS WITH HIS REIGN THAT THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT RESUMES.

DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR AND BELSHAZZAR, DANIEL HAD BEEN LIVING A QUIET, SEMI-RETIRED LIFE DEVOTING HIMSELF TO STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES THAT WERE AVAILABLE TO THAT POINT (LAW OF MOSES, PSALMS, THE WRITINGS OF THE EARLY PROPHETS).

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S VISION OF THE GREAT IMAGE (DAN 2) HAD STARTED DANIEL TO WONDERING AND STUDYING.

DURING BELSHAZZAR'S FIRST YEAR ON THE THRONE, GOD

REVEALED TO DANIEL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THROUGH VISIONS OF HIS OWN.

DANIEL'S VISIONS MAY HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED ALL AT ONE TIME OR MAY HAVE BEEN SPREAD OVER A LONGER PERIOD, WE DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE.

#### DANIEL'S VISION OF THE 4 BEASTS.

THE SCENE OF THE VISION WAS AT THE SHORE OF THE GREAT SEA, WHICH IN SCRIPTURE USUALLY INDICATED THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE SEA IN PROPHETIC SCRIPTURE USUALLY REPRESENTED:

- 1) THE MASSES OF PEOPLE ON EARTH, HUMANITY, OR
- 2) CHAOS AND EVIL; FOREBODING UNCONTROLLABLE FORCES.

NUM 34:3-12

- 3 *Then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost coast of the salt sea eastward:*
- 4 *And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Akkrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea, and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon:*
- 5 *And the border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.*
- 6 *And as for the western border, ye shall even have the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.*
- 7 *And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall point out for you mount Hor:*
- 8 *From mount Hor ye shall point out your border unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad:*
- 9 *And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north border.*
- 10 *And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to Shepham:*
- 11 *And the coast shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward:*
- 12 *And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land with the coasts thereof round about. (KJV)*

**EZEK 47:20**

*The west side also shall be the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This is the west side. (KJV)*

**REV 17:15**

*And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. (KJV)*

**ISA 17:12-13**

- 12 *Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!*  
13 *The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. (KJV)*

THE SCENE OF EVENTS IS THEN THE AREA AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN INVOLVING ALL OF MANKIND.

THE FOUR WINDS BLEW ACROSS THE SEA; 'STROVE UPON THE GREAT SEA.'

THE FOUR WINDS IN SCRIPTURE USUALLY REFERS TO SPIRITUAL FORCES; IN PARTICULAR THE 'POWERS OF THE AIR'; SATANIC FORCES. (PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, ETC.)

SATAN MOVED ON HUMANITY, STIRRING UP UNREST AND CONFUSION LIKE THE WIND CAUSES THE SEA TO CHURN AND WAVES TO ROLL.

DANIEL 7 IS VERY CLOSE IN REVELATION TO DANIEL 2.

GOD HAS SAID THAT 'IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES LET A THING BE ESTABLISHED.' THE MEANING OF THE DREAMS THAT JOSEPH INTERPRETED FOR PHARAOH WERE REPEATED TWICE TO ESTABLISH IT AS FROM GOD AND AS A FUTURE FACT.

**GEN 41:32**

*And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. (KJV)*

DANIEL'S VISION ADDS DETAIL TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S.

**DANIEL 7:1-4**

**1** *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.*

**2** *Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.*

**3** *And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.*

**4** *The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. (KJV)*

THE FIRST BEAST - THE LION - (BABYLON)

AS GOLD IS THE MOST PRECIOUS METAL, THE LION IS THE KING OF THE FOREST.

THE FIGURE OF A LION WITH THE WINGS OF AN EAGLE AND THE FACE OF A MAN WAS A BABYLONIAN SYMBOL DISCOVERED IN ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGS IN BOTH NINEVAH AND BABYLON. BOTH THE LION AND EAGLE HAVE BEEN USED TO DESCRIBE BABYLON

**JER 4:6-7**

**6** *Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.*

**7** *The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. (KJV)*

**EZEK 17:2-3**

**2** *Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;*

**3** *And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, which had divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar: (KJV)*

BABYLONIAN CONQUEST WAS CHARACTERIZED BY SWIFT CAMPAIGNS (WINGS) AND THE EMPIRE BY IT'S REGAL SPLENDOR (GOLD/LION)

THE WINGS BEING PLUCKED PROBABLY REFERS TO THE 7 YEAR PERIOD WHEN NEBUCHADNEZZAR LOST HIS SANITY

(AND HIS KINGDOM).

#### **DANIEL 7:5**

***And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. (KJV)***

THE SECOND BEAST - THE BEAR - (MEDO-PERSIA)

THIS WAS THE SILVER PORTION (CHEST AND ARMS) OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE.

THE BEAR IS A SLOW, SOMETIMES AWKWARD ANIMAL BUT ONE THAT IS EXTREMELY POWERFUL. IT TAKES IT'S FOES BY BRUTE FORCE RATHER THAN BY STRATEGY AND CUNNING.

THIS IS THE WAY THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE CONDUCTED IT'S CONQUESTS, THROUGH BRUTE FORCE AND OVERWHELMING POWER.

THE NUMERICALLY LARGE AND POWERFUL ARMIES OF THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE WOULD CERTAINLY 'DEVOUR MUCH FLESH'.

ONE PAW BEING LIFTED UP INDICATED THE MORE POWERFUL PERSIAN ARM OF THE DUAL EMPIRE.

THE 3 RIBS IN IT'S MOUTH PROBABLY SYMBOLIZED THE CONQUEST OF 3 COUNTRIES (SUSIANA, LYDIA AND ASIA MINOR).

#### **DANIEL 7:6**

***After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (KJV)***

THE THIRD BEAST - THE LEOPARD - (GREECE)

THIS WAS THE BELLY AND THIGH PARTS, THE MIDSECTION, OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE.

THE LEOPARD HAD FOUR HEADS AND FOUR WINGS.

THE GREEK (MACEDONIAN) EMPIRE CONDUCTED IT'S CONQUESTS AMAZINGLY FAST. WITHIN A FEW YEARS OF IT'S BEGINNING, ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S

EMPIRE HAD THE WORLD AT IT'S FEET.

ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR DISTRICTS OR SUB-KINGDOMS: SYRIA, EGYPT, MACEDONIA AND ASIA MINOR.

THE MEANING OF THE FOUR HEADS WOULD BE EXPLAINED IN A LATER REVELATION TO DANIEL (SEE DANIEL 8).

#### **DANIEL 7:7-8**

***7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.***

***8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. (KJV)***

THE FOURTH BEAST - NOT RELATED TO A KNOWN ANIMAL - (ROME; BEYOND ROME TO REVIVED ROME)

THIS BEAST CORRESPONDED TO THE LEGS OF IRON IN NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE.

SINCE THE ROMAN EMPIRE HAS NOT YET APPEARED IN THE FORM DESCRIBED THE VISION CARRIES FORWARD UNTIL THE 'END OF TIMES'.

DANIEL'S BEAST HAD TEN HORNS; NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE HAD TEN TOES.

A LITTLE HORN GREW UP OUT OF THE TEN HORNS AND OVERTHREW 3 OF THEM BY THE ROOTS.

THE LITTLE HORN HAD EYES LIKE A MAN'S EYES AND A MOUTH THAT SPOKE GREAT THINGS.

THIS FOURTH BEAST IS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN VERSES 19-27

#### **DANIEL 7:9-11**

***9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair***



*of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.*

*10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

*11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. (KJV)*

DANIEL THEN SAW THAT ALL THESE THRONES AND EMPIRES WERE CAST DOWN BY THE 'ANCIENT OF DAYS' WHO THEN SAT UPON HIS THRONE OVER THE EARTH.

HE EXECUTED JUDGEMENT UPON THE EARTH AND ESPECIALLY UPON THE LITTLE HORN BECAUSE OF THE 'GREAT (BOASTFUL?) WORDS' HE HAD SPOKEN.

THE LITTLE HORN WAS CAST INTO FIRE.

#### **DANIEL 7:12**

*As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. (KJV)*

THE FIRST THREE BEASTS HAD THEIR KINGDOMS (AUTHORITY - WORLD RULE) TAKEN AWAY BUT THEIR LIVES WERE PROLONGED FOR 'A SEASON AND A TIME'.

TODAY IRAQ (BABYLON), PERSIA (IRAN) AND GREECE STILL NUMBER AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

WHEN JUDGEMENT FINALLY FALLS ON THE (REVIVED) ROMAN EMPIRE, IT IS DESTROYED FOR ETERNITY.

THE JUDGEMENT SCENE CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT OF REVELATION.

NOT ONLY ARE THE TEN HORNS (NATIONS) JUDGED BUT THE 'PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR' IS CAST DOWN ALSO.

REV 12:7-12	SATAN CAST DOWN
REV 19:11-20:3	BEAST, FALSE PROPHET, NATIONS JUDGED
REV 20:7-15	SATAN AND THE WICKED DEAD JUDGED

#### REV 12:7-12

- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,  
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.  
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.  
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.  
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.  
12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (KJV)*

#### REV 19:11-20

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.  
12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.  
13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.  
14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.  
15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.  
16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.  
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;  
18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*

- 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.
- 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (KJV)

REV 20:1-3

- 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
- 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (KJV)

REV 20:7-15

- 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.
- 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
- 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (KJV)

**DANIEL 7:13-14**

**13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

**14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (KJV)**

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS IS USED TO DESCRIBE BOTH GOD THE FATHER AND THE SON OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE.

HOWEVER, IN THE VISION, THE 'SON OF MAN' COMES WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN (USUALLY REFERS TO HIS SAINTS AND THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN) TO THE 'ANCIENT OF DAYS' WHO GIVES TO HIM 'DOMINION AND GLORY AND A KINGDOM' THAT IS 'EVERLASTING'.

REV 11:15

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (KJV)*

SATAN TRIED TO OFFER JESUS A KINGDOM DURING THE TEMPTATIONS ON EARTH BUT JESUS REFUSED THE TEMPTATION PREFERRING TO RECEIVE HIS KINGDOM FROM GOD THE FATHER FOR ETERNITY.

LUKE 4:5-7

- 5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.
- 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. (KJV)

THE PEOPLE TRIED TO TAKE JESUS BY FORCE AND GIVE JESUS AN EARTHLY KINGDOM WHICH HE ALSO REFUSED. HE WOULD WAIT FOR THE KINGDOM HIS FATHER WOULD GIVE HIM.

LUKE 19:11-12

- 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. (KJV)

*Psa 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. :7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. :8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. :9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

*Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

*Mat 22:44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

*Mar 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

*Luk 20:42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, :43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

*Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

*Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*

#### **DANIEL 7:15-16**

**15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.**

**16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. (KJV)**

DANIEL ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION AND THE HEAVENLY VISITOR PROVIDED IT.

#### **DANIEL 7:17-18**

**17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.**

**18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

#### **(KJV)**

THE ANGEL EXPLAINED THAT THE FOUR BEASTS REPRESENTED FOUR KINGS AND THEIR KINGDOMS ALL OF WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY BE POSSESSED BY THE SAINTS OF GOD.

#### **DANIEL 7:19-22**

**19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;**

**20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.**

**21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;**

**22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. (KJV)**

DANIEL THEN ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOURTH BEAST.

HE WAS TOLD THAT THIS BEAST WOULD BE VERY POWERFUL BREAKING IT'S OPPONENTS AND CRUSHING THEIR POWER AND AUTHORITY.

OUT OF THIS BEAST, WHICH WOULD BE COMPRISED OF TEN KINGDOMS OR NATIONS, WOULD COME ANOTHER LEADER (HORN) WHO WOULD MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS OF GOD AND WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AGAINST THEM AFTER THREE OF THE KINGS WHO HAD ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED HIM WERE DEPOSED BY HIM.

HIS SUCCESS WOULD END WHEN THE 'ANCIENT OF DAYS' CAME AND DEFEATED HIM GIVING HIS KINGDOM TO THE SAINTS TO JUDGE.

#### **DANIEL 7:23-25**

**23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread**

*it down, and break it in pieces.*

**24** *And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*

**25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (KJV)*

THIS FOURTH BEAST WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS THAT HAD DOMINATED THE EARTH.

OUT OF THE TEN NATIONS (KINGDOMS) COMPRISING THE BEAST AN ELEVENTH, A LITTLE HORN, WOULD RISE TO POWER REMOVING OR CONQUERING THREE OTHER NATIONS (FROM OUT OF THE ORIGINAL TEN) WHO APPARENTLY OPPOSE HIM.

HE WILL BOAST OF GREAT THINGS, SPEAKING AGAINST GOD.

HE WILL COME AGAINST THE SAINTS.

HE WOULD TRY TO CHANGE THE LAWS AND SOCIETY AND TIMES.

HE WILL HAVE 3.5 YEARS OF SUCCESS OVER GOD'S PEOPLE.

#### **DANIEL 7:26-28**

**26** *But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.*

**27** *And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

**28** *Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart. (KJV)*

GOD'S JUDGEMENT AGAINST HIM WILL ULTIMATELY DEFEAT HIM AND HIS KINGDOM AND RULE WILL BE GIVEN TO GOD'S SAINTS (OF THE TIME AND PLACE??) AS AN EVERLASTING

KINGDOM. (TO RULE ON EARTH FROM EARTH??)

NOTE: IN REV 13 ONE OF THE HEADS IS WOUNDED TO DEATH BUT THE WOUND IS HEALED. COULD THIS BE GERMANY, REUNITED AND ESTABLISHED AFTER THE DEVASTATION IT SUFFERED IN WORLD WAR 2 ????

OR DOES THIS REFER TO A PHYSICAL WOUND SUFFERED BY THE 'LITTLE HORN' HIMSELF ????

*Zec 11:17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.*

#### **REV 13:1-18**

- 1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*
- 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*
- 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*
- 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*
- 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*
- 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*
- 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*
- 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.*
- 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

- 11 *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*
- 12 *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*
- 13 *And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,*
- 14 *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*
- 15 *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*
- 16 *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*
- 17 *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*
- 18 *Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (KJV)*

JESUS SPOKE OF THESE TIMES IN WORLD HISTORY UNDER THE RULE OF THE LITTLE HORN IN MATTHEW 24.

MATT 24:20-24

- 20 *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*
- 21 *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*
- 22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*
- 23 *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.*
- 24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (KJV)*

REV 17:12-13 INDICATES THE TEN HORNS ARE TEN KINGS OR NATIONS.

DAN 7:24 INDICATES 3 OF THE 10 NATIONS TURN ON 'THE LITTLE HORN' AND THAT THEY ARE CRUSHED

BY HIM.

REV 17:12-13

- 12 *And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*
- 13 *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (KJV)*

DAN 7:24

***And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. (KJV)***

THIS LITTLE HORN WILL EXERCISE INFLUENCE OVER (BUT NOT CONTROL) THE ENTIRE WORLD. ULTIMATELY HE WILL BE DEFEATED AND DESTROYED. HE WILL ALWAYS FACE OPPOSITION FROM SOME NATIONS, ISRAEL AND THE SAINTS OF THE TIME.

**DANIEL 8:1-27**

**1** IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF KING BELSHAZZAR A VISION APPEARED UNTO ME, EVEN UNTO ME DANIEL, AFTER THAT WHICH APPEARED UNTO ME AT THE FIRST.

**2** AND I SAW IN A VISION; AND IT CAME TO PASS, 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.

**3** THEN I LIFTED UP MINE EYES, AND SAW, AND, BEHOLD, THERE STOOD BEFORE THE RIVER A RAM WHICH HAD TWO HORNS: AND THE TWO HORNS WERE HIGH; BUT ONE WAS HIGHER THAN THE OTHER, AND THE HIGHER CAME UP LAST.

**4** I SAW THE RAM PUSHING WESTWARD, AND NORTHWARD, AND SOUTHWARD; SO THAT NO BEASTS MIGHT STAND BEFORE HIM, NEITHER WAS THERE ANY THAT COULD DELIVER OUT OF HIS HAND; BUT HE DID ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, AND BECAME GREAT.

**5** AND AS I WAS CONSIDERING, BEHOLD, AN HE GOAT CAME FROM THE WEST ON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH, AND TOUCHED NOT THE GROUND: AND THE GOAT HAD A NOTABLE HORN BETWEEN HIS EYES.

**6** AND HE CAME TO THE RAM THAT HAD TWO HORNS, WHICH I HAD SEEN STANDING BEFORE THE RIVER, AND RAN UNTO HIM IN THE FURY OF HIS POWER.

**7** AND I SAW HIM COME CLOSE UNTO THE RAM, AND HE WAS MOVED WITH CHOLER AGAINST HIM, AND SMOTE THE RAM, AND BRAKE HIS TWO HORNS: AND THERE WAS NO POWER IN THE RAM TO STAND BEFORE HIM, BUT HE CAST HIM DOWN TO THE GROUND, AND STAMPED UPON HIM: AND THERE WAS NONE THAT COULD DELIVER THE RAM OUT OF HIS HAND.

**8** THEREFORE THE HE GOAT WAXED VERY GREAT: AND WHEN HE WAS STRONG, THE GREAT HORN WAS BROKEN; AND FOR IT CAME UP FOUR NOTABLE ONES TOWARD THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN.

**9** AND OUT OF ONE OF THEM CAME FORTH A LITTLE HORN, WHICH WAXED EXCEEDING GREAT, TOWARD THE SOUTH, AND TOWARD THE EAST, AND TOWARD THE PLEASANT LAND.

**10** AND IT WAXED GREAT, EVEN TO THE HOST OF HEAVEN; AND IT CAST DOWN SOME OF THE HOST AND OF THE STARS TO THE GROUND, AND STAMPED UPON THEM.

**11** YEA, HE MAGNIFIED HIMSELF EVEN TO THE PRINCE OF THE HOST, AND BY HIM THE DAILY SACRIFICE WAS TAKEN AWAY, AND THE PLACE OF HIS

SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN.

**12** AND AN HOST WAS GIVEN HIM AGAINST THE DAILY SACRIFICE BY REASON OF TRANSGRESSION, AND IT CAST DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE GROUND; AND IT PRACTISED, AND PROSPERED.

**13** THEN I HEARD ONE SAINT SPEAKING, AND ANOTHER SAINT SAID UNTO THAT CERTAIN SAINT WHICH SPAKE, HOW LONG SHALL BE THE VISION CONCERNING THE DAILY SACRIFICE, AND THE TRANSGRESSION OF DESOLATION, TO GIVE BOTH THE SANCTUARY AND THE HOST TO BE TRODDEN UNDER FOOT?

**14** AND HE SAID UNTO ME, UNTO TWO THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED DAYS; THEN SHALL THE SANCTUARY BE CLEANSED.

**15** AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN I, EVEN I DANIEL, HAD SEEN THE VISION, AND SOUGHT FOR THE MEANING, THEN, BEHOLD, THERE STOOD BEFORE ME AS THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN.

**16** AND I HEARD A MAN'S VOICE BETWEEN THE BANKS OF ULAI, WHICH CALLED, AND SAID, GABRIEL, MAKE THIS MAN TO UNDERSTAND THE VISION.

**17** SO HE CAME NEAR WHERE I STOOD: AND WHEN HE CAME, I WAS AFRAID, AND FELL UPON MY FACE: BUT HE SAID UNTO ME, UNDERSTAND, O SON OF MAN: FOR AT THE TIME OF THE END SHALL BE THE VISION.

**18** NOW AS HE WAS SPEAKING WITH ME, I WAS IN A DEEP SLEEP ON MY FACE TOWARD THE GROUND: BUT HE TOUCHED ME, AND SET ME UPRIGHT.

**19** AND HE SAID, BEHOLD, I WILL MAKE THEE KNOW WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LAST END OF THE INDIGNATION: FOR AT THE TIME APPOINTED THE END SHALL BE.

**20** THE RAM WHICH THOU SAWEST HAVING TWO HORNS ARE THE KINGS OF MEDIA AND PERSIA.

**21** AND THE ROUGH GOAT IS THE KING OF GRECIA: AND THE GREAT HORN THAT IS BETWEEN HIS EYES IS THE FIRST KING.

**22** NOW THAT BEING BROKEN, WHEREAS FOUR STOOD UP FOR IT, FOUR KINGDOMS SHALL STAND UP OUT OF THE NATION, BUT NOT IN HIS POWER.

**23** AND IN THE LATTER TIME OF THEIR KINGDOM, WHEN THE TRANSGRESSORS ARE COME TO THE FULL, A KING OF FIERCE COUNTEenance, AND UNDERSTANDING DARK SENTENCES, SHALL STAND UP.

**24** AND HIS POWER SHALL BE MIGHTY, BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER: AND HE SHALL DESTROY WONDERFULLY, AND SHALL PROSPER, AND PRACTISE,

AND SHALL DESTROY THE MIGHTY AND THE HOLY PEOPLE.

**25 AND THROUGH HIS POLICY ALSO HE SHALL CAUSE CRAFT TO PROSPER IN HIS HAND; AND HE SHALL MAGNIFY HIMSELF IN HIS HEART, AND BY PEACE SHALL DESTROY MANY: HE SHALL ALSO STAND UP AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES; BUT HE SHALL BE BROKEN WITHOUT HAND.**

**26 AND THE VISION OF THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WHICH WAS TOLD IS TRUE: WHEREFORE SHUT THOU UP THE VISION; FOR IT SHALL BE FOR MANY DAYS.**

**27 And I DANIEL FAINTED, AND WAS SICK CERTAIN DAYS; AFTERWARD I ROSE UP, AND DID THE KING'S BUSINESS; AND I WAS ASTONISHED AT THE VISION, BUT NONE UNDERSTOOD IT. (KJV)**

IN THE THIRD YEAR OF BELSHAZZAR'S REIGN, SHORTLY BEFORE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL EVENT, DANIEL RECEIVED ANOTHER VISION.

DANIEL WAS TRANSPORTED TO SHUSHAN, THE CHIEF CITY OF ELAM, ONE OF THE CAPITALS OF THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE.

THIS WAS THE IN EXILE HOME OF NEHEMIAH AND WHERE THE EVENTS OF THE BOOK OF ESTHER TOOK PLACE.

THE VISION OF DANIEL 8 REFER LARGELY TO THE MEDO-PERSIAN AND GREEK EMPIRES BUT ALSO CARRIES ON TO THE END OF THE 'TIME OF THE NATIONS (GENTILES)'.  
**DANIEL 8:1-2**

**1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.**

**2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, 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.**

A RAM APPEARED BEFORE DANIEL HAVING TWO HORNS, ONE HIGHER THAN THE OTHER AND COMING UP LAST.

IT STOOD BEFORE A RIVER.

IT PUSHED WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH, TAKING CONTROL OF ALL THE AREAS IT CAME AGAINST.

THERE WAS NONE THAT COULD STOP IT.

**DANIEL 8:3-4**

**3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.**

**4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.**

THIS AGAIN EFFECTIVELY DESCRIBES THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE,

THE MEDES BEING ESTABLISHED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE PERSIANS WHO BECAME THE STRONGER OF THE TWO.

THEY TOGETHER PUSHED IN THREE DIRECTIONS (REMEMBER THE THREE RIBS IN THE BEAR'S MOUTH) CONQUERING WHOEVER THEY CAME AGAINST.

THE RAM EVENTUALLY COMES UP AGAINST A HE-GOAT THAT APPEARS FROM THE WEST AND WHICH RUSHES VERY QUICKLY (FLYING) AT THE RAM BREAKING IT'S HORNS (DEFEATING IT).

THE 'NOTABLE HORN ' ON THE HE-GOAT REPRESENTED ALEXANDER THE GREAT'S POWER AND LEADERSHIP.

**DANIEL 8:5-7**

**5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.**

**6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.**

**7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler [BITTERNESS] against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.**

IN 334 B.C. ALEXANDER CROSSED THE HELLESPONT AND PUSHED SOUTH TO EGYPT THEN EAST TOWARD INDIA CONQUERING SYRIA, PHOENICIA, GAZA, EGYPT, BABYLONIA AND PERSIA.

AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS POWER AND CONQUEST (AFTER 12 YEARS OF REIGN) HE DIED SUDDENLY DURING AN ORGY OF 'DRUNKENNESS AND DEBAUCHERY'.

FOLLOWING HIS DEATH HIS EMPIRE WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PARTS. - SEE DANIEL 8:21-22

**DANIEL 8:8**

**8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.**

HIS FOUR LEADING GENERALS DIVIDED THE EMPIRE AMONG THEMSELVES:

- GASSANDER MACEDONIA REGAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1830
- LYSIMACHUS ASIA MINOR TURKEY (INDEPENDENT IN 1299)
- SELEUCUS SYRIA/PERSIA IRAN (SOVEREIGNTY IN 1794)
- PTOLEMY EGYPT SOVEREIGN STATE IN 1930

**DANIEL 8:9**

**9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.**

OUT OF ONE OF THESE DIVISIONS COMES UP A LITTLE HORN WHO EXTENDS HIS INFLUENCE TO THE SOUTH AND EAST COMING AGAINST PALESTINE ALSO.

THIS HISTORICALLY TURNS OUT TO MATCH THE ACTIVITY OF ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES

THE 8TH KING OF THE SELEUCID DYNASTY.

HE USURPED THE SYRIAN THRONE IN 175 BC REIGNING IN ANTIOCH 11 YEARS.

DURING HIS RULE HE LAUNCHED SEVERAL ATTACKS ON EGYPT PASSING THROUGH PALESTINE

PLUNDERING ON THE WAY TO WAR AND

VENTING HIS WRATH ON PALESTINE AS HE RETURNED FROM DEFEATS.

HE DESTROYED THE TEMPLE AT JERUSALEM

ATTEMPTING TO WIPE OUT WORSHIP OF JEHOVAH.

HE ERECTED A PAGAN SHRINE ON GOD'S ALTER AND SACRIFICED A SOW SPRINKLING IT'S BLOOD/BROTH ON THE HOLY PLACES, SETTING UP A STATUE OF JUPITER. - DAN 8:9-14

THIS IS THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSED DESOLATION THAT JESUS LOOKED BACK TO IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY A FUTURE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION.

*Mat 24:15*

*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

*Mar 13:14*

*But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*

**DANIEL 8:10-12**

**10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.**

**11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host [THE HIGH PRIEST], and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.**

**12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.**

A SAINT ASKED HOW LONG THIS VISION REGARDING THE DAILY SACRIFICE AND ALL THE OTHER DESECRATIONS WAS TO CONTINUE

HE WAS ANSWERED 2300 DAYS AND THEN THE SANCTUARY WOULD BE CLEANSED.

THIS HAS BEEN TAKEN TO MEAN THAT 2300 DAILY SACRIFICES WOULD BE MISSED RESULTING IN A TOTAL OF 1150 DAYS (SINCE THERE WERE TWO SACRIFICES PER DAY; ONE MORNING AND ONE EVENING).

THE HEBREW TERM TRANSLATED DAYS IN VERSE 14 IS



ACTUALLY TWO DIFFERENT HEBREW WORDS; ONE MEANING MORNING, THE OTHER MEANING EVENING.

Strong's # 6153 `ereb (eh'-reb); from 6150; dusk:  
KJV-- + day, even (-ing, tide), night. (DIC)

Strong's # 1242 boqer (bo'-ker); from 1239; properly, dawn  
(as the break of day); generally, morning:  
KJV-- (+)day, early, morning, morrow. (DIC)

VERSE 14 COULD HAVE BEEN PROPERLY TRANSLATED 'TWO THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED MORNINGS AND EVENINGS'.

THIS 1150 DAYS IS THE ACTUAL TIME THAT ELAPSED DURING THE MACCABEAN TRIBULATION OF 168-165 B.C.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MACCABEAN TRIBULATION, THE SANCTUARY WAS CLEANSED BY JUDAS MACCABEUS. (HISTORICALLY RECORDED IN THE BOOKS OF MACCABEES).

#### **DANIEL 8:13-14**

*13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?*

*14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.*

DANIEL THEN SEES GABRIEL STANDING BEFORE HIM AGAIN.

GABRIEL IS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLAIN THE VISION TO DANIEL.

GABRIEL SAID **THE VISION WAS FOR EVENTS 'AT THE TIME OF THE END'.**

HE WENT ON TO SAY HE WOULD EXPLAIN TO DANIEL 'WHAT SHALL BE IN THE LAST END OF INDIGNATION'.

BASED ON GABRIEL'S STATEMENTS, IT IS SAFE TO CONCLUDE THAT EVEN THOUGH THIS VISION IN LARGE PART WAS FULFILLED BY ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES, IT'S COMPLETE AND FINAL FULFILLMENT IS YET TO COME DURING THE TIME OF THE END WHEN ANTI-CHRIST WILL

COMMIT THE SAME EVIL ACTS.

THE TERM USED TO DESCRIBE ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES; THE LITTLE HORN, IS ALSO USED OF ANTI-CHRIST.

MANY BELIEVE THAT ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES, LIVING TWO CENTURIES BEFORE CHRIST, IS A 'TYPE' OF THE 'LITTLE HORN' TO COME AT THE END TIMES.

THIS IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY *DANIEL 8:23-27.*

IN THE 'LATTER TIME OF THEIR KINGDOM' A 'KING OF FIERCE COUNTENANCE' WOULD 'ALSO' COME TO 'STAND UP AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES'.

ALL FOUR DIVISIONS OF ALEXANDER'S EMPIRE STILL EXIST TODAY AS NATIONS:

- LYSIMACHUS - TURKEY (INDEPENDENT IN 1299)
- SELEUCUS - IRAN (SOVEREIGNTY IN 1794)
- GREECE - REGAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1830
- EGYPT - SOVEREIGN STATE IN 1930

#### **DANIEL 8:15-22**

*15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.*

*16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*

*17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.*

*18 Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.*

*19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.*

*20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.*

*21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.*

*22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his*

**power.**

MUCH, IF NOT ALL, OF THE DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN OF THE LITTLE HORN COULD BE APPLIED TO ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES. THEY COULD EQUALLY APPLY TO ANTI-CHRIST AND HIS ACTIVITY.

THIS IS MOST PROBABLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A DUAL APPLICATION OF A SINGLE PROPHECY.

(PLACE THE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE WHERE YOU CHOSE).

**DANIEL 8:23-27**

**23** *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*

**24** *And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*

**25** *And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*

**26** *And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.*

**27** *And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it. (KJV)*

**THE LITTLE HORN - THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME - THE WILLFUL KING - THE ANTI-CHRIST**

- THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE LITTLE HORN - DAN 7 & 8,
- THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME - DAN 9:26-27,
- THE WILLFUL KING - DAN 11:36-45 AND
- THE ANTI-CHRIST OF JESUS' REVELATION TO JOHN SEEMS TO DESCRIBE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL.

DANIEL 8 MAY BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE IN THIS GROUPING.

THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IS:

- AN ANTAGONIST AND HATER OF CHRIST
- DOMINATED BY SATANIC POWER DAN 8:10 REV 12:1-9 REV 13
- TAKES AWAY DAILY SACRIFICE DAN 8:11 DAN 9:27 DAN 11:31
- IS A KING OF FIERCE COUNTENANCE
- POSSESSING SUPERNATURAL POWERS (UNDERSTANDING DARK SENTENCES) DAN 8:23
- POWER IS MIGHTY BUT NOT HIS OWN REV 13:2, 4-5
- HE SHALL PRACTICE AND PROSPER DAN 11:36
- HE WILL DESTROY THE MIGHTY AND HOLY PEOPLE DAN 8:24 DAN 11:36 DAN 12:7
- SHALL CAUSE CRAFT TO PROSPER I HIS HAND DAN 8:25 REV 13:16-17
- SHALL MAGNIFY HIMSELF IN HIS HEART DAN 8:25
- BY PEACE SHALL DESTROY MANY (FORCES A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT BY OTHER NATIONS/LEADERS)
- SHALL STAND UP AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES BUT WILL BE BROKEN DAN 11:45

**DAN 8:10**

***And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. (KJV)***

**REV 12:1-9**

- 1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*
- 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*
- 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*
- 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*
- 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*
- 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two*

*hundred and threescore days.*

*7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (KJV)*

*REV 13:1-18*

*1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

*2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

*3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

*4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

*5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

*6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

*7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

*8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

*9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

*10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

*11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

*12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

*13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down*

*from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,*

*14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.*

*15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

*16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

*18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (KJV)*

*DAN 8:11*

*Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. (KJV)*

*DAN 9:27*

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)*

*DAN 11:31*

*And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. (KJV)*

*DAN 8:23*

*And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. (KJV)*

*REV 13:2-5*

*2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

*3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

*4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the*

*beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

*5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. (KJV)*

*DAN 11:36*

*And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (KJV)*

*DAN 8:24*

*And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. (KJV)*

*DAN 11:36*

*And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. (KJV)*

*DAN 12:7*

*And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. (KJV)*

*DAN 8:25*

*And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (KJV)*

*REV 13:16-17*

*16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (KJV)*

*DAN 8:25*

*And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (KJV)*

*DAN 11:45*

*And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (KJV)*

THE LITTLE HORN OF DANIEL 7 CLEARLY COMES OUT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE WEST

- THE PEOPLE WHO DESTROYED JERUSALEM IN 70 A.D.;  
THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

DANIEL 8 SAYS THE LITTLE HORN IS TO COME FROM THE NORTH OUT OF A SECTION OF THE GRECIAN EMPIRE.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BOTH COULD BE FULFILLED IN ONE PERSON SINCE THE ROMAN AND GRECIAN EMPIRES RULED MUCH COMMON TERRITORY.

**DANIEL 9:1-27**

**1** IN THE FIRST YEAR OF DARIUS THE SON OF AHASUERUS, OF THE SEED OF THE MEDES, WHICH WAS MADE KING OVER THE REALM OF THE CHALDEANS;

**2** IN THE FIRST YEAR OF HIS REIGN I DANIEL UNDERSTOOD BY BOOKS THE NUMBER OF THE YEARS, WHEREOF THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JEREMIAH THE PROPHET, THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPLISH SEVENTY YEARS IN THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM.

**3** AND I SET MY FACE UNTO THE LORD GOD, TO SEEK BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATIONS, WITH FASTING, AND SACKCLOTH, AND ASHES:

**4** AND I PRAYED UNTO THE LORD MY GOD, AND MADE MY CONFESSION, AND SAID, O LORD, THE GREAT AND DREADFUL GOD, KEEPING THE COVENANT AND MERCY TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM, AND TO THEM THAT KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS;

**5** WE HAVE SINNED, AND HAVE COMMITTED INIQUITY, AND HAVE DONE WICKEDLY, AND HAVE REBELLED, EVEN BY DEPARTING FROM THY PRECEPTS AND FROM THY JUDGMENTS:

**6** NEITHER HAVE WE HEARKENED UNTO THY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, WHICH SPAKE IN THY NAME TO OUR KINGS, OUR PRINCES, AND OUR FATHERS, AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND.

**7** O LORD, RIGHTEOUSNESS BELONGETH UNTO THEE, BUT UNTO US CONFUSION OF FACES, AS AT THIS DAY; TO THE MEN OF JUDAH, AND TO THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, AND UNTO ALL ISRAEL, THAT ARE NEAR, AND THAT ARE FAR OFF, THROUGH ALL THE COUNTRIES WHITHER THOU HAST DRIVEN THEM, BECAUSE OF THEIR TRESPASS THAT THEY HAVE TRESPASSED AGAINST THEE.

**8** O LORD, TO US BELONGETH CONFUSION OF FACE, TO OUR KINGS, TO OUR PRINCES, AND TO OUR FATHERS, BECAUSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEE.

**9** TO THE LORD OUR GOD BELONG MERCIES AND FORGIVENESSES, THOUGH WE HAVE REBELLED AGAINST HIM;

**10** NEITHER HAVE WE OBEYED THE VOICE OF THE LORD OUR GOD, TO WALK IN HIS LAWS, WHICH HE SET BEFORE US BY HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS.

**11** YEA, ALL ISRAEL HAVE TRANSGRESSED THY LAW, EVEN BY DEPARTING, THAT THEY MIGHT NOT OBEY THY VOICE; THEREFORE THE CURSE IS Poured UPON US, AND THE OATH THAT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES

THE SERVANT OF GOD, BECAUSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST HIM.

**12** AND HE HATH CONFIRMED HIS WORDS, WHICH HE SPAKE AGAINST US, AND AGAINST OUR JUDGES THAT JUDGED US, BY BRINGING UPON US A GREAT EVIL: FOR UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN HATH NOT BEEN DONE AS HATH BEEN DONE UPON JERUSALEM.

**13** AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES, ALL THIS EVIL IS COME UPON US: YET MADE WE NOT OUR PRAYER BEFORE THE LORD OUR GOD, THAT WE MIGHT TURN FROM OUR INIQUITIES, AND UNDERSTAND THY TRUTH.

**14** THEREFORE HATH THE LORD WATCHED UPON THE EVIL, AND BROUGHT IT UPON US: FOR THE LORD OUR GOD IS RIGHTEOUS IN ALL HIS WORKS WHICH HE DOETH: FOR WE OBEYED NOT HIS VOICE.

**15** AND NOW, O LORD OUR GOD, THAT HAST BROUGHT THY PEOPLE FORTH OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT WITH A MIGHTY HAND, AND HAST GOTTEN THEE RENOWN, AS AT THIS DAY; WE HAVE SINNED, WE HAVE DONE WICKEDLY.

**16** O LORD, ACCORDING TO ALL THY RIGHTEOUSNESS, I BESEECH THEE, LET THINE ANGER AND THY FURY BE TURNED AWAY FROM THY CITY JERUSALEM, THY HOLY MOUNTAIN: BECAUSE FOR OUR SINS, AND FOR THE INIQUITIES OF OUR FATHERS, JERUSALEM AND THY PEOPLE ARE BECOME A REPROACH TO ALL THAT ARE ABOUT US.

**17** NOW THEREFORE, O OUR GOD, HEAR THE PRAYER OF THY SERVANT, AND HIS SUPPLICATIONS, AND CAUSE THY FACE TO SHINE UPON THY SANCTUARY THAT IS DESOLATE, FOR THE LORD'S SAKE.

**18** O MY GOD, INCLINE THINE EAR, AND HEAR; OPEN THINE EYES, AND BEHOLD OUR DESOLATIONS, AND THE CITY WHICH IS CALLED BY THY NAME: FOR WE DO NOT PRESENT OUR SUPPLICATIONS BEFORE THEE FOR OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES, BUT FOR THY GREAT MERCIES.

**19** O LORD, HEAR; O LORD, FORGIVE; O LORD, HEARKEN AND DO; DEFER NOT, FOR THINE OWN SAKE, O MY GOD: FOR THY CITY AND THY PEOPLE ARE CALLED BY THY NAME.

**20** AND WHILE I WAS SPEAKING, AND PRAYING, AND CONFESSING MY SIN AND THE SIN OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL, AND PRESENTING MY SUPPLICATION BEFORE THE LORD MY GOD FOR THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF MY GOD;

**21** YEA, WHILE I WAS SPEAKING IN PRAYER, EVEN THE MAN GABRIEL, WHOM I HAD SEEN IN THE VISION AT THE BEGINNING, BEING CAUSED TO FLY SWIFTLY, TOUCHED ME ABOUT THE TIME OF THE EVENING OBLATION.

**22** AND HE INFORMED ME, AND TALKED WITH ME, AND SAID, O DANIEL, I

**AM NOW COME FORTH TO GIVE THEE SKILL AND UNDERSTANDING.**

**23 AT THE BEGINNING OF THY SUPPLICATIONS THE COMMANDMENT CAME FORTH, AND I AM COME TO SHEW THEE; FOR THOU ART GREATLY BELOVED: THEREFORE UNDERSTAND THE MATTER, AND CONSIDER THE VISION.**

**24 SEVENTY WEEKS ARE DETERMINED UPON THY PEOPLE AND UPON THY HOLY CITY, TO FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION, AND TO MAKE AN END OF SINS, AND TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR INIQUITY, AND TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO SEAL UP THE VISION AND PROPHECY, AND TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY.**

**25 KNOW THEREFORE AND UNDERSTAND, THAT FROM THE GOING FORTH OF THE COMMANDMENT TO RESTORE AND TO BUILD JERUSALEM UNTO THE MESSIAH THE PRINCE SHALL BE SEVEN WEEKS, AND THREESCORE AND TWO WEEKS: THE STREET SHALL BE BUILT AGAIN, AND THE WALL, EVEN IN TROUBLOUS TIMES.**

**26 AND AFTER THREESCORE AND TWO WEEKS SHALL MESSIAH BE CUT OFF, BUT NOT FOR HIMSELF: AND THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME SHALL DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY; AND THE END THEREOF SHALL BE WITH A FLOOD, AND UNTO THE END OF THE WAR DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED.**

**27 AND HE SHALL CONFIRM THE COVENANT WITH MANY FOR ONE WEEK: AND IN THE MIDST OF THE WEEK HE SHALL CAUSE THE SACRIFICE AND THE OBLATION TO CEASE, AND FOR THE OVERSPREADING OF ABOMINATIONS HE SHALL MAKE IT DESOLATE, EVEN UNTIL THE CONSUMMATION, AND THAT DETERMINED SHALL BE Poured UPON THE DESOLATE. (KJV)**

DANIEL, WHILE READING THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH, DISCOVERED THAT ISRAEL'S CURRENT CAPTIVITY WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST ONLY 70 YEARS.

*JER 25:11-12*

*11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

*12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. (KJV)*

DANIEL REALIZED THAT 68 OF THE 70 YEARS HAD PASSED.

HIS PREVIOUS VISION OF THE EMPIRES THAT WOULD FOLLOW BABYLON AND THE RETURN OF ISRAEL TO THEIR

LAND CAUSED HIM CONFUSION.

DANIEL BEGAN TO PRAY, INTERCEDING FOR HIS NATION, PRAYING IN THEIR PLACE FOR FORGIVENESS AND GOD'S INTERVENTION.

WHILE PRAYING GABRIEL INTERRUPTED HIM WITH A MESSAGE FROM GOD.

*DANIEL 9:1-23*

- 1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;*
- 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*
- 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:*
- 4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;*
- 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:*
- 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.*
- 7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.*
- 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.*
- 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;*
- 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.*
- 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.*

- 12 *And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.*
- 13 *As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.*
- 14 *Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.*
- 15 *And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.*
- 16 *O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.*
- 17 *Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.*
- 18 *O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.*
- 19 *O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.*
- 20 *And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;*
- 21 *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*
- 22 *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*
- 23 *At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*

GABRIEL SAID 70 - 7'S HAD BEEN SET ASIDE FOR ISRAEL.

THE AUTHORIZED VERSION OF THE BIBLE TRANSLATED THIS AS 70 WEEKS

A WEEK BEING THE COMMON DESIGNATION FOR A GROUP OF SEVEN.

JACOB SERVED LABAN FOR A 'WEEK' (A SEVEN) FOR HIS DAUGHTERS HAND.

THIS WEEK TURNED OUT TO BE A WEEK OF YEARS - OR 7 YEARS.

GEN 29:27

*Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. (KJV)*

69 OF THESE 7'S WERE FROM THE COMMANDMENT TO RESTORE JERUSALEM TO THE DEATH OF MESSIAH, A TOTAL OF 483 YEARS. THE COMMAND WAS GIVEN BY CYRUS THE GREAT.

2 CHR 36:22-23

- 22 *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,*
- 23 *Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up. (KJV)*

EZRA 1:1-4

- 1 *Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,*
- 2 *Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.*
- 3 *Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.*
- 4 *And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with*

goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. (KJV)

ISAIAH PROPHESED THAT CYRUS, IDENTIFYING HIM BY NAME, WOULD GIVE THE COMMAND TO REBUILD THE CITY.

ISAIAH NAME HIM SOME 200 YEARS BEFORE CYRUS WAS BORN.

ISA 44:28

*That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid. (KJV)*

ISA 45:1-3

*1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;*

*2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:*

*3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. (KJV)*

ISA 45:13

*I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts. (KJV)*

DANIEL 9:24-27

*24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

*25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

*26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are*

*determined.*

*27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)*

WELL OVER 42,000 JEWS (INCLUDING SERVANTS, ETC.) RETURNED TO JERUSALEM TO BEGIN TO REBUILD THE CITY.

DUE TO OPPOSITION THE CONSTRUCTION HALTED FOR A TIME.

THERE WAS A PORTION OF THE MEDO-PERSIANS WHO WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE RESTORATION OF JERUSALEM.

THEY PLOTTED AND SCHEMED AGAINST THE ISRAELITES REBUILDING JERUSALEM TO THE POINT THAT RECONSTRUCTION WAS HALTED FOR A TIME.

EZRA 4:12

*Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations. (KJV)*

DARIUS AND ARTAXERXES LATER REAFFIRMED THE ORDER TO REBUILD THE CITY AND IT'S CONSTRUCTION BEGAN AGAIN.

EZRA 6:1-14

*1 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.*

*2 And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:*

*3 In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;*

*4 With three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences be given out of the king's house:*

*5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to his place, and place them in the house of God.*



6 Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence:

7 Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expences be given unto these men, that they be not hindered.

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appointment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. (KJV)

FROM THE DATE OF THAT ORDER 70- 7'S WERE ALLOTTED TO ISRAEL TO COMPLETE HER WORK.

(THIS WAS GOD'S WORK AND PURPOSES, NOT THE WORK OF REBUILDING OF THE WALLS.)

GOD REVEALED THAT FROM THE ORDER TO RESTORE AND REBUILD JERUSALEM THE MESSIAH WOULD BE REVEALED IN 69 - 7'S (483 YEARS = 69 \* 7).

THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO REVEAL THAT FROM THE TIME THE WORK ON THE CITY WAS FINISHED UNTIL THE MESSIAH WAS "CUT OFF" WOULD BE 62 - 7'S.

SEVERAL DIFFERENT HISTORIANS HAVE WORKED BACKWARD

FROM THE TIME JESUS WAS ANNOUNCED AS 'MESSIAH' - WHEN ENTERING JERUSALEM ON PALM SUNDAY AND FROM THE TIME HE WAS CRUCIFIED (CUT OFF) 1 LITERAL WEEK (7-24 HOUR DAYS) LATER,

BACK TO THE ORDER TO RESTORE AND REBUILD THE CITY AND

TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION TO BE EXACTLY AS DANIEL'S VISION/DREAM FORETOLD.

#### **FOUR COMMANDS (DECREES) TO REBUILD WERE GIVEN:**

- 1) CYRUS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF HIS REIGN (B.C.536) EZRA 6:14 ISA 44:28
- 2) DARIUS HYSTAPIS IN THE SECOND YEAR OF HIS REIGN (B.C.519) EZRA 6:12
- 3) ARTAXERXES LONGIMANUS IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN (B.C.457) EZRA 7:1, 8:11
- 4) ARTAXERXES LONGIMANUS IN THE TWENTIETH YEAR OF HIS REIGN (B.C.445) NEH 2:1, 7

THE HEBREW WORD FOR WEEK IS SHABUA LITERALLY MEANING A SEVEN THUS DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS ARE ACTUALLY BETTER TRANSLATED 70 SEVENS OR 70 PERIODS OF 7 = 490

THE FIRST 69 \* 7 = 483 ARE DATED BY A HISTORICAL BEGINNING AND MARKED BY AN HISTORICAL END EVENT

FROM THE TIME OF THE COMMAND TO RESTORE AND REBUILD JERUSALEM UNTIL MESSIAH THE PRINCE IS CUTOFF

#### **NEH 2:1-6**

1 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart.

*Then I was very sore afraid,*  
 3 *And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?*  
 4 *Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.*  
 5 *And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.*  
 6 *And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.*

62 \* 7 = 434 FROM REBUILT JERUSALEM UNTIL THE CUTTING OFF OF MESSIAH

THE PROBLEM FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS WAS THEY WERE GIVEN SEEMINGLY CONFLICTING VIEWS, IMAGES AND REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE KINGDOM AND THE MESSIAH.

THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE 2 COMINGS (ADVENTS) OF MESSIAH.

THE FIRST AS A SUFFERING REDEEMER SACRIFICE FOR MAN AND

THE SECOND AS CONQUERING LORD OF LORDS. AS A RESULT

AS A RESULT, THEY DID NOT RECOGNIZE JESUS AS MESSIAH NOR DID THEY UNDERSTAND THE KINGDOM HE OFFERED DURING HIS FIRST COMING.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT A (THE) KINGDOM LOCATED IN HEAVEN BUT A HEAVENLY KINGDOM ESTABLISHED AND LOCATED ON EARTH, HEAVENLY IN CHARACTER. A KINGDOM MADE UP OF THOSE WHO WILL DWELL IN HEAVEN...

THE KINGDOM OF GOD THAT JESUS CONSTANTLY REFERRED TO WAS NOT A OUTWARD PHYSICAL MONARCHY BUT AN INWARD SPIRITUAL KINGDOM OF GOD WITHIN EACH MAN. IT IS THE KINGDOM WHERE GOD IS, WILL AND IS ENTITLED TO RULE – THE REACH OF HIS AUTHORITY.

ISRAEL WAS LOOKING FOR A NATIONAL KINGDOM FREE FROM OPPRESSORS.

JESUS WAS OFFERING A PERSONAL KINGDOM FREE FROM SPIRITUAL OPPRESSORS,

THE ENTRANCE TO WHICH REQUIRED A PERSONAL DECISION AND COMMITMENT. ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM JESUS OFFERED REQUIRED A RIGHTEOUSNESS BEYOND MAN.

*MATT 5:20*

*For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)*

ONCE JESUS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH TO THE DISCIPLES (MATT 16:20) HIS EMPHASIS OF THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND CHANGED TO PREPARING THEM FOR HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION AS THE MEDIATOR TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO HIS KINGDOM.

*MATT 16:20*

*Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (KJV)*

THE EARTHLY RULE THEY HAD ASSUMED WAS NOT CANCELED BUT DELAYED.

DAVID'S ETERNAL COVENANT PROMISE WILL BE FULFILLED.

WHEN JESUS ENTERED JERUSALEM (MATT 21:1-17) AS PROPHECIED (ZECH 9:9) HE PRESENTED HIMSELF AS MESSIAH CLOSING OUT THE 69TH SEVEN OF DAN 9:25

*MATT 21:1-17*

*1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,  
 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.  
 3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.  
 4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.  
 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,*

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. (KJV)

ZECH 9:9

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. (KJV)*

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY REGARDING MESSIAH SHOWED CONFLICTING CHARACTERS AND SITUATIONS IN THE MESSIAH,

HE WAS A CONQUEROR AND KING IN ONE,

A SUFFERING SERVANT IN THE NEXT.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS DID NOT UNDERSTAND OF CONSIDER 2 ADVENTS SEPARATED BY OVER 1900 YEARS.

MATT 12:18

*Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. (KJV)*

ISA 53:12

*Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (KJV)*

PS 2:9

*Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (KJV)*

DAN 7:13-14

*13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.*

*14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. (KJV)*

ISA 53:2-5

*2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

*3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (KJV)*

**(SEE A SEPARATE LIST OF O.T. PROPHECIES RE: MESSIAH AND THEIR PAST AND/OR FUTURE FULFILLMENT.)**

ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF CHRIST DID NOT ALTER THE PROMISE OF GOD TO ESTABLISH DAVID'S THRONE FOREVER.

IT MADE CLEAR THE PURPOSE AND USE OF THE GAP OF TIME BETWEEN JESUS 1ST AND 2ND COMING,

BETWEEN THE END OF 69TH AND THE BEGINNING OF THE 70TH SEVEN.

THE PURPOSE WAS FOR GOD TO TAKE OUT A PEOPLE FROM THE NATIONS FOR HIS NAME.

ACTS 15:14-18

- 1) THE CALLING OUT OF A PEOPLE IN THE PRESENT AGE MATT 16:18 PENTECOST TO RAPTURE
- 2) THE RETURN OF THE REJECTED KING JER 30:7 RAPTURE TO END OF THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE
- 3) HE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAVIDIC KINGDOM THE WRATH OF GOD TO ETERNITY FUTURE

ACTS 15:14-18

- 14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
- 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
- 16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
- 17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
- 18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. (KJV)

MATT 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

JER 30:7

Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. (KJV)

THE MYSTERY HIDDEN FROM THE (PAST) AGES (EPH 3:1-6) WAS THAT

WHOEVER BY FAITH IN THIS AGE OF THE CHURCH WOULD BELIEVE IN AND ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS AS LORD WOULD BE MADE A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, HIS BRIDE, PART OF THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN. (COL 3:11, EPH 2:7)

EPH 3:1-6

- 1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
- 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
- 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
- 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
- 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (KJV)

COL 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. (KJV)

EPH 2:7

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (KJV)

THIS CHURCH AGE WOULD BE TERMINATED WITH THE CATCHING AWAY OF THOSE CALLED OUT ONES (THE CHURCH) AND WOULD BEGIN THE PREPARATION FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE 70TH SEVEN IN GOD'S DEALING WITH ISRAEL AS A NATION AGAIN.

1 THES 4:16-17

- 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (KJV)

JESUS SAID JERUSALEM WILL BE TRODDEN DOWN BY THE NATIONS (SUBJECT TO GENTILE RULE - RULE OF OTHER NATIONS) UNTIL THE TIME OF THE NATIONS IS BROUGHT TO AN END (LUKE 21:24).

LUKE 21:24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (KJV)

IN 1967, ISRAEL AS A NATION TOOK POLITICAL CONTROL OF JERUSALEM. THE NATIONS, HOWEVER, MAINTAIN POSSESSION OF (STILL TREAD ON) A LARGE PORTION OF BOTH IT AND CANAAN YET TODAY.

#### **Daniel 9:24**

***Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (KJV)***

"Seventy `sevens' [490 YEARS] are decreed for your people and your holy city [ISRAEL HAS 490 YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING AMONG THEMSELVES:]

1. to finish transgression,
2. to put an end to sin,
3. to atone for wickedness,
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness,
5. to seal up vision and prophecy and
6. to anoint the most holy.

#### **Daniel 9:25**

***Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (KJV)***

"Know and understand this:

From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the [MESSIAH, THE FINAL RULER] ruler, comes, there will be seven `sevens,' and sixty-two `sevens.' [69 OF THE 70 SEVENS = 483 YEARS]

It [JERUSALEM] will be rebuilt with streets and a trench [COMPLETED], but in times of trouble [NOT WITHOUT OPPOSITION].

#### **Daniel 9:26**

***And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that***

***shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (KJV)***

After the sixty-two `sevens,' [AFTER JERUSALEM IS COMPLETED] the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. [62 SEVENS = 434 YEARS AFTER JERUSALEM IS COMPLETED UNTIL MESSIAH IS CUTOFF, TAKING NO EARTHLY KINGDOM AT THAT TIME]

[THEN] The people [ROMANS IN 70 A.D. UNDER TITUS] of the ruler [ANTI-CHRIST, THE LITTLE HORN] who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. [JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE]

The end [THE LAST SEVEN] will come like a flood:

War will continue until the end, and

desolations [FALSE WORSHIP AND THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION] have been decreed.

#### **Daniel 9:27**

***And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)***

He [ANTI-CHRIST, THE LITTLE HORN] will

confirm a covenant with many for one `seven.' [MAKE A 7 YEAR PACT (THE 70TH SEVEN) WITH MANY (NOT ALL) IN ISRAEL, NOT ALL AGREE TO THE TREATY]

In the middle of the `seven' [3.5 YEARS, 42 MONTHS, 1260 DAYS (360 DAY YEARS)] he [ANTI-CHRIST, THE LITTLE HORN] will

put an end to sacrifice and offering. And

on a wing he will set up an abomination that causes desolation,

until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." (NIV)

## JESUS COMMENTS ON THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

- \* THOSE WHO WISH TO ESCAPE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS WHEN IT FIRST APPEARS  
MATT 24:15-20
- \* THE CENTER OF THE EVENTS WOULD BE JUDEA  
MATT 24:16
- \* THE ABOMINATION WOULD MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE 'GREAT TRIBULATION'  
MATT 24:21
- \* IT WOULD BE RELATIVELY SHORT (3.5 YEARS)  
MATT 24:22
- \* DURING THE PERIOD MANY FALSE CHRISTS AND FALSE PROPHETS WOULD ARISE 'SHOWING GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS'  
MATT 24:24
- \* IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THOSE DAYS 'THE SUN WOULD BE DARKENED, THE HEAVENS SHAKEN AND CHRIST WILL APPEAR (RETURN) IN THE CLOUDS (HOSTS?) OF HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY'  
MATT 24:29-30

### MATT 24:15-21

*15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

*16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*

*17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:*

*18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

*19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

*20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*

*21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (KJV)*

The Triumphal Entry involves one of the most astonishing passages in the entire Bible!

the Book of Daniel, as part of the Old Testament, was translated into Greek prior to 270 b.c., -- several centuries before Christ was born.

This is a well established fact of secular history. [Encyclopedia

Britannica, Volume 10, p.642.]

After his conquest of the Babylonian Empire, Alexander the Great promoted the Greek language throughout the known world, and thus almost everyone - including the Jews - spoke Greek.

Hebrew fell into disuse, being reserved primarily for ceremonial purposes (somewhat analogous to the use of Latin among Roman Catholics).

In order to make the Jewish Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament) available to the average Jewish reader, a project was undertaken under the sponsorship of Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246 b.c.) to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek.

Seventy scholars were commissioned to complete this work and their result is known as the "Septuagint" ("70") translation. (This is often abbreviated "LXX".)

The Book of Daniel is actually one of the most authenticated books of the Old Testament, historically and archaeologically.

It is critical to realize that the Book of Daniel existed in documented form almost three centuries before Christ was born.

Daniel, originally deported as a teenager (now near the end of the Babylonian captivity), was reading in the Book of Jeremiah.

He understood that the seventy years of servitude predicted and documented in Jeremiah's writings were almost over.

Daniel began to pray and intercede for his people.

The Angel Gabriel interrupted Daniel's prayer and gave him a four-verse prophecy that is unquestionably the most remarkable passage in the entire Bible: Daniel 9:24-27.

These four verses include the following segments:

- 9:24 The Scope of the entire prophecy;
- 9:25 The 69 Weeks;
- 9:26 An Interval between the 69th and 70th Week;
- 9:27 The 70th Week.

***9:24: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy Place."***

The idiom of a "week" of years was common in Israel as a "sabbath for the land," in which the land was to lie fallow every seventh year. [*Leviticus 25:1-22; 26:3-35; Deuteronomy 15.*]

It was their failure to obey these laws that led to God sending them into captivity under the Babylonians. [*2 Chronicles 36:20-21.*]

Jesus, the Messiah, presented Himself as a King on one specific day,  
Jesus arranges it!

Up to that day Jesus response to those who would take and make Him king was "My time has not yet come."

Note that the focus of this passage is upon "thy people and upon thy holy city," that is, upon Israel and Jerusalem.

It is not directed to the church.

The prophecy includes a list of things which clearly have yet to be completed.

#### The First 69 Weeks

***9:25: "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."***

Vverse 25 includes a mathematical prophecy.

Verse 24 states that "seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city." In Hebrew the word translated as "weeks" is pronounced "shabua" and literally means a week of years.

The word shabuim would readily be understood as a seven of years in this context, much like the word decade means ten years in English.

Verse 25 then declares that Daniel should "know and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty two weeks."

This verse is a precise mathematical prediction of the time of Messiah's coming!

The angel Gabriel told Daniel that after sixty-nine weeks of

years the Messiah would be revealed to the nation of Israel!

If a "shabuim" is a week (seven) of years, it therefore follows that 69 sevens is 483 years (69 x 7= 483 years).

The Jewish (and Babylonian) calendars used a 360-day year. [Genesis 7:24; 8:3, 4; Revelation 11:2; 12:6; 13:3, 4; etc.]

69 weeks of 360-day years totals 173,880 days.

Gabriel told Daniel that the interval between the commandment to rebuild Jerusalem until the presentation of the Messiah as King would be 173,880 days.

The "Messiah the Prince" in the King James translation is actually the Meshiach Nagid, "The Messiah the King."

(Nagid is first used of King Saul.)

The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes Longimanus on March 14, 445 b.c.

First identified in Sir Robert Anderson's classic work, *The Coming Prince*, first published in 1894.

The emphasis in the verse on "the street" and "the wall" was to avoid confusion with other earlier mandates confined to rebuilding the Temple.

When did the Messiah present Himself as a King?

During the ministry of Jesus Christ there were several occasions in which the people attempted to promote Him as king, but He carefully avoided it. "Mine hour is not yet come." [John 6:15. Always in control: John 7:30, 44; 8:59; 10:39]

Then one day He meticulously arranges it. [Luke 19:28-40.]

On this particular day he rode into the city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, deliberately fulfilling a prophecy by Zechariah that the Messiah would present Himself as king in just that way:

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zechariah 9:9*

The Pharisees felt that the overzealous crowd was blaspheming, proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah the King. [Luke 19:39]

However, Jesus endorsed it!

*"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:40*

This is the only occasion that Jesus presented Himself as King.

It occurred on April 6, 32 a.d.

Luke 3:1: Tiberias appointed in 14 AD;

15th year, 29 AD; the 4th Passover occurred in 32 AD

Examine the period between March 14, 445 b.c. and April 6, 32 a.d., correcting for leap years and we discover that it is 173,880 days exactly, to the very day!

Here are the calculations.

March 14th, 445 B.C. to March 14th, 32 A.D. is 476 years.

(1 B.C. to 1 A.D. is one year, There is no year zero)

476 years x 365 days per year = 173,740 days

Add for leap years = 116 days

(Leap years do not occur in century years unless divisible by 400 [therefore, we must add three less leap years in four centuries])

March 14th to April 6th = 24 days

Total = 173,880 days

Most modern rabbis try to deny the messianic application of this prophecy.

It is well established that the ancient Jews believed that this prophecy pinpointed the time of the Messiah's coming.

Many in the Qumran community (the writers of the Dead Sea Scrolls) believed that they were living in the very generation to which this prophecy pointed! (Biblical Archaeology Review, Nov/Dec 1992, p.58)

In the Baylonian Talmud, compiled between A.D. 200-500, ancient rabbis commented on the time of the Messiah's coming and Daniels seventy weeks prophecy.

Regarding the times referred to in Daniel's prophecy, Rabbi Judah, the main compiler of the talmud, said:

"These times were over long ago" Babylonia Talmud Sanhedrin 98b and 97a

In the 12th Century A.D., Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon (Maimonides), one of the most respected rabbis in history, and a man who rejected the messianic claims of Jesus of Nazareth,

said regarding Daniel's seventy weeks prophecy:

"Daniel has elucidated to us the knowledge of the end times.

However, since they are secret, the wise (rabbis) have barred the calculation of the days of Messiah's coming so that the untutored populace will not be led astray when they see that the End Times have already come but there is no sign of the Messiah" (Emphasis added). Igeret Teiman, Chapter 3 p.24.

Finally, Rabbi Moses Abraham Levi said regarding the time of Messiah's coming:

"I have examined and searched all the Holy Scriptures and have not found the time for the coming of Messiah clearly fixed, except in the words of Gabriel to the prophet Daniel, which are written in the 9th chapter of the prophecy of Daniel" The Messiah of the Targums, Talmuds and Rabbinical Writers, 1971.

There appears to be a gap between the 69th week (verse 25) and the 70th week (verse 27):

***9:26: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."***

Clearly required by v.26: events described are after the 69th and prior to the 70th week:

- Messiah "cut of," carat = executed); Sancturary destroyed, etc.
- 38 years are included with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- 1900 years have transpired so far.

Interval also Implied:

*Dan 9:26; Isa 61:1,2 (Re: Luke 4:18-20); Rev 12:5,6.*

*Isa 54:7; Hos 8:4,5; Amos 9:10,11; (Acts 15:13-18); Micah 5:2,8; Zech 9:9,10; Luke 1:31,82; 21:24*

Interval defined: Luke 19:42 - Rom 11:25.

This interval is the period of the Church, an era kept secret in OT: Matt 13:34,35; Eph 3:5,9.

It seems that the Lord deals with Israel and the Church mutually exclusively.



The sixty-two "weeks" follow the initial seven, so verse 26 deals with events after 69th week, but before the 70th.

These events include the Messiah being killed and the city and sanctuary being destroyed.

There is a remaining seven-year period to be fulfilled.

Revelation 6-19 is essentially a detailing of that climactic 70<sup>th</sup> week – 7 year period.

As Jesus approached the city on the donkey, He also predicted the destruction of Jerusalem:

*For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. Luke 19:43-44*

The Messiah was, of course, executed at the Crucifixion. "But not for Himself."

The city and the sanctuary were destroyed 38 years later when the Roman legions under Titus Vespasian leveled the city of Jerusalem in 70 a.d., precisely as Daniel and Jesus had predicted.

Examine Jesus' specific words carefully.

He held them accountable to know this astonishing prophecy in Daniel 9! "Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

The 70th Week is defined by the enforcement of a covenant with the Coming World Leader (Dan 9:27).

The Leader cannot enforce the covenant until after he appears in power.

He cannot even appear until after the Restrainer (the Holy Spirit as He indwells and empowers the Church) is removed: 2 Thess 2:7-9.

Therefore, the rapture of the Church precedes - by an indeterminate amount of time - the entire 70th Week, not just the Great Tribulation.

This 70<sup>th</sup> week – a 7 year period is the most documented period of time in the entire Bible.

The Book of Revelation, Chapters 6 through 19, and Daniel's visions of things stored up for the last days and endtimes essentially detail this climactic period.

The interval between the 69th and 70th week continues yet today, but it is increasingly clear that it is in its final stages and will be over very soon.

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Can we confirm the start date for the prophecy which calculates the date on which Jesus presented himself as Messiah.

**Daniel 9:25:**

***"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times."***

The Decrees to "Rebuild Jerusalem"?

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| 1) Cyrus, 537 B.C.,      | Ezra 1:2-4         |
| 2) Darius,               | Ezra 6:1-5, 8, 12  |
| 3) Artaxerxes, 458 B.C.  | Ezra 7:11-26       |
| 4) Artaxerxes, 445 B.C., | Neh. 2:5-8, 17, 18 |

(1), (2), & (3): were to build the Temple. Only the last one, (4), was to rebuild the city, the walls, etc.

In the fifth century B.C. a Hebrew named Nehemiah, then cup bearer to the Medo-Persian king Artaxerxes, wrote of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem:

*"And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of the reign of Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took wine and gave it to the king. Now I had never been sad in his presence before. Therefore, the king said to me 'why is your face sad, since you are not sick.'" Nehemiah 2:1-2 (NKJ)*

Nehemiah went on to explain that he was sad because he had heard reports that the city of his people, Jerusalem, was still desolate.

Nehemiah, requested that he be allowed to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the city.

King Artaxerxes granted his wish on the spot and gave him official "letters" or documents for easy passage.

We are told this occurred in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes Longimanus' reign.

Artaxerxes Longimanus ascended to the throne of the Medo-Persian empire in July 465 B.C. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990 ed.).

The twentieth year of his reign would have begun in July 446 B.C.

The decree occurred approximately nine months later in the month of Nisan (March/April on our calendar).

By Hebrew tradition when the day of the month is not specifically stated (as in Artaxerxes decree), it is given to be the first day of that month.

Consequently, the very day of Artaxerxes' decree was the first day of the Hebrew month Nisan in 445 B.C.

The first day of Nisan in 445 B.C. corresponds to the 14th day of March.

These dates were confirmed through astronomical calculations at the British Royal Observatory and reported by Sir Robert Anderson (Robert Anderson, "The Coming Prince", Kregel. Reprinted in 1984.).

The prophecy states that 69 weeks of years (173,880 days using the 360 day prophetic year) after the command goes forth to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem the Messiah will come.

If we count forward 173,880 days from March 14th 445 B.C. we arrive at April 6th 32 A.D.

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter three, it states that in the 15th year of the reign of Caesar Tiberius, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and began his ministry.

It is well established that the reign of Caesar Tiberius (The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990. Micropedia) began with his coronation on August 19th in the year A.D.14.

Most scholars believe Jesus was baptized in the fall season.

It follows that the ministry of Jesus started with his baptism in the Fall of A.D. 28, the 15th year of reign of Caesar Tiberius

The day that a Roman ruler ascends the throne begins his first year.

The ministry of Jesus spanned four Passovers or about three and one half years.

The first Passover of Jesus' ministry would have been in the Spring of A.D. 29.

The fourth Passover of His ministry was the day of his crucifixion and would have fallen in the year A.D. 32.

The Passover in that year fell on April 10th

The Passover holiday always occurs on the 14th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar.

This corresponds to the first full moon after the Spring equinox..

According to Robert Anderson and the British Royal Observatory, the Sunday before that Passover was April 6th-

The very day that Jesus presents himself as King and exactly 173,880 days after the decree of Artaxerxes!!

According to biblical higher criticism, this proves that the book of Daniel was written after the Gospel of Luke! This is absurd because the entire book of Daniel was translated into Greek (the Septuagint) nearly three centuries before Jesus was even born

Reference: Mark Eastman, M.D. and Chuck Missler, "The Creator Beyond Space and Time", Copyright 1996 The Word For Today. p.138,140-141

All Calendars changed again in 701 B.C.

In 701 B.C., all calendars appear to have been reorganized.

Numa Pompilius, the 2nd King of Borne, reorganized the original calendar of 360 days per year, by adding 5 days per year.

King Hezekiah, Numa's contemporary, reorganized his Jewish calendar by adding a month each Jewish leap year (on a cycle of 7 every 19 years.)

The Biblical Calendar uses 360 day years.

(Gen. 7:24; 8:3,4, etc. In Revelation, 42 months = 3 1/2 years = 1260 days, etc.)

### **The 70th Week (Verse 27)**

This is the most documented period in the Bible:

- "Mid-week: Dan 9:27
- "Time, Times, & 1/2 time": Dan 7:25; Rev 12:14
- 42 months: Rev 11:2; 13:5
- 1260 days: Rev 12:6; 13:3

The "Prince That Shall Come

The Covenant Enforced with "The Many"

"The many" is an idiom for Israel

This is the "Covenant with Hell," Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17 etc.

### **The Abomination of Desolation**

The sacrifices and oblations cease; 2 These. 2:4.

These require a Temple previously consecrated in Jerusalem.  
(Preparations have begun and many are completed.)

Historical precedent: 167 BC, Antiochus IV ("Epiphanes") desecrated the Temple, erecting a pagan idol in the Holy of Holies; incited the Maccabean Revolt, which succeeded in rededicating the Temple.

This is still commemorated at Chanukah. (Cf John 10:22).

### **The Great Tribulation**

This "Time of Jacob's Trouble" climaxes in the "Day of the Lord":  
Isa 61:2; Zech 12, 14; Rev 19:19; et al.

(Note that this is 3 ½ years, not 7 years as is so often assumed.)

The period known as the "Wrath of God" – also 3 ½ years long - completes the 7 years and the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel 9

The two halves are separated by the Abomination that causes Desolation that Jesus warned of in Matt 24 – using Daniel as a signpost to identify it.

### **Israel Regathered as a Nation**

On May 14, 1948, Israel was re-established exactly as the Bible predicted.

### **Temple Being Rebuilt**

Explicitly predicted three times in the New Testament. After 1900 years a Temple is now being prepared in Jerusalem.

### **Babylon Rebuilt**

Isaiah 18 & 14, Jeremiah 50 & 51, and Revelation 17 & 18, describe the destruction of the city of Babylon as a climactic event at the end of the "70th Week."

Saddam Hussein spent over 20 years rebuilding the city of Babylon on its traditional site. The work is continuing.

### **European Super State Emerging**

The confederation of European countries (not just the EC nations) is setting the stage for the very scenarios predicted in Daniel 2 & 7.

### **Russia & Islamic Invasion Imminent**

Russia ("Magog" of Ezekiel 38 & 39) and the Moslem republics of Central Asia appear to be setting the stage for the very events that Ezekiel so clearly described.

The Russian Republic has a joint defense treaty with the former Soviet southern Moslem republics.

These southern republics have nuclear capability and delivery systems left behind when the Soviet Union broke up.

### **The Coming World Leader**

Allusions to the Antichrist

Most of what we know is from the Old Testament. A complete discussion of this man of destiny far exceeds the space available here, but for those who would like to begin to explore more, the following notes have been included. Many of the references are subtle and require expositional commentary.

Some believe this leader will be a Jew:

Eze 21:25-27; Eze 28:2-10 (of the circumcision); Dan 11:86,37; John 5:43 (allos, not heteros: thus, a Jew, not a Gentile.); Received by Israel, John 5:43;

The Leader will be the Son of Satan:

Gen 3:15; Isa 27:1; Eze 28:12-19; Rev 13. (Some believe he is Judas Iscariot reincarnated: Psa 55:11-14; Death & Hell: Isa 28:18, Rev 6:8; Matt 12:41A3; John 17:12; John 6:7; 2 The.. 2:3; Acts 1:25, with Rev 11:7.)

He will be:

- An intellectual genius: Dan 7:20; 8:23; Eze 28:3.
- An persuasive orator: Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2.
- A shrewd political manipulator: Dan 11:21.
- A successful commercial genius: Dan 8:25; Rev 13:17; Psa 52:7; Dan 11:38, 43; Eze 28:4,5.
- A forceful military leader: Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2; Rev 13:4; Isa 4:16.
- A powerful organizer: Rev 18:1,2; 17:17.
- A unifying religious guru: 2 Thess 2:4 ("Allah?"); Rev 13:3, 14, 15.  
Psa 10, 52, 55; Isa 10,11,13,14; Jer 49-51; Zech 5; Rev 18.

### The Seventy Sevens of Israel

#### 1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise (Gen 12:4)	75 years
Gal 3:17	+ 430
	<u>505</u>
Ishmael, usurper (Gen 16:16; 21:5)	-15
	<u>490</u>

#### 2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun: 1 Kgs 6:38	594
Completed: 1 Kgs 6:38	+ 7
	<u>601</u>
Subtract the Servitudes of Judges	
Mesopotamia 3:8	-8
Moabites 3:12 14	-18
Canaanites 4:2,3	-20
Midianites 6:1	- 7
Ammonites 10:7,8	-18
Philistines 13:1	-40
	<u>-111</u>
	<u>490</u>

#### 3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

1 Kgs 8:1 66	1005 B.C.
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Neh 2:1	<u>-445 B.C.</u>
	560
Babylonian Captivity	<u>70</u>
	<u>490</u>

#### 4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

Artaxerxes to the 1st Advent		
The Sixty Nine Weeks □ (69 x 7) = 483		
Church Age parenthesis / pause		# of years ?
The Seventieth Week	<u>+7</u>	
	<u>490</u>	

Isa 39:5 7; Jer 25:8 12; 27:6 8; 29:10.

Some history:

#### 1st Siege of Nebuchadnezzar: The Servitude of Nation

Battle of Carchemesh: 606 B.C.;  
Nebuchadnezzar vs Pharaoh Necco, W bank of Euphrates; Jer 46:1 6.  
Jehoikim fettered (2 Chr 36:5 8).  
Jehoikim released as a vassal;  
Temple plundered (for museum);  
Hostages (Daniel et al.) taken. (Daniel of Royal line? Ch 1:4).  
Begins The Servitude of the Nation; Lasts 70 years to the day when Israel is free to return from their captivity – Not many actually do return.

#### 2nd Seige of Nebuchadnezzar

Jehoikim ignores Jeremiah's counsel, rebels.  
5 year battle;  
Jehoikim dies; Jer 22:17 19.  
Jehiachin (Jeconiah) son reigns until siege over. Jer 22:24 30.  
(Blood curse avoided by Christ's virgin birth.)  
His son captured; 10,000 captives; 1000 skilled artisans; etc. 2 Kgs 24:1 4.  
His uncle, Zedekiah, installed as vassal.  
Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesy; but false prophets again prevail.  
Zedekiah's ego trip leads to:

#### 3rd Siege of Nebuchadnezzar

The Desolations of Jerusalem

Begins 587 B.C.;

(also 70 years; but not beginning or ending concurrently with The Servitude of the Nation although they do overlap somewhat.)

Contradictory prophecies?: Jer 32:5, 39:7; Ezek 12:13; 2 Kgs 25:6,7.

God does not approximate.

City and Temple destroyed 2 Kgs 24:17 20; 25:1 21.

In Ezekiel 4:1-8: 430 years of judgment predicted.

430 years

70 years of Babylonian captivity  
= 360 unaccounted for?

But see Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28:  
Multiply by seven?

$360 \times 7 = 2,520$  years.

360 day years: Genesis 7:24, 8:3,4, etc.;  
42 months; 3 1/2 years; 1260 days; being equivalent in Revelation, etc.

$2520 \text{ years} \times 360 \text{ days per year} = 907,200 \text{ days}$

Is 2483 years when counting a year as 365 days = 906,295 days, + ?

Where are the missing days

What about leap years?

The Julian year is 11 minutes 10.46 seconds longer than the mean solar year.

Therefore the Julian calendar contains 3 leap years too many every 4 centuries.

An error of 11 days occurred as of 1752 A.D. and was corrected by the Gregorian reform, which declared September 3 to be September 14, 1752, and reckoning 1700, 1800, and 1900 as common years and 2000 as a leap year.

Dividing 2483 by 4 = 621, with 18 too many (3 excess every 4 centuries);

11 have already been corrected for by the Gregorian reform:  
 $18 - 11 = 7$ ;

$621 - 7 = 614$ .

$2483 \text{ years} \times 365 = 906,295 \text{ days}$

plus, for leap years	614 days
9 months (9 x 30)	270 days
21 days	<u>21 days</u>
2520 years $\times$ 360	907,200 days

Note: When calculating the years and days during the period remember there is no Year 0 when going from BC to AD...

Don't confuse the "Servitude of the Nation" with the "Desolations of Jerusalem." Both 70 years long but starting and ending at different times even though they do overlap.

The "Desolations of Jerusalem" was punishment for not yielding to the "servitude"

Jeremiah 27:6, 8, 11; 38:17 21. Cf. Jeremiah 29:10; Daniel 9:2.

Both the "Servitude of the Nation" and the "Desolations of Jerusalem" were predicted to last 70 years,

but these were also 360 day years:

$70 \text{ years}_{360} = 25,200 \text{ days} = 69 \text{ years}_{365} \text{ less } 2 \text{ days}$ .

**Servitude of the Nation: 606 B.C. + 69 years = 537 B.C.**

If July 23, 537 B.C. was the release from the Servitude of the Nation,

then 537 y 7 m 23 d  
(no year "0"): 1

2483 y 9 m 21 d  
1948 y 5 m 14 d

which is May 14, 1948.

It was on this date that David Ben Gurion declared on international radio, and using Ezekiel as his authority, the reestablishment of Israel as the new Jewish homeland.

**Desolations of Jerusalem: 587 B.C. + 69 years = 518 B.C.**

If August 16, 518 B.C. was the completion of the Desolations of Jerusalem,

then 518 y 8 m 16 d  
(no year "0"): 1

2483 y 9 m 21 d  
1967 y 6 m 7 d

which is June 7, 1967,

when, as a result of the "Six Day War", Israel regained control of the Old City of Jerusalem giving Israel full control over all Jerusalem for the first time since the time of Christ.

With Israel's captivity under Nebuchadnezzar the period known as the "times of the Gentiles" began Cf. Luke 21:24. Jer 25:9;

Nebuchadnezzar is "my servant"! Dan 2:21.

No king from the line of David has ruled over Israel since the Babylonian captivity – and none will until Jesus takes captive His enemies and ascends His rightful throne when the end of the 'time of the Gentiles' is 'fully come in' at the end of Daniel chapter 9's 70<sup>th</sup> Week.

#### **DANIEL 10:1-21**

**1 IN THE THIRD YEAR OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIA A THING WAS REVEALED UNTO DANIEL, WHOSE NAME WAS CALLED BELTESHAZZAR; AND THE THING WAS TRUE, BUT THE TIME APPOINTED WAS LONG: AND HE UNDERSTOOD THE THING, AND HAD UNDERSTANDING OF THE VISION.**

**2 IN THOSE DAYS I DANIEL WAS MOURNING THREE FULL WEEKS.**

**3 I ATE NO PLEASANT BREAD, NEITHER CAME FLESH NOR WINE IN MY MOUTH, NEITHER DID I ANOINT MYSELF AT ALL, TILL THREE WHOLE WEEKS WERE FULFILLED.**

**4 AND IN THE FOUR AND TWENTIETH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH, AS I WAS BY THE SIDE OF THE GREAT RIVER, WHICH IS HIDDEKEL;**

**5 THEN I LIFTED UP MINE EYES, AND LOOKED, AND BEHOLD A CERTAIN MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN, WHOSE LOINS WERE GIRDED WITH FINE GOLD OF UPHAZ:**

**6 HIS BODY ALSO WAS LIKE THE BERYL, AND HIS FACE AS THE APPEARANCE OF LIGHTNING, AND HIS EYES AS LAMPS OF FIRE, AND HIS ARMS AND HIS FEET LIKE IN COLOUR TO POLISHED BRASS, AND THE VOICE OF HIS WORDS LIKE THE VOICE OF A MULTITUDE.**

**7 AND I DANIEL ALONE SAW THE VISION: FOR THE MEN THAT WERE WITH ME SAW NOT THE VISION; BUT A GREAT QUAKING FELL UPON THEM, SO THAT THEY FLED TO HIDE THEMSELVES.**

**8 THEREFORE I WAS LEFT ALONE, AND SAW THIS GREAT VISION, AND THERE REMAINED NO STRENGTH IN ME: FOR MY COMELINESS WAS TURNED IN ME INTO CORRUPTION, AND I RETAINED NO STRENGTH.**

**9 YET HEARD I THE VOICE OF HIS WORDS: AND WHEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF HIS WORDS, THEN WAS I IN A DEEP SLEEP ON MY FACE, AND MY FACE TOWARD THE GROUND.**

**10 AND, BEHOLD, AN HAND TOUCHED ME, WHICH SET ME UPON MY KNEES AND UPON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS.**

**11 AND HE SAID UNTO ME, O DANIEL, A MAN GREATLY BELOVED, UNDERSTAND THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO THEE, AND STAND UPRIGHT: FOR UNTO THEE AM I NOW SENT. AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN THIS WORD UNTO ME, I STOOD TREMBLING.**

**12 THEN SAID HE UNTO ME, FEAR NOT, DANIEL: FOR FROM THE FIRST DAY THAT THOU DIDST SET THINE HEART TO UNDERSTAND, AND TO CHASTEN THYSELF BEFORE THY GOD, THY WORDS WERE HEARD, AND I AM COME FOR**

THY WORDS.

**13 BUT THE PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF PERSIA WITHSTOOD ME ONE AND TWENTY DAYS: BUT, LO, MICHAEL, ONE OF THE CHIEF PRINCES, CAME TO HELP ME; AND I REMAINED THERE WITH THE KINGS OF PERSIA.**

**14 NOW I AM COME TO MAKE THEE UNDERSTAND WHAT SHALL BEFALL THY PEOPLE IN THE LATTER DAYS: FOR YET THE VISION IS FOR MANY DAYS.**

**15 AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN SUCH WORDS UNTO ME, I SET MY FACE TOWARD THE GROUND, AND I BECAME DUMB.**

**16 AND, BEHOLD, ONE LIKE THE SIMILITUDE OF THE SONS OF MEN TOUCHED MY LIPS: THEN I OPENED MY MOUTH, AND SPAKE, AND SAID UNTO HIM THAT STOOD BEFORE ME, O MY LORD, BY THE VISION MY SORROWS ARE TURNED UPON ME, AND I HAVE RETAINED NO STRENGTH.**

**17 FOR HOW CAN THE SERVANT OF THIS MY LORD TALK WITH THIS MY LORD? FOR AS FOR ME, STRAIGHTWAY THERE REMAINED NO STRENGTH IN ME, NEITHER IS THERE BREATH LEFT IN ME.**

**18 THEN THERE CAME AGAIN AND TOUCHED ME ONE LIKE THE APPEARANCE OF A MAN, AND HE STRENGTHENED ME,**

**19 AND SAID, O MAN GREATLY BELOVED, FEAR NOT: PEACE BE UNTO THEE, BE STRONG, YEA, BE STRONG. AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN UNTO ME, I WAS STRENGTHENED, AND SAID, LET MY LORD SPEAK; FOR THOU HAST STRENGTHENED ME.**

**20 THEN SAID HE, KNOWEST THOU WHEREFORE I COME UNTO THEE? AND NOW WILL I RETURN TO FIGHT WITH THE PRINCE OF PERSIA: AND WHEN I AM GONE FORTH, LO, THE PRINCE OF GRECIA SHALL COME.**

**21 BUT I WILL SHEW THEE THAT WHICH IS NOTED IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH: AND THERE IS NONE THAT HOLDETH WITH ME IN THESE THINGS, BUT MICHAEL YOUR PRINCE. (KJV)**

NEARLY 90 YEARS OLD AND APPARENTLY RETIRED, DANIEL RECEIVES HIS FINAL VISION DURING THE THIRD YEAR OF CYRUS REIGN OVER THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE.

TWO YEARS EARLIER CYRUS HAD GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THE ISRAELITES TO BEGIN TO RETURN TO ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM.

DANIEL APPARENTLY DID NOT GO AT THAT TIME.

AFTER FASTING FOR 3 WEEKS DANIEL WAS STANDING BY THE RIVER HIDDEKEL (TIGRIS) AND HE SAW A FINAL VISION.

#### **DANIEL 10:1-4**

**1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.**

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

**3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.**

**4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; (KJV)**

SOME BELIEVE THE BEING DANIEL SAW TO BE AN ANGEL, OTHERS BELIEVE IT WAS THE LORD HIMSELF.

(THE LORD JESUS DID APPEAR TO OTHERS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT TIMES.)

#### **GEN 18:1-8**

**1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;**

**2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,**

**3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:**

**4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:**

**5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.**

**6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.**

**7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.**

**8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. (KJV)**

DANIEL'S DESCRIPTION CLOSELY MATCHES JOHN'S DESCRIPTION IN REV 1:12-18 EXCEPT THAT DANIEL IS DESCRIBING THE LORD IN HIS PRE-INCARNATE STATE WHILE JOHN DESCRIBES HIS GLORIFIED STATE.

REV 1:12-18

- 12 *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;*
- 13 *And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*
- 14 *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*
- 15 *And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.*
- 16 *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*
- 17 *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*
- 18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (KJV)*

THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE INDIVIDUAL DANIEL SAW WAS JESUS ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ANOTHER BEING WHO SPEAKS WITH DANIEL AND NOT THE LORD DIRECTLY.

**DANIEL 10:5-6**

- 5 *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:*
- 6 *His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. (KJV)*

LIKE WITH SAUL ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS, THOSE WITH DANIEL DID NOT SEE THE VISION.

THEY MUST HAVE HEARD OR SEEN SOMETHING HOWEVER BECAUSE THEY RAN OFF AND HID LEAVING DANIEL ALONE WITH THE MESSENGER AND THE VISION.

THE SIGHT WAS SO OVERPOWERING IT LEFT DANIEL WEAK AND INCAPABLE OF SPEECH.

**DANIEL 10:7-10**

- 7 *And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.*

- 8 *Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*
- 9 *Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.*
- 10 *And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. (KJV)*

THE BEING DOING THE SPEAKING (WHETHER THE SAME AS THE ONE DESCRIBED OR NOT) HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO GET TO DANIEL FOR 21 DAYS; THE ENTIRE TIME OF HIS FASTING AND PRAYING.

SOMEONE (NOT AN EARTHLY PERSON) KEPT THIS MESSENGER FROM DELIVERING GOD'S MESSAGE TO DANIEL.

**DANIEL 10:11-13**

- 11 *And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*
- 12 *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*
- 13 *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. (KJV)*

THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE INDIVIDUAL DANIEL SAW WAS JESUS, BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER BEING IS DOING THE SPEAKING BECAUSE JESUS WOULD NOT HAVE NEEDED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING PAST SATAN'S PRINCE OF PERSIA.

IN ANY CASE, DANIEL HAD BEEN ASKING FOR AN ANSWER FOR 21 DAYS.

GOD HAD SENT THE ANSWER FROM THE FIRST BUT THE 'PRINCE OF PERSIA' HAD WITHSTOOD GOD'S MESSENGER.

(SATAN HAS SPIRITS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL ACTIVITY ON THE EARTH.

THE BIBLE ALSO MENTIONS A 'PRINCE OF GREGIA').



THE ARCH-ANGEL MICHAEL WAS SENT TO ASSIST THE MESSENGER IN HIS BATTLE WITH SATAN'S FORCES.

*EPH 6:12*

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (KJV)*

THIS IS NOT THE ONLY INSTANCE OF MICHAEL FIGHTING OFF SATAN AND HIS FORCES.

HE FOUGHT SATAN OVER THE BODY OF MOSES

*JUDE 1:9*

*Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. (KJV)*

HE WILL FIGHT SATAN AND THROW HIM OUT OF THE HEAVENS

*REV 12:7-12*

*7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*

*9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

*10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

*11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

*12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (KJV)*

WITH ADAM'S FALL DOMINION OVER THE EARTH WAS SEIZED AGAIN BY SATAN

REMEMBER SATAN OFFERED THEM TO JESUS DURING JESUS TEMPTATIONS.

*MATT 4:8-10*

*8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain,*

*and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*

*9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

*10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (KJV)*

THE MESSENGER SAYS HE HAS COME TO REVEAL **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO DANIEL'S PEOPLE, THE ISRAELITES IN THE LATTER DAYS.**

HE SAID THE VISION **WOULD NOT OCCUR FOR 'MANY DAYS'.**

**DANIEL 10:14-21**

***14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.***

***15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.***

***16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.***

***17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.***

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

***19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.***

***20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.***

***21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. (KJV)***

THE MESSENGER SAID

HE WOULD RETURN TO CONTINUE HIS FIGHT WITH THE PRINCE OF PERSIA WHO WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE

PRINCE OF GRECIA SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL THE ARCH ANGEL.

HE SAID HE WOULD REVEAL TO DANIEL THAT WHICH IS NOTED IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

THIS VISION DEALT DIRECTLY WITH THE LATTER DAYS.

DANIEL WAS TOLD THAT THOSE OF HIS DAY WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROPHECIES BECAUSE THE 'WORDS ARE CLOSED UP AND SEALED UNTIL THE TIME OF THE END'.

*DAN 12:9*

*And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. (KJV)*

### **DANIEL 11:1-45**

*1 ALSO I IN THE FIRST YEAR OF DARIUS THE MEDE, EVEN I, STOOD TO CONFIRM AND TO STRENGTHEN HIM.*

*2 AND NOW WILL I SHEW THEE THE TRUTH. BEHOLD, THERE SHALL STAND UP YET THREE KINGS IN PERSIA; AND THE FOURTH SHALL BE FAR RICHER THAN THEY ALL: AND BY HIS STRENGTH THROUGH HIS RICHES HE SHALL STIR UP ALL AGAINST THE REALM OF GRECIA.*

*3 AND A MIGHTY KING SHALL STAND UP, THAT SHALL RULE WITH GREAT DOMINION, AND DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL.*

*4 AND WHEN HE SHALL STAND UP, HIS KINGDOM SHALL BE BROKEN, AND SHALL BE DIVIDED TOWARD THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN; AND NOT TO HIS POSTERITY, NOR ACCORDING TO HIS DOMINION WHICH HE RULED: FOR HIS KINGDOM SHALL BE PLUCKED UP, EVEN FOR OTHERS BESIDE THOSE.*

*5 AND THE KING OF THE SOUTH SHALL BE STRONG, AND ONE OF HIS PRINCES; AND HE SHALL BE STRONG ABOVE HIM, AND HAVE DOMINION; HIS DOMINION SHALL BE A GREAT DOMINION.*

*6 AND IN THE END OF YEARS THEY SHALL JOIN THEMSELVES TOGETHER; FOR THE KING'S DAUGHTER OF THE SOUTH SHALL COME TO THE KING OF THE NORTH TO MAKE AN AGREEMENT: BUT SHE SHALL NOT RETAIN THE POWER OF THE ARM; NEITHER SHALL HE STAND, NOR HIS ARM: BUT SHE SHALL BE GIVEN UP, AND THEY THAT BROUGHT HER, AND HE THAT BEGAT HER, AND HE THAT STRENGTHENED HER IN THESE TIMES.*

*7 BUT OUT OF A BRANCH OF HER ROOTS SHALL ONE STAND UP IN HIS ESTATE, WHICH SHALL COME WITH AN ARMY, AND SHALL ENTER INTO THE FORTRESS OF THE KING OF THE NORTH, AND SHALL DEAL AGAINST THEM, AND SHALL PREVAIL:*

*8 AND SHALL ALSO CARRY CAPTIVES INTO EGYPT THEIR GODS, WITH THEIR PRINCES, AND WITH THEIR PRECIOUS VESSELS OF SILVER AND OF GOLD; AND HE SHALL CONTINUE MORE YEARS THAN THE KING OF THE NORTH.*

*9 SO THE KING OF THE SOUTH SHALL COME INTO HIS KINGDOM, AND SHALL RETURN INTO HIS OWN LAND.*

*10 BUT HIS SONS SHALL BE STIRRED UP, AND SHALL ASSEMBLE A MULTITUDE OF GREAT FORCES: AND ONE SHALL CERTAINLY COME, AND OVERFLOW, AND PASS THROUGH: THEN SHALL HE RETURN, AND BE STIRRED UP, EVEN TO HIS FORTRESS.*

*11 AND THE KING OF THE SOUTH SHALL BE MOVED WITH CHOLER, AND SHALL COME FORTH AND FIGHT WITH HIM, EVEN WITH THE KING OF THE*

*NORTH: AND HE SHALL SET FORTH A GREAT MULTITUDE; BUT THE MULTITUDE SHALL BE GIVEN INTO HIS HAND.*

*12 AND WHEN HE HATH TAKEN AWAY THE MULTITUDE, HIS HEART SHALL BE LIFTED UP; AND HE SHALL CAST DOWN MANY TEN THOUSANDS: BUT HE SHALL NOT BE STRENGTHENED BY IT.*

*13 FOR THE KING OF THE NORTH SHALL RETURN, AND SHALL SET FORTH A MULTITUDE GREATER THAN THE FORMER, AND SHALL CERTAINLY COME AFTER CERTAIN YEARS WITH A GREAT ARMY AND WITH MUCH RICHES.*

*14 AND IN THOSE TIMES THERE SHALL MANY STAND UP AGAINST THE KING OF THE SOUTH: ALSO THE ROBBERS OF THY PEOPLE SHALL EXALT THEMSELVES TO ESTABLISH THE VISION; BUT THEY SHALL FALL.*

*15 SO THE KING OF THE NORTH SHALL COME, AND CAST UP A MOUNT, AND TAKE THE MOST FENCED CITIES: AND THE ARMS OF THE SOUTH SHALL NOT WITHSTAND, NEITHER HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY STRENGTH TO WITHSTAND.*

*16 BUT HE THAT COMETH AGAINST HIM SHALL DO ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL, AND NONE SHALL STAND BEFORE HIM: AND HE SHALL STAND IN THE GLORIOUS LAND, WHICH BY HIS HAND SHALL BE CONSUMED.*

*17 HE SHALL ALSO SET HIS FACE TO ENTER WITH THE STRENGTH OF HIS WHOLE KINGDOM, AND UPRIGHT ONES WITH HIM; THUS SHALL HE DO: AND HE SHALL GIVE HIM THE DAUGHTER OF WOMEN, CORRUPTING HER: BUT SHE SHALL NOT STAND ON HIS SIDE, NEITHER BE FOR HIM.*

*18 AFTER THIS SHALL HE TURN HIS FACE UNTO THE ISLES, AND SHALL TAKE MANY: BUT A PRINCE FOR HIS OWN BEHALF SHALL CAUSE THE REPROACH OFFERED BY HIM TO CEASE; WITHOUT HIS OWN REPROACH HE SHALL CAUSE IT TO TURN UPON HIM.*

*19 THEN HE SHALL TURN HIS FACE TOWARD THE FORT OF HIS OWN LAND: BUT HE SHALL STUMBLE AND FALL, AND NOT BE FOUND.*

*20 THEN SHALL STAND UP IN HIS ESTATE A RAISER OF TAXES IN THE GLORY OF THE KINGDOM: BUT WITHIN FEW DAYS HE SHALL BE DESTROYED, NEITHER IN ANGER, NOR IN BATTLE.*

*21 AND IN HIS ESTATE SHALL STAND UP A VILE PERSON, TO WHOM THEY SHALL NOT GIVE THE HONOUR OF THE KINGDOM: BUT HE SHALL COME IN PEACEABLY, AND OBTAIN THE KINGDOM BY FLATTERIES.*

*22 AND WITH THE ARMS OF A FLOOD SHALL THEY BE OVERFLOWN FROM BEFORE HIM, AND SHALL BE BROKEN; YEA, ALSO THE PRINCE OF THE COVENANT.*

*23 AND AFTER THE LEAGUE MADE WITH HIM HE SHALL WORK DECEITFULLY: FOR HE SHALL COME UP, AND SHALL BECOME STRONG WITH A SMALL PEOPLE.*

*24 HE SHALL ENTER PEACEABLY EVEN UPON THE FATTEST PLACES OF THE PROVINCE; AND HE SHALL DO THAT WHICH HIS FATHERS HAVE NOT DONE, NOR HIS FATHERS' FATHERS; HE SHALL SCATTER AMONG THEM THE PREY, AND SPOIL, AND RICHES: YEA, AND HE SHALL FORECAST HIS DEVICES AGAINST THE STRONG HOLDS, EVEN FOR A TIME.*

*25 AND 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 FORECAST DEVICES AGAINST HIM.*

*26 YEA, THEY THAT FEED OF THE PORTION OF HIS MEAT SHALL DESTROY HIM, AND HIS ARMY SHALL OVERFLOW: AND MANY SHALL FALL DOWN SLAIN.*

*27 AND BOTH THESE KINGS' HEARTS SHALL BE TO DO MISCHIEF, AND THEY SHALL SPEAK LIES AT ONE TABLE; BUT IT SHALL NOT PROSPER: FOR YET THE END SHALL BE AT THE TIME APPOINTED.*

*28 THEN SHALL HE RETURN INTO HIS LAND WITH GREAT RICHES; AND HIS HEART SHALL BE AGAINST THE HOLY COVENANT; AND HE SHALL DO EXPLOITS, AND RETURN TO HIS OWN LAND.*

*29 AT THE TIME APPOINTED HE SHALL RETURN, AND COME TOWARD THE SOUTH; BUT IT SHALL NOT BE AS THE FORMER, OR AS THE LATTER.*

*30 FOR THE SHIPS OF CHITTIM SHALL COME AGAINST HIM: THEREFORE HE SHALL BE GRIEVED, AND RETURN, AND HAVE INDIGNATION AGAINST THE HOLY COVENANT: SO SHALL HE DO; HE SHALL EVEN RETURN, AND HAVE INTELLIGENCE WITH THEM THAT FORSAKE THE HOLY COVENANT.*

*31 AND ARMS SHALL STAND ON HIS PART, AND THEY SHALL POLLUTE THE SANCTUARY OF STRENGTH, AND SHALL TAKE AWAY THE DAILY SACRIFICE, AND THEY SHALL PLACE THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE.*

*32 AND SUCH AS DO WICKEDLY AGAINST THE COVENANT SHALL HE CORRUPT BY FLATTERIES: BUT THE PEOPLE THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG, AND DO EXPLOITS.*

*33 AND THEY THAT UNDERSTAND AMONG THE PEOPLE SHALL INSTRUCT MANY: YET THEY SHALL FALL BY THE SWORD, AND BY FLAME, BY CAPTIVITY, AND BY SPOIL, MANY DAYS.*

*34 NOW WHEN THEY SHALL FALL, THEY SHALL BE HOLPEN WITH A LITTLE HELP: BUT MANY SHALL CLEAVE TO THEM WITH FLATTERIES.*

35 AND SOME OF THEM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL FALL, TO TRY THEM, AND TO PURGE, AND TO MAKE THEM WHITE, EVEN TO THE TIME OF THE END: BECAUSE IT IS YET FOR A TIME APPOINTED.

36 AND THE KING SHALL DO ACCORDING TO HIS WILL; AND HE SHALL EXALT HIMSELF, AND MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY GOD, AND SHALL SPEAK MARVELLOUS THINGS AGAINST THE GOD OF GODS, AND SHALL PROSPER TILL THE INDIGNATION BE ACCOMPLISHED: FOR THAT THAT IS DETERMINED SHALL BE DONE.

37 NEITHER SHALL HE REGARD THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS, NOR THE DESIRE OF WOMEN, NOR REGARD ANY GOD: FOR HE SHALL MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE ALL.

38 BUT IN HIS ESTATE SHALL HE HONOUR THE GOD OF FORCES: AND A GOD WHOM HIS FATHERS KNEW NOT SHALL HE HONOUR WITH GOLD, AND SILVER, AND WITH PRECIOUS STONES, AND PLEASANT THINGS.

39 THUS SHALL HE DO IN THE MOST STRONG HOLDS WITH A STRANGE GOD, WHOM HE SHALL ACKNOWLEDGE AND INCREASE WITH GLORY: AND HE SHALL CAUSE THEM TO RULE OVER MANY, AND SHALL DIVIDE THE LAND FOR GAIN.

40 AND AT THE TIME OF THE END SHALL THE KING OF THE SOUTH PUSH AT HIM: AND THE KING OF THE NORTH SHALL COME AGAINST HIM LIKE A WHIRLWIND, WITH CHARIOTS, AND WITH HORSEMEN, AND WITH MANY SHIPS; AND HE SHALL ENTER INTO THE COUNTRIES, AND SHALL OVERFLOW AND PASS OVER.

41 HE SHALL ENTER ALSO INTO THE GLORIOUS LAND, AND MANY COUNTRIES SHALL BE OVERTHROWN: BUT THESE SHALL ESCAPE OUT OF HIS HAND, EVEN EDOM, AND MOAB, AND THE CHIEF OF THE CHILDREN OF AMMON.

42 HE SHALL STRETCH FORTH HIS HAND ALSO UPON THE COUNTRIES: AND THE LAND OF EGYPT SHALL NOT ESCAPE.

43 BUT HE SHALL HAVE POWER 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 BUT TIDINGS OUT OF THE EAST AND OUT OF THE NORTH SHALL TROUBLE HIM: THEREFORE HE SHALL GO FORTH WITH GREAT FURY TO DESTROY, AND UTTERLY TO MAKE AWAY MANY.

45 AND HE SHALL PLANT THE TABERNACLES OF HIS PALACE BETWEEN THE SEAS IN THE GLORIOUS HOLY MOUNTAIN; YET HE SHALL COME TO HIS END, AND NONE SHALL HELP HIM. (KJV)

DANIEL 11 DEALS LARGELY WITH THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE AND THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THERE WERE TO BE 4 KINGS AFTER CYRUS;

- AHASUERUS,
- ARTAXERXES,
- DARIUS (A.K.A. CAMBYSES, PSUEDO-SMERDIS AND DARIUS HYSTASPES).
- THE FOURTH KING WAS XERXES.

HIS GREAT WEALTH ALLOWED HIM TO ASSEMBLE A GREAT ARMY WHICH INVADED GREECE.

THE INVASION FAILED BUT IT FACILITATED THE RISE OF GREECE AND ULTIMATELY THE CAMPAIGNS OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

HE SETTLED IN HIS HOME TERRITORIES AND PALACES.

HE IS THE KING IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER WHO EXILED VASHTI AND MARRIED ESTHER.

#### **DANIEL 11:1-2**

**1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.**

**2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia. (KJV)**

OUT OF GREECE CAME ALEXANDER WHO REIGNED 12 YEARS AFTER HIS CONQUESTS UNTIL HIS DEATH UPON WHICH HIS KINGDOM WAS SPLIT INTO FOUR PARTS

- THRACE,
- MACEDONIA,
- SYRIA,
- EGYPT

EACH TERRITORIAL DIVISION WAS RULED BY ONE OF ALEXANDER'S FORMER GENERALS.

#### **DANIEL 8:3-8**

**3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.**

- 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.
- 5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.
- 6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.
- 7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
- 8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. (KJV)

**DANIEL 8:20-22**

- 20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.
- 21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.
- 22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power. (KJV)

**DANIEL 11:3-4**

- 3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.**
- 4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those. (KJV)**

THE PROPHECY FOCUSES ON 2 OF THE 4, SYRIA AND EGYPT. THESE TWO ENGAGED IN SEVERAL WARS WITH EACH OTHER. ISRAEL NATURALLY SUFFERED BEING CAUGHT IN BETWEEN THE TWO.

THE KING OF THE SOUTH, PTOLEMY SOTER ASSISTED SELEUCUS NICATOR TO RECOVER BABYLON.

NICATOR'S KINGDOM EVENTUALLY BECAME GREATER THAN THAT OF EGYPT.

**DANIEL 11:5**

- And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion. (KJV)**

PTOLEMY SOTER ABDICATED IN FAVOR OF HIS SON PTOLEMY PHILADELPHUS.

A MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE FAMILIES AND SUBSEQUENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS LED TO FURTHER CONFLICT BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA.

THE KING OF THE SOUTH (EGYPT) AT ONE POINT BECAME ANGERED AT THE TREATMENT OF HIS SISTER, BERNICE AT THE HAND OF THE KING OF THE NORTH (SYRIA).

BERNICE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO THE THEN KING OF THE NORTH WHO ABANDONED HIS CONSORT FOR BERNICE.

UPON HIS DEATH, HIS SUCCESSOR TREATED BERNICE BADLY WHICH UPSET THE KING OF THE SOUTH WHO ASSEMBLED A LARGE ARMY, MARCHED INTO SYRIA AND TOOK REVENGE.

HE PILLAGED THE LAND TAKING A ITEMS OF GREAT VALUE BACK TO EGYPT WITH HIM.

THERE WERE SEVERAL BETRAYALS AND ASSASSINATIONS TO FOLLOW.

THE TWO KINGDOMS WOULD TRADE POSITIONS OF PRE-EMINENCE.

**DANIEL 11:6-8**

- 6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.**
- 7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against**

*them, and shall prevail:*

*8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north. (KJV)*

THE NORTHERN RULERS WERE EXTREMELY UPSET BY THIS ATTACK.

THEY ALSO ASSEMBLED AN ARMY AND RETALIATED ON THE KING OF THE SOUTH.

THEY CAPTURED TYRE IN 218 B.C. AND MARCH ON AGAINST GAZA.

PROPHECY LIMITED THEIR ATTACK TO THIS POINT.

**DANIEL 11:9-10**

*9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.*

*10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress. (KJV)*

REALIZING AN ATTACK WAS COMING AT THE HANDS OF ANTIOCHUS, THE KING OF THE NORTH; PTOLEMY PHILOPATER, THE KING OF THE SOUTH PREPARED FOR THE ATTACK.

A GREAT BATTLE TOOK PLACE NEAR GAZA IN 217 B.C. RESULTING IN DEFEAT FOR THE KING OF THE NORTH, THE SYRIAN KING.

**DANIEL 11:11-12**

*11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.*

*12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down many ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened by it. (KJV)*

THE SYRIAN KING RETREATED TO HIS LAND AND FOR 13 YEARS PREPARED HIMSELF FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM.

WHEN PTOLEMY PHILOPATER DIED, THE ATTACK BEGAN WITH

THE HELP OF PHILIP OF MACEDON.

ANTIOCHUS AND PHILIP AGREED TO DIVIDE THE RICHES OF EGYPT.

SOME ISRAELITES (ROBBERS OF THY PEOPLE) JOINED THE ALLIANCE HOPING FOR GREAT PERSONAL GAIN.

ANTIOCHUS BETRAYED THEM.

**DANIEL 11:13-14**

*13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.*

*14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall. (KJV)*

NOTE: THE KING OF THE NORTH AND THE KING OF THE SOUTH ARE TERMS THAT DESCRIBE POSITIONS, NOT SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS.

THE NARRATIVE AND USE OF THESE TITLES SPANS SEVERAL CENTURIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

TO CONQUER EGYPT, ANTIOCHUS HAD TO SUBDUCE PALESTINE (THE GLORIOUS LAND).

HE TOOK SIDON.

THE EGYPTIAN KING TRIED TO FREE IT UNSUCCESSFULLY.

ANTIOCHUS THEN STARTED AFTER EGYPT ITSELF.

THE ROMANS WERE BECOMING A WORLD POWER AT THAT TIME AND FORMED AN ALLIANCE WITH EGYPT.

**DANIEL 11:15-16**

*15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.*

*16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed. (KJV)*

ANTIOCHUS DIDN'T WANT TO FACE THE COMBINED EGYPTIAN /

ROMAN ARMIES SO HE OFFERED HIS DAUGHTER CLEOPATRA (NOT ANTHONY'S CLEOPATRA) TO MARRY THE SON OF EGYPT'S KING.

**DANIEL 11:17**

*He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, neither be for him. (KJV)*

HIS ATTEMPT TO CONTROL EGYPT BY MARRIAGE FAILED.

ANGERED HE SENT A FLEET AGAINST THE ISLES OF ASIA MINOR AND WAS DEFEATED BY THE GROWING ROMAN POWER.

HE WAS FORCED TO PAY TRIBUTE.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER ANTIOCHUS WAS KILLED WHILE ON A PLUNDERING EXPEDITION.

**DANIEL 11:18-20**

*18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.*

*19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.*

*20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. (KJV)*

HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS SON SELEUCUS PHILOPATER WHO CONTINUED TO PAY TRIBUTE.

SELEUCUS PHILOPATER WAS POISONED IN 175 B.C.

FOLLOWING HIM TO THE THRONE WAS ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES (175-164 B.C.) WHO WAS CALLED A 'VILE PERSON' - DANIEL 11:21-27

**DANIEL 11:21**

*And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. (KJV)*

ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES WAS A CRUEL, WICKED TYRANT.

HE ASCENDED THE THRONE THROUGH INTRIGUE.

HE WENT TO JERUSALEM AND DEPOSED 'THE PRINCE OF THE COVENANT', THE JEWISH HIGH PRIEST ONIAS III.

HIS POWER BASE WAS SMALL AT THE BEGINNING (STRONG WITH A SMALL PEOPLE).

HE PRETENDED FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KINGS OF EGYPT BUT HIS FRIENDSHIP TURNED OUT TO BE 'LIES AT ONE TABLE'.

**DANIEL 11:22-24**

*22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.*

*23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.*

*24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time. (KJV)*

HE INVADED EGYPT BUT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN CONQUERING ONLY A PART OF IT.

WHILE RETURNING FROM EGYPT HE HEARD THAT A REPORT HAD GONE THROUGH JERUSALEM THAT HE HAD BEEN KILLED.

IT CAUSED GREAT CELEBRATION AND REJOICING IN THE STREETS.

RETURNING TO JERUSALEM HE KILLED 40,000 RESIDENTS, SELLING OTHERS AS SLAVES, AND RANSACKED THE TEMPLE.

HE THEN RETURNED TO ANTIOCH.

**DANIEL 11:25-27**

*25 And 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 forecast devices against him.*

*26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall*

*down slain.*

*27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed. (KJV)*

THE NEXT SPRING (168 B.C.) HE AGAIN INVADED EGYPT.

THE ROMANS MET HIM AT ALEXANDRIA AND ORDERED HIM OUT.

HE FEARED THE POWER OF ROME AND RETURNED THROUGH ISRAEL VENTING HIS RAGE ON ISRAEL.

THERE WERE MASSACRES.

HE DEFILED THE TEMPLE HOLY PLACES, STOPPED SACRIFICES, KILLED A SOW AND SPREAD IT'S BLOOD THROUGHOUT THE HOLY PLACES.

HE SET UP AN 'ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE' - A PAGAN IDOL IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES.

**DANIEL 11:28-35**

*28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.*

*29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.*

*30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.*

*31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.*

*32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

*33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*

*34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.*

*35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of*

*the end: because it is yet for a time appointed. (KJV)*

BELIEVING HE HAD DEVASTATED ANY FORM OF JEWISH RESISTANCE HE LEFT JERUSALEM SETTING OUT TO CONQUER PERSIA.

WHILE HE WAS AWAY THE MACCABEES BEGAN A GUERILLA WARFARE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIS KINGDOM ACHIEVING GREAT SUCCESS.

IN 165 B.C. JUDAH MACCABEES RETOOK JERUSALEM AND PURIFIED THE TEMPLE.

ANTIOCHUS, NOT HAVING GREAT SUCCESS IN PERSIA WAS SURPRISED AND DEPRESSED AT THE NEWS OF THE JEWISH REVOLT.

HE DIED A SHORT TIME LATER NEVER RETURNING TO JERUSALEM.

**DANIEL 11:30-35 PROVIDES A TRANSITION FROM THE TIME OF ANTIOCHUS AND THE MACCABEES TO THE TIME OF ANTI-CHRIST IN THE LATTER DAYS.**

ANOTHER 'WILLFUL KING' IS DESCRIBED.

THE BEGINNING OF HIS REIGN IS MARKED BY HIS PRETENDED FRIENDSHIP WITH ISRAEL AND A TREATY WHICH WILL BE BROKEN LATER IN TIME. (SEE DANIEL 9:24-27)

THIS WILLFUL KING WILL ALSO CAUSE SACRIFICES TO CEASE

TO BEGIN AGAIN, A HOLY OF HOLIES IN A REBUILT TEMPLE (OR AT LEAST A TABERNACLE) MUST BE REESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM.

CHECK OUT THE STORY AND NEED FOR THE ASHES OF A RED HEIFER).

HE WILL COMMIT AN 'ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION' (SEE MATTHEW 24:15-22) AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF DANIEL 9.

THIS ABOMINATION IDENTIFIES HIM WITH THE 'PRINCE THAT SHALL COME' OF DAN 9:26-27

HE (HIS POLITICAL KINGDOM) IS ONE OF THE 2 BEASTS DESCRIBED BY REVELATION 13.



THIS 'PRINCE THAT SHALL COME' - SEE DANIEL 9:26-27 - WILL MAKE A COVENANT WITH ISRAEL FOR 7 YEARS.

THIS IS THE COVENANT OF DEATH REFERRED TO BY ISAIAH 28:15, 18.

MATTHEW 24:15-22

- 15 *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*
- 16 *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*
- 17 *Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:*
- 18 *Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*
- 19 *And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*
- 20 *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*
- 21 *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*
- 22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (KJV)*

DANIEL 9:26-27

- 26 *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*
- 27 *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (KJV)*

ISA 28:15-18

- 15 *Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:*
- 16 *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*
- 17 *Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the*

*plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.*

- 18 *And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. (KJV)*

THIS COVENANT WITH DEATH. SIGNED BY ISRAEL AND ENFORCED BY THIS WILLFUL KING, WILL BE BROKEN AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVEN YEARS AND HE WILL START A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR ON ISRAEL AND ALL WHO SERVE GOD IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE ANYONE NOT WORSHIPPING HIM.

SOME BELIEVE THAT DANIEL 11:37 MAY INDICATE HE HAS JEWISH BLOOD IN THAT HE DOES NOT REGARD THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS (ASSUMING JEHOVAH IS THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS).

IT COULD ALSO INDICATE HE COMES OUT OF A WORLD RECOGNIZED RELIGION (JUDAHISM, CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM, ETC) WHICH HE DISREGARDS.

THIS MAY ALSO INDICATE HE BEGINS A NEW RELIGION WITH HIMSELF AS THE OBJECT OF WORSHIP (E.I. AS WAS DONE BY THE CAESARS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ROMAN EMPIRE).

**DANIEL 11:37**

***Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. (KJV)***

2 THES 2:3-12

- 3 *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*
- 4 *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*
- 5 *Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*
- 6 *And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*
- 7 *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*
- 8 *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the*

*brightness of his coming:*

- 9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*  
10 *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*  
11 *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*  
12 *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (KJV)*

**DANIEL 11:36-39**

- 36 *And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.***  
**37 *Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.***  
**38 *But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.***  
**39 *Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. (KJV)***

NOTE: VERSE 38 - THE GOD OF FORCES - 'MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU' !! – (AND YOU THOUGHT IT WAS A 'STARWARS' INVENTION!!!)

DANIEL STATES THAT THE KING OF THE NORTH (NOW REFERRING MOST LIKELY TO RUSSIA) WILL COME UP AGAINST HIM LIKE A WHIRLWIND.

**DANIEL 11:40-45**

- 40 *And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.***  
**41 *He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the***

***children of Ammon.***

- 42 *He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.***  
**43 *But he shall have power 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 *But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.***  
**45 *And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. (KJV)***

IN THE LAST DAYS THERE WILL BE SEVERAL WORLD POWERS ON THE SCENE:

- THE ANTI-CHRIST,
- A KING OF THE NORTH AND
- A KING OF THE SOUTH.
- THE REVELATION INDICATES THAT THE "KINGS OF THE EAST" WILL ALSO FORM A WORLD POWER PLAYER

REMEMBER NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM IMAGE WITH IT'S TEN TOES OF IRON AND CLAY NOT CLEAVING TOGETHER.

IT MAY BE THAT IN THE LATTER DAYS THE ANTI-CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND THE KING OF THE NORTH STRIKE AN UNEASY ALLIANCE AS WAS DONE DURING WORLD WAR 2 WHEN HITLER AND STALIN, SWORN ENEMIES, AGREED TO CO-EXIST.

NOTE: THE HITLER-STALIN AGREEMENT LASTED 666 DAYS (AUG 23-24, 1939 TO JUNE 22, 1941) WHEN HITLER ATTACKED RUSSIA.

**DANIEL 12:1-13**

**1 AND AT THAT TIME SHALL MICHAEL STAND UP, THE GREAT PRINCE WHICH STANDETH FOR THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE: AND THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE, SUCH AS NEVER WAS SINCE THERE WAS A NATION EVEN TO THAT SAME TIME: AND AT THAT TIME THY PEOPLE SHALL BE DELIVERED, EVERY ONE THAT SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK.**

**2 AND MANY OF THEM THAT SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.**

**3 AND THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; AND THEY THAT TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER.**

**4 BUT THOU, O DANIEL, SHUT UP THE WORDS, AND SEAL THE BOOK, EVEN TO THE TIME OF THE END: MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO, AND KNOWLEDGE SHALL BE INCREASED.**

**5 THEN I DANIEL LOOKED, AND, BEHOLD, THERE STOOD OTHER TWO, THE ONE ON THIS SIDE OF THE BANK OF THE RIVER, AND THE OTHER ON THAT SIDE OF THE BANK OF THE RIVER.**

**6 AND ONE SAID TO THE MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN, WHICH WAS UPON THE WATERS OF THE RIVER, HOW LONG SHALL IT BE TO THE END OF THESE WONDERS?**

**7 AND I HEARD THE MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN, WHICH WAS UPON THE WATERS OF THE RIVER, WHEN HE HELD UP HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS LEFT HAND UNTO HEAVEN, AND SWARE BY HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER THAT IT SHALL BE FOR A TIME, TIMES, AND AN HALF; AND WHEN HE SHALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TO SCATTER THE POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE, ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE FINISHED.**

**8 AND I HEARD, BUT I UNDERSTOOD NOT: THEN SAID I, O MY LORD, WHAT SHALL BE THE END OF THESE THINGS?**

**9 AND HE SAID, GO THY WAY, DANIEL: FOR THE WORDS ARE CLOSED UP AND SEALED TILL THE TIME OF THE END.**

**10 MANY SHALL BE PURIFIED, AND MADE WHITE, AND TRIED; BUT THE WICKED SHALL DO WICKEDLY: AND NONE OF THE WICKED SHALL UNDERSTAND; BUT THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND.**

**11 AND FROM THE TIME THAT THE DAILY SACRIFICE SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY, AND THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE SET UP, THERE SHALL BE A THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY DAYS.**

**12 BLESSED IS HE THAT WAITETH, AND COMETH TO THE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIVE AND THIRTY DAYS.**

**13 BUT GO THOU THY WAY TILL THE END BE: FOR THOU SHALT REST, AND STAND IN THY LOT AT THE END OF THE DAYS. (KJV)**

DANIEL 12 CONTINUES CHAPTER 11 AND DEALS WITH THE TIMES AND FALL OF ANTI-CHRIST.

IT COVERS THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS THROUGH THE TIME WHEN HE ESTABLISHES HIS MILLENNIAL KINGDOM ON EARTH.

GOD STATES THAT DURING THIS TIME OF TRIBULATION, A TIME OF TROUBLE SUCH AS NEVER HAS OCCURRED IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY, MICHAEL, THE ARCH-ANGEL STANDS UP FOR ISRAEL.

EVERYONE WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK (CF: REVELATIONS 19 - BOOK OF LIFE) WILL BE DELIVERED.

**DANIEL 12:1**

**And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (KJV)**

MANY OF THOSE WHO 'SLEEP'; THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RESURRECTED.

NOTE MANY; NOT ALL.

THE WORD MANY LEAVES TWO POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS:

- 1) EITHER NOT EVERYONE IS RESURRECTED AT THIS TIME (SOME ARE LEFT BEHIND) OR
- 2) SOME HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RESURRECTED AND THEREFORE MANY APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY RESURRECTED.

**DANIEL 12:2**

**And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (KJV)**

OF THOSE RESURRECTED, SOME AWAKE TO EVERLASTING

CONTEMPT WHILE OTHERS AWAKE TO EVERLASTING LIFE

EVERLASTING LIFE WITH GOD VERSUS EVERLASTING DEATH SEPARATED FROM GOD.

NOTE: EVERYONE HAS EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE SENSE OF EVERLASTING EXISTENCE (CONSCIOUSNESS). WHETHER IT IS EVERLASTING LIFE OR EVERLASTING DEATH IS DETERMINED BY WHERE AND WITH WHOM IT IS 'LIVED' BASED ON WHAT WE DID ABOUT JESUS AND HIS SACRIFICE ON OUR BEHALF DURING THIS LIFE.

**DANIEL 12:3**

*And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (KJV)*

THOSE WISE (WHO WILL HAVE MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE IN HONORING AND SERVING GOD) WILL SHINE LIKE STARS FOREVER AND EVER.

**DANIEL 12:4**

*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (KJV)*

DANIEL IS TOLD TO SEAL THE BOOK UNTIL THE TIME OF ITS FULFILLMENT, THE TIME OF THE END WHEN

KNOWLEDGE SHALL ABOUND AND

PEOPLE WOULD TRAVEL TO AND FRO ACROSS THE ENTIRE EARTH.

**DANIEL 12:5-7**

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

*6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?*

*7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. (KJV)*

DANIEL LOOKED AND SAW TWO MORE BEINGS, ONE ON EACH SIDE OF THE RIVER (TIGRIS?).

ONE ASKED THE OTHER "HOW LONG SHALL IT BE UNTIL THE END OF THESE WONDERS?"

(THE PERIOD OF TIME FROM THE BEGINNING OF WONDERS TO THE END OF WONDERS).

THE SECOND BEING ANSWERED 'TIME, TIMES AND HALF A TIME' UNTIL HE (ANTI-CHRIST) WILL HAVE SCATTERED GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE.

THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS GOD'S PEOPLE WILL SUFFER PERSECUTION AND BE SCATTERED BEFORE THE POWER OF ANTI-CHRIST (THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE) AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

**DANIEL 12:8-10**

*8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?*

*9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

*10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. (KJV)*

DANIEL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND AND WAS TOLD THE MEANING WAS SEALED UP UNTIL THE TIME OF THE END.

THE ANGEL SAID

MANY WOULD BE TRIED,

MANY WOULD BE PURIFIED,

MANY WOULD BE MADE WHITE

WHILE THE WICKED COMPLETED THEIR WICKEDNESS.

(COMPARE THIS TO THE MARTYRS UNDER THE THRONE IN REVELATION ??.)

**REV 7:9-17**

*9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*

*10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*

- 11 *And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,*
- 12 *Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*
- 13 *And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?*
- 14 *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*
- 15 *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*
- 16 *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*
- 17 *For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (KJV)*

**DANIEL 12:11-12**

- 11 *And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.***
- 12 *Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (KJV)***

DANIEL IS TOLD THAT FROM THE TIME THE DAILY SACRIFICE IS STOPPED AND THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKE DESOLATE IS SET UP, IT WOULD BE 1290 DAYS.

USING BIBLICAL 30 DAY MONTHS, 3 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS.

THEN THE ANGEL SAYS THAT THOSE WHO COMETH (MAKE IT) TO 1335 DAYS (3 YEARS AND 9.5 MONTHS) IS BLESSED.

THIS IS A GUESS BUT APPARENTLY:

WHEN JESUS RETURNS THERE WILL BE A 1 MONTH PERIOD OF PUTTING DOWN ANTI-CHRIST'S INFLUENCE AND FOLLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AFTER ANTI-CHRIST IS DEFEATED.

DURING THE NEXT 2.5 MONTHS, THE JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS TAKES PLACE.

THOSE WHO REMAIN AFTER THAT (COMETH TO 1335 DAYS) WILL BE BLESSED BY BEING ALLOWED TO ENTER THE MILLENNIAL PERIOD OF JESUS RULE ON EARTH.

**DANIEL 12:13**

***But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. (KJV)***

DANIEL IS TOLD NOW TO GO HIS WAY UNTIL THE END TIME COMES TO BE. DANIEL WOULD REST (SLEEP / DIE). BUT AT THE END OF DAYS, HE WOULD STAND HAVING BEEN RESURRECTED.

DANIEL'S VISIONS AND REVELATIONS CEASE.

AT THIS POINT, MOVE TO JESUS' TEACHING IN MATTHEW 24-25, MARK 13, LUKE 17 AND 21 AND JESUS' REVELATION TO THE APOSTLE JOHN GIVEN ON THE ISLAND OF PATMOS.