

Daniel
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Daniel
01 - Introduction
Lesson I
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I Brief Historical Background

Exodus 12:1-3 Israel was born a Nation the night of the Passover
Genesis 15:13 a prophecy of their 400 years bondage in Egypt
Exodus 12:40-41 their sojourn in Egypt was for 430 years
Exodus 4:22 God calls Israel “My son”, their sufferings typical of the sufferings of Christ
Hosea 11:1 out of Egypt have I called my son. Only history?
Matthew 2:17 reveals Hosea was a prophecy of Jesus being taken to Egypt
Acts 13:20 after Joshua, the Nation was under Judges for 450 years
Acts 13:21 then under King Saul for 40 years
1 Kings 2:10-11 under King David for 40 years
1 Kings 11:42 under King Solomon for 40 years. A United Kingdom for 120 years.
2 Chronicles 10:1-15 King Rehoboam was the cause of the Divided Kingdom:
 Northern Kingdom of Israel (10 Tribes)
 Southern Kingdom of Judah (2 Tribes)
2 Kings 17:23 The Northern Kingdom taken captive by Assyria (712 BC)
2 Chronicles 36:15-21 The Southern Kingdom taken Captive by Babylon (606 BC)

At this time in the history, Daniel appears.

II The Periods of the Writings of the Prophets

- 1 Before the fall of Israel in 712 BC:
Isaiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah
- 2 After Israel’s Fall, but before Judah fell:
Jeremiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk
- 3 During the 70 years in Babylon:
Ezekiel and Daniel
- 4 After the return from Babylon:
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

III The date of Daniel’s history

- 1 During the 70 years in Babylon (606 BC – 536 BC)
- 2 During some of the years of the Medes and Persians
- 3 The date of Daniel’s death is not recorded

IV The Book of Daniel is part of the Inspired Scriptures

Matthew 24:15 Jesus spoke of Daniel the prophet, not the historian
Ezekiel 14: 14,20 Daniel was living at the time of this writing
The three men named – one is not less real than the other

V The Outline of the Book

Chapters 1-6 Historical
Chapters 7-12 Prophetical
Types are found in chapters 1,3,4,5,6
Symbols are found in chapters 2,7,8
Direct revelation in chapters 9 through to 12

VI The Overall Message of the Book of Daniel

- God in everything
- Today when God is left out of everything, it is refreshing to consider this book
- By way of example, two great Kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, had to learn that God rules over all.

VII Here is a first example of prophecy becoming history

Isaiah 39:5-7 the prophesy is recorded
Daniel 1:1-3 here is the history fulfilling the prophecy

VIII Conclusion

Luke 21:24 the times of the Gentiles
In Daniel, we have the record of the historical beginning and the prophetic ending of the times of the Gentiles.
Notice that all but the last chapter begin with the name of a Gentile King

Daniel
02- Chapter One Outline
Lesson II
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I The Facts Stated in Chapter One

- Daniel 1: cf verse 6* Daniel was taken captive to Babylon
 Eight (8) years before Ezekiel
 Suggested age between 15-20 years of age
- Daniel 1:2* Nebuchadnezzar took Sacred Vessels from the Temple
 cf 2 Chronicles 36: 18, Daniel 5:3-4
- Daniel 1:3, 4* Daniel, one of the choice young men chosen by Nebuchadnezzar
 Forced to be schooled in Babylon
- Daniel 1:5* Daniel and the others forced to eat food of Babylon (Jewish boys)
- Daniel 1: 6-7* These Hebrews were given Babylonian names.
 They were being pressed into Babylon's mold.
- Daniel 1:8* Daniel purposed in his heart not to let this happen
- Daniel 1:9-16* Daniel and his friends made choice to live a separated life
 cf 2 Corinthians 6:14- 7:1
- Daniel 1:17* All four boys were given special gifts from God
- Daniel 1:18-20* what a testimony- ten times better than those in Babylon
- Daniel 1:21* Daniel continued to the first year of Cyrus, in other words, for the
 70 years of captivity. What an example of being steadfast.
 cf 1 Corinthians 15:58

II What kept Daniel steadfast, stable, faithful , for so many years?

Remember he was raised in Jerusalem, of the king's seed.
 He was taken captive to Babylon where sin abounded.
 He had little fellowship with others of like mind, yet he stood true.

1. *We are living in days of instability and unfaithfulness*
 1 Corinthians 4:2 one thing is required of us.
2. *Before Daniel was taken to Babylon we learn:*
 - a. **His name Dani(el) implies good parents who taught him.**
 Note the many names ending in 'el' *Daniel, Joel, Ezekiel, Michael*
 "El" from "Elohim", therefore the parents added the name of God to their
 children's names.
 Deuteronomy 4:9 teach them thy sons
 Deuteronomy 6:6-7 teach them diligently
 Proverbs 22:7 train up a child
 Psalm 78:2-9 he established a testimony
 - b. **Daniel learned to pray before taken captive**
 Daniel 6:10 as he did aforetime

c. Daniel had learned to read his Bible before his captivity

Daniel 9:1-2 Jeremiah the prophet. If you don't learn when you are young
You may not learn when you are old.

From his Bible, Daniel learned right from wrong, and took a stand in little things

There is no Christian training apart from the Bible.

Daniel 9: 11,13, "Thy Law" "Thy Voice" "Thy Truth"

Of Jesus we read

Matthew 4: 4, 7, 10 "it is written"

Luke 24:27 after his resurrection he expounded the Scriptures

Luke 24: 32 He opened the Scriptures

Luke 24: 45 He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Of the Early Christians

Acts 11:26 called Christians because they studied the Scriptures

Acts 17:2 Paul reasoned out of the Old Testament Scriptures

Acts 17:11 the Bereans were more noble because they studied the Scriptures

Acts 18:24 Apollos was mighty in the Scriptures

God has chosen to speak to us through His Word.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 outlines what the Scriptures will do for us.

d. Daniel learned to trust His God before his captivity

O.T. illustration: 2 Kings 5:1-3 an unmanned little maid trusted God
cf Luke 4:27

N.T illustration: Acts 12:12-16 The only one who trusted was Rhoda!

Note the words in Psalm 37: 1-7

Lessons in Matthew 6:25-34

And more lessons in Proverbs 3:5-6

e. Daniel had experienced God before his captivity

Acts 7:2 Abraham experienced God

Genesis 32: 24-32 Jacob experienced God

Exodus 3:3-10 Moses experienced God

1 Samuel 3:1-10 Samuel experienced God

Acts 9:1-6 Saul, who became Paul, experienced God

1 Peter 3:15 Sanctify the Lord God in your heart and you will experience Him

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03 – Keys to Daniel’s Success I
Lesson III
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I Daniel 1:8 He purposed in his heart not to defile himself

1 Christianity is heart business

1 Samuel 16:7 the Lord looks on the heart
Deuteronomy 8:2 he leads to prove what is in thine heart
Deuteronomy 8:11-18 beware and remember lest thine heart be lifted up
Romans 10:9-10 with the heart we believe
Colossians 3:23 whatsoever ye do...do heartily
Proverbs 4:23 keep thy heart

2 Daniel made choices, little things he would not do

He purposed to be different
 He was not being difficult
 He was not being ridiculous
 He would not follow the fads of his day

3 Apply this in terms of today

He would not smoke,
 He would not drink wine cf *Proverbs 20:1*
 He would not use dope
 He would keep himself pure
Acts 15:29 abstain
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 this is the will of God
1 Thessalonians 5:22 keep thyself
Proverbs 6:32-33 is still true

4 He purposed to be reverent about the things of God

Genesis 37:9 he was like Joseph

5 He was not a double-minded man

James 1:8 such are unstable
Matthew 6:22-24 cannot serve two masters
Colossians 3:2 he set his affection
Philippians 3:13 like Paul, Daniel said “this one thing I do”

6. He chose to live a separated life.

Not primarily separated from the world, but rather separated unto God.
 By doing so, he influenced others for good.

II Daniel 1:4,17 He didn’t let the education of the Babylonians spoil him

Daniel 1:7 The king changed his name *but not his faith*
Colossians 2:8 beware lest any man spoil you
1 Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy keep
Acts 7:22 Moses learned in all the wisdom of Egypt, yet he made choice
Hebrews 11:23-27

III Daniel 2:17 In his youth he had good companions

Notice they prayed with him. Do your companions help or hinder you?

1 Kings 11:4 Solomon's wives turned away his heart

2 Samuel 13:3 Amnon had a friend

2 Corinthians 6:14 is still good advice

IV Daniel 6:3 Daniel had an excellent spirit

This we covet and cultivate.

Here are some contrasts to illustrate the point

1 Samuel 25:1 Samuel had an excellent spirit

1 Samuel 25:3-17 Nabal had another spirit

2 Chronicles 21: 18-20 he died without being desired

1 Corinthians 16:17-18 some people make one glad

2 Corinthians 7:13 some refresh one's spirit

An excellent spirit is produced by the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 the fruit of the Spirit is—

V Daniel 6:4 Daniel was faithful in his everyday work

To be a strong Christian be faithful in whatever you do

1 Corinthians 4:2 one thing required

Titus 2:10 no purloining

Romans 12:11 not slothful in business

1 Corinthians 15:58 be steadfast

When one is faithful one will be stable

VI Daniel 6:10 Daniel prayed systematically

Psalms 55:17 evening, morning, noon

Job 1:5 thus did Job continually

Philippians 4:6 in everything

Proverbs 3:5-6 in all your ways acknowledge Him

Be constantly in tune with Heaven

VII Daniel 6:16 Daniel served God continually

This the testimony of the ungodly observers

The world knows when we are sincere

Psalms 112:5-8 his heart was fixed

Acts 20:18-19 all seasons serving the Lord

VIII Daniel 6:23 Daniel believed in his God

He did not believe in himself

Philippians 3:3 no confidence in flesh

Matthew 6:25-34 without anxiety

1 Peter 5:7 He cares for you

2 Corinthians 1:9 not trust in ourselves

IX Daniel 9:1-2 Daniel was a student of Scripture

Daniel 9:10-13 Daniel's thoughts about Scripture

1 Peter 2:1-2 desire the Word that ye may grow thereby

Psalm 119 9 young man cleans his way

Psalm 119:11 not sin against thee

There has never been a strong Church or a strong Christian without the Bible.

^ Daniel knew what he believed and why he believed it

2 Timothy 2:15 is still in my Bible

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04 –Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream
Chapter Two
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The Outline of Chapter Two

1. Daniel 2:1 The chapter begins with a dream of Nebuchadnezzar, the *first* Gentile world Leader.

Note how the dream affected the King

- 1) His spirit was troubled
 God can and does deal with human spirits cf Hebrews 12:9
- 2) He could not sleep
 Esther 6:1 a like experience
 Acts 12:1 how could Peter sleep? Cf John 21:18
- 3) God can use dreams to speak to people
 Job 33:14-30
 Daniel 5:10-12 In the days of Belshazzar the Queen recalled the dream in chapter two and because of it, Daniel is brought on the scene. In other words, God used the event of Chapter two to bring Daniel into the picture in chapter five. The link in the events reveal more of the ways of God
- 4) More facts about dreams
 Ecclesiastes 5:3
 Numbers 12:6
 Joel 2:28

2. Daniel 2:2-13 The wise men in Babylon are called to interpret the dream. They are of no help in revealing or interpreting the dream which was a revelation from God.

So today, those who profess themselves to be wise prove to be fools when trying to interpret God’s revelation in Scripture Romans 1:22 1 Corinthians 1:19-20 and 1 Corinthians 2:14

Note Daniel 2:5 “cut in pieces”

Daniel 2:12 king furious and commanded to destroy the wise men. A revelation of the hard heart of the King

3. Daniel 2:13-16 Because the wise men of Babylon had failed, Daniel appears.

His faith and confidence in God are seen in verse 16 “give me time..I will...”

See also verse 24. Arioch captain of the guard (vs14) means he was the king’s chief executioner!

4. Daniel 2:17-18 Daniel went to his house and called his companions (the three Hebrew boys) to have a prayer meeting and ask God for mercy.

The meeting ended, no answer was given, Daniel went home to bed.

Verse 19 says the “secret was revealed in a night vision”

Had Daniel read Jeremiah 33:3?

5. Daniel 2:20-30 The facts revealed about the dream

a. Verse 21 It is **God** who changes times and seasons. He removes Kings and sets up Kings

Romans 13: 1 The powers that be are ordained of God

Acts 1:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1 Times and Seasons have to do with God's dealings with Israel.

b. Verse 22,28 The dream has to do with **God** revealing secrets

In other Scriptures "secrets" are called "mysteries". Not in the sense we use the word, for in the Bible a mystery is something that can only be known by Divine Revelation. Daniel gave God thanks for the *revelation* given to him about the dream.

c. Daniel 2:26-28 The dream is **God** revealing what shall be in the *latter days*.

Daniel 8:19-26

Daniel 10:14

Daniel 11: 27,35,40

Daniel 12:4, 9

d. Daniel 2:29-30 What is revealed in the dream *shall come to pass*.

Daniel takes no credit but gives all the glory to his **God**

6. Daniel 2:31-35 Daniel describes the image the king saw in his dream.

7. Daniel 2:36-45 Daniel interprets the dream.

8. Daniel 2:46-47 The great Gentile king fell on his face before Daniel's God.

9. Daniel 2:48 Daniel, the Jew, is made the chief ruler over all Babylon's wise men.

10. Daniel 2:49 Daniel requests that his Jewish friends also be promoted.

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05- Nebuchadnezzar's Image
Chapter Two
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I. The Facts Stated about this Image seen in the Dream

1. Verse 21 God changing times and season, removing Kings and setting up Kings
2. Verses 22-28 it was God revealing secrets
3. Verses 26-28 God revealing what shall be in the *latter days*.
4. Verses 29-30 the dream reveals what *shall come to pass*

The image in the dream is all of God. It is a revelation of the plans of God in Gentile history, as we shall learn.

II. Daniel 2:31-35 Daniel Describes the Dream

We must pay special attention to these verses before we try to interpret the meaning of the Image seen in the dream.

1. Daniel 2:31

Nebuchadnezzar saw a great image. As we shall learn the image pictures the entire period of "The Times of the Gentiles", a phrase used by Jesus in Luke 21:24.

We also shall learn that it pictures the entire history of that which the Bible identifies as "Man's Day."

The verse also says "the form thereof was terrible."

The history of the times of the Gentiles, the history of man's day from the beginning until this very hour is best described by the word "terrible". And the worst is yet to come.

2. Daniel 2:32

First the head of the image was of fine gold

Then the breast and arms of silver

Third the belly and thighs of brass

In this one verse there are *three* distinct, separate parts to the image

3. Daniel 2:33

Then the legs of iron

The feet and toes of iron mixed with clay.

Two more distinct and separate parts to the image

4. Daniel 2:34

A Stone cut out without hands appears.

This Stone smote the image *on the feet and toes*.

The whole of the Image was broken to pieces

The Stone that smote became a great Mountain, and filled the whole earth.

III There is no doubt that all the parts of the Image are symbols.

- 1 Anything used as a symbol must have another meaning than the ordinary meaning.
- 2 In other words symbols must represent something else than the literal meaning.

- 3 Bible symbols can only be interpreted by the Bible
- 4 We also believe that each part of the image represents a different period of time.
- 5 To Illustrate:
It would not be consistent to say that the time of the “iron and clay” is the same as the time of the “iron”, anymore than it would be consistent to say that the time of the “silver” is the same as the time of the “gold.”
- 6 We will learn that the parts of the image represent Gentile World Governments.
- 7 The image does not represent human progress, but rather human failure.
- 8 We notice the image does not fit well with evolution. It pictures rather deterioration. As gold is more valuable than silver, silver more valuable than brass, the direction is not upward but downward. The iron mixed with clay seems to indicate a complete breakdown of Gentiles Kingdoms. Things will not get better but worse.
- 9 Jesus said the day would come when men’s hearts would fail them for fear *and for looking after* those things which are coming on the earth. Luke 21:26

I do not know if we are seeing the beginning of that or not. I do know as I write these lines we are seeing the kind of trouble and world unrest that has been caused by a cartoon being published in a Denmark newspaper!

The words of a French editor of a newspaper seem to be an indication of the times. “Get the cartoon business settled, tomorrow it will be something else.” He has His hand on the pulse of this world. It seems to me that the Lord is saying, “Men, do your best, but your best will not be good enough.”

IV Daniel 2:36-45 Daniel Interprets the Symbols in the Dream.

1 Daniel 2:37 is the introduction. “Thou, O King art a King of Kings. The God of Heaven hath given thee a kingdom.”

Note verses, 18,19, 28 “The God of Heaven”

Verse 23 “The God of my fathers.”

Here we are mindful of Romans 13:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-15; Titus 2:1-2 and 2 Peter 2:10-11.

2 Daniel 2:38 Thou are the head of gold.

So we are not assuming when we say, the head of the image not only represents Nebuchadnezzar the king but the Kingdom of Babylon of which he was the head.

We must not overlook the fact that his was the first Gentile kingdom to have dominion over the Kingdom of Israel.

In Chapter 3 we will read that Nebuchadnezzar made a great image covered with gold.

It would seem he took the interpretation of the first part of the dream very literally, and it went to his head! Such is man.

But it also would seem he forgot the rest of the dream. People today believe part of God’s Message, but how strange, they seem to forget the other parts of God’s Message that include judgment, wrath, destruction and Hell. To preach the love of God without the other side of the

truth is to proclaim a short gospel. Romans 11:22 speaks of the severity of God as well as the goodness of God. We learn about both in the Scriptures.

We must keep in mind that the same gospel that reveals the grace and love of God also reveals the wrath of God (Romans 1:16-18).

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06 –The Interpretation of the Image I
Chapter Two
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I Daniel 2:35-45 Daniel interprets the symbols of the Image

1. Daniel 2:37-38 The first symbol is the head of Gold.

What is the meaning?

It is the *Kingdom* given to Nebuchadnezzar the Gentile King of Babylon

The fact that there arose in human history a great Babylonian Empire cannot be disputed. It was at first a city-state in the land of Shinar, that land first mentioned in Genesis 11:1.

“About 1830 B. C., the city of Babylon began to rise in prominence.” (Unger)

It reached its height of glory under Nebuchadnezzar 605-562 B.C. History was made by his famous hanging gardens. The Greeks considered this to be one of the seven wonders of the world.

Daniel 4:30 “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”. This was his vain boast.

The point to regard as most important is that the Head of Gold represents a Gentile Powerful Kingdom that removed the king of Judah from the throne of Israel.

- 2 Daniel 2:39 “After thee –shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee.”
 The silver of the image represents another kingdom.
 The two arms represent the Medes and the Persians

Daniel 5:25-28 tells the story of the fall of Babylon and that the Kingdom was divided and given to the Medes and Persians

Daniel 5:31 Darius the Median took the kingdom

Daniel 10:1 Cyrus the king of Persia.

According to history, it was on October 13, 539 B.C., Cyrus the Persian King brought the conclusion of the fall of Babylon. The Persians had been dominated by the Medes until Cyrus.

2 Chronicles 36:22,23; Ezra 1:1-2

Remember the prophecy in Isaiah 44:28-45:1-4 was written 150 years before Cyrus was born.

Ezra 6:1-4 another reference to the first year of Cyrus

Esther 1:1-12 Ahasuerus was a Persian king

Esther 10:1-3 reference to the kings of Media-Persia
 Daniel 8:20 the ram with two horns - Kings of Media and Persia.

Not only the Bible but secular history cannot and do not deny that the Gentile Media-Persian Kingdom followed the Babylonian Kingdom.

But remember, Babylon was still Babylon the great when God revealed that another kingdom would follow and replace Babylon. Again a prophecy literally fulfilled.

3 Daniel 2:39 “And another third kingdom of brass”

The first two symbols of the image, the gold and silver, are interpreted to mean Gentile world-kingdoms. So to be consistent the brass must also mean another Gentile world-kingdom.

We know from the Book of Daniel and from history that the Greeks followed the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 8:20-21 The ram with two horns are the Medes and Persians. The rough goat, the King of Grecia. This too was literally fulfilled. History records the story of Alexander the great was the Greek who brought the fall of the Medes and Persians.

So we repeat again, each part of the image thus far is interpreted to mean a kingdom.

4 Daniel 2:40 “And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron”

In the image, we note that the legs were of iron. There are two legs, indicating the same kingdom but a divided one. History teaches the iron Kingdom was the Roman Empire.

I quote David Hunt page 355 (Judgment Day)

“As the image foretold (by its two legs) the Roman Empire was divided into two parts.

This happened politically and militarily when its emperor, Constantine, established Constantinople (today’s Istanbul) as his new imperial capital, leaving the Bishop of Rome in charge of the West. Politically and militarily it deteriorated but was held together religiously by the World Church of its day, the Roman Catholic Church. It was divided religiously in 1054 when, a dispute over who should be in charge of the Church, Pope Leo IX in Rome excommunicated Michael Cerularius, Patriarch of Constantinople, dividing Roman Catholicism in the West from Orthodoxy in the East, a division that exists to this day”. End quote

It was during the time of the legs of iron of the Roman Empire that Christ came to earth the first time. An important point to remember.

Also looking back over the first four parts of the image, that which was revealed has now become literal history.

II Before continuing with the Interpretation of the meaning of the symbols, we must insert some important dates in history.

1 606 B.C. Babylon invaded Israel the first time. The times of the Gentiles began.

Two Kings of Babylon are named in the book of Daniel

a) Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 1:1

Daniel 2:1, 46

Daniel 3:1, 26, 28
 Daniel 4: 1,4,37

b) Belshazzar

Daniel 5:1,29,30

Daniel 7:1

Daniel 8:1

According to Joseph Parker “there are 220 verses in the Old Testament dealing with the Babylonian Captivity. Babylon’s King Nebuchadnezzar is mentioned more often than any other Gentile King or Ruler.

Perhaps one reason for this is that in many ways Nebuchadnezzar typifies the Anti-Christ. “Whom he would he slew.”

2. 536 B.C. The Medes and Persians took the Kingdom

Daniel chapter 6 was during this period

Daniel chapters 9-12 direct revelations from God were received by Daniel during this period.

Two Kings of the Medes and Persians are named.

a) Darius the Mede

Daniel 5:31

Daniel 6: 1,9,25,28

Daniel 9:1

Daniel 11:1

b) Cyrus the Persian

Daniel 1:21

Daniel 10:1

Remember also 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

Ezra 1:1-8

Isaiah 44:28- chapter 45: 1-4

He was God’s servant though he did not know God

3 331 B.C. The rise of the Greeks

Led by Alexander the Great. Why great?

Daniel 8:20-21 called the Great horn

Learn that in Scripture when horns are used as symbols they represent Leaders.

4 146 B.C. The Greeks lost their freedom to the Romans

Four Roman Kings are named in the Bible, all held the title “Caesar”.

a) Augustus Caesar 31 BC to 14 A.D.

Luke 2:1 during this period Christ was born

b) Tiberius Caesar 14 A.D. -37 A.D.

Luke 3 :1 During his reign Christ was crucified

c) Claudius Caesar
Acts 11:28
Acts 18:2

d) Nero Caesar 41 A.D. – 54 A.D.
Acts 25:12
Philippians 4:22
2 Timothy 4:17 Some think the Lion was Nero

5 476 A.D. Rome ceased to be a great empire. Not from without, but because of corruption within. (Erich Sauer – Arena of Faith, pages 40-42)

But the iron of old Rome remains to be seen again at the end of the times of the Gentiles.

The point of all this: The first four parts of the symbols of the image have become actual humanly recorded history. When written all but the first part, the head of gold, was prophecy. Now all four have merged into history.

How then should we consider the remaining symbols in the chapter ?

We repeat what we have often said: “For 4000 years, God has been interpreting prophecy by fulfilling it.” Will He not continue to do so in the future?

Daniel
07 – The Interpretation of the Image II
Chapter Two
Lesson VII
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Review

In considering the symbols of the image in Daniel chapter two, we have concluded that :

The **head of gold** represented the Gentile world-kingdom of Babylon.

The **arms of silver** the Gentile world-kingdom of the Medes and Persians.

The **belly and thighs of brass**, the Gentile world-kingdom of Greece, and

the **legs of iron** the Gentile world-kingdom of the Roman Empire.

At the time of writing, only Babylon had appeared in history.

Now, all four of these kingdoms have come and gone!

I Daniel 2:41-43 Another symbol of the Image

1 Daniel 2:41 "...the feet and toes part of potters clay and part of iron."

If all the other parts of the image represent 'Gentile World Kingdoms' is it not

logical to believe that the last part of the Image is to be interpreted as another Kingdom?

In verses 41 and 42, we note that not only does it mention the feet, but twice, the toes of the image are named.

Thus we believe the feet and toes represent the *last* Gentile World Kingdom.

II A brief Recap.

The five parts of the image represent **five** world Kingdoms, **not four**.

The fact that iron is mixed with clay in the last part of the image indicates a connection with the Old Roman Empire but because of the Clay, not identical to the Old Roman Empire.

III Here we ask two questions

1 Are the Iron and Clay, feet and toes, a separate Kingdom from Rome?

2 Are the feet and toes also history, as the other parts, or are they still to be fulfilled prophecy?

IV We answer with our reasons.

1 Daniel 2:44 "in the days of these Kings" What Kings?

2 We believe these refer to the Ten toes. To make them refer to the ten Roman Caesars of history is to mix the time of Iron with the time of Iron and Clay

3 The Caesars all belong to the time of the Legs of Iron of the Image.

4 Revelation 17:12 we learn there are 10 Kings (or Leaders) that will arise during the time of the Beast or Anti-Christ.

5 Thessalonians 2:3-8 tells us about the Wicked man, the man of sin, who will appear and be destroyed by the Coming of the Lord. If this one is to be destroyed by the Coming of the Lord he must be here when the Lord comes.

6 Therefore, this part of the image must be still in the future.

V Daniel 2:42 therefore predicts a fifth Gentile World Government.

1. Daniel 7:23 the fourth beast is the fourth kingdom (Rome)
 2. Daniel 7:24 the ten horns out of this Kingdom shall arise
- Notice, the fifth Kingdom is not *of* Rome but rather *out of* Rome the fourth Kingdom.
We have already shown the connection of this last Kingdom with the *Time* of the Second Coming.

VI Attempts have already been made to form a World Government

1. By men such as Napoleon, Hitler and Stalin.
2. By Nations: In 1922 the League of Nations to keep peace in the world. It failed
3. By the United Nations. I think it is already dead but not yet buried. Has it helped to keep world peace?

VII World Trouble will Demand a World Government

Jesus foretold the kind of problems that would come before His Return

- 1 Crime and lawlessness
Matthew 24:37
Genesis 6:5,11
- 2 Severe Earthquakes
Matthew 24:7,8
Revelation 16:18
- 3 Great famines
Matthew 24:7-8
Revelation 6:6
- 4 Famines caused by pestilences
Matthew 24:7
Revelation 6:8
- 5 Famines because of pollution
Genesis 6:11 corrupt
Revelation 8:8-11
- 6 Famine because of population increase
Daniel 12: 4 note the word "many"
Ezekiel 38:8 many
Revelation 9:16 two hundred thousand,thousand
- 7 Nuclear Danger is very real
Matthew 24:22
Luke 21: 26

We are seeing but shadows of what is ahead for this world.

And with Israel here as a Nation among the Nations, the shadows are larger all the time.

VIII It no longer takes great faith to believe in a Coming world-wide Tribulation

- 1 There is a spirit of hate in the world
- 2 A spirit of lawlessness is now more evident
- 3 A spirit of iniquity is now here Matthew 24:12
- 4 Labour unrest is ever increasing

- 5 Economic instability is now a world reality
 6 A constant threat of war, suicide bombers have created a spirit of fear
 Said a youth: The past depresses me.
 The present bores me.
 The future scares me to death.

IX Here are some quotes made during the past thirty or so years.

- 1 World-wide security can be found only in world-wide organization.
- 2 The only alternative to world-war is world law. We can only have world law by establishing world government.
- 3 Said Arthur Campton: World government has become inevitable
- 4 Said Owen J. Roberts: If we want the best in our time, if we want to endow our sons and grandsons with a durable peace, in which to pursue their destinies, then we must lift the torch to a union that will have a single foreign policy, one secretary of state, free exchange, a universal currency, a union which will have one army, one navy, one air force and one atomic bomb.
- 5 Said another, world government or none. The only hope for humanity is world federation, world government.
- 6 Albert Einstein said: Do I fear the tyranny of a world government? Of course I do. But I fear still more the coming of another war of wars. I believe that world government is certain to come in time
- 7 Arnold Toynbee wrote: "I believe it is a forgone conclusion that the world is in in any event going to be unified politically in the near future.
- 8 There is a growing belief that only a world government can save mankind from annihilation by nuclear weapons.
- 9 September 19, 1946: Winston Churchill said "we must build a United States of Europe.'
- 10 About that time one wrote: "If Briton goes to war again with an adequately equipped enemy her cities and her population in them will last 15 minutes."

The World war threat is demanding world government. World government will pave the way for a world-dictator, who will be none other than the Bible Anti-Christ.

In 1843, Lord Tennyson wrote: "Till the war drum throbs no longer and the battle flags were furled. In the Parliament of men – the federation of the world."

X Conclusion

The world is certainly not a safer place today in which to live.
 We are of the opinion that the feet and toes of the image represent the last gentile world kingdom that will be a greater failure than all before it.
 Because of the Iron it will arise out of Europe.
 There is no place in Scripture for world leadership to come from the U.S.A or Russia.
 Because of the clay it will be a mix that will not be able to stand.

Daniel
08- The Interpretation of the Image III
Chapter two
Lesson VIII
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I Daniel 2:34-35 Note the facts

A Stone is cut without hands (supernatural).
 The Stone smote the image on the feet.
 The Stone broke the feet to pieces.
 The whole image was reduced to dust, carried away by the wind.
 The Stone became a great Mountain.
 The Mountain filled the whole earth.

II Who is this Stone?

Exodus 17:6 the smitten Rock
 1 Corinthians 10:4 that Rock was Christ
 Ephesians 2:20 to the Church the *foundation* Stone
 Romans 9:32-33 to Israel the *stumbling* Stone
 Matthew 21:44 to the Gentiles the *smiting* Stone
 Who falls on this Stone will be broken, but 'on the solid rock' - salvation
 On whom the Stone falls, it grinds him to powder- sure judgment

III Notice the Stone Smites the Feet of Iron and Clay

Why must this picture the Second and not the First Coming of Christ?
 The first Coming was during the time of the Legs of Iron
 When Christ came, Rome was in her days of glory, not decline.
 The Clay had not yet appeared.
 We repeat: The Gold, the Silver, the Brass, the Iron, each represented a different Gentile Kingdom. Therefore the Iron and Clay must also represent another Kingdom at another time.
 The Toes representing the Kings, the Leaders.
 If all the other parts represent Gentile Kingdoms, is it not logical to believe that the last part of the image also represents a Kingdom?
 At the first coming, Christ was smitten, He did not smite.
 Elsewhere, the Second Advent is described as a time of smiting judgments.
Ezekiel 39 1-21, Joel 3:1-16 Zephaniah 3:8, 14-20, Zechariah 14:1-9, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, Jude 1,15 and 2 Peter 3:10-13.

IV Daniel 2:44-45 is further Interpretation

Daniel 2:41,42, not only does it mention the feet but twice the toes of the image are named. Thus, together, the feet and toes represent the *last* Gentile world Kingdom.
 Daniel 2:44 In the days of these Kings. What Kings?
 We believe it can only mean the Ten Toes.
 Revelation 17:12 informs us that there are Ten kings yet to arise during the time of the Beast or Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-8 tells us that the Second Coming of Christ will destroy this Wicked One. Therefore the feet and toes must be future to be here when Christ comes back to earth.

V Daniel 2:44 The God of Heaven sets up a Kingdom

This cannot be the beginning of the Kingdom of God.

That Kingdom is eternal. It was, it is, and ever shall be.

Daniel 4:17 The Most High ruleth.

This is not the Church. The business of the Church is not to reform governments of this world. That is the business of the God of heaven.

So we understand the Stone is Christ who is coming to set up a kingdom to take the place of all the Gentile Kings and Kingdoms. And this Kingdom shall never be destroyed.

The setting up of this Kingdom then must have a historic beginning.

In Matthew 6:10, Jesus taught his disciples to pray “Thy kingdom come.” Thus there is a future aspect of a Kingdom that has to do with this earth.

It was this Kingdom the Disciples had in mind when they asked Jesus : “Lord , wilt thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?”

They did not ask *if* He would restore the Kingdom, they were sure of that, they asked if this was the *time* for that restoration. Jesus did not say there is no such thing. He did say it is not for you to know the times or the seasons. Acts 1:6-7

Revelation 11:15 The Kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

In Daniel, the fact that the Mountain takes the place of all the preceding Kingdoms, indicated that this Kingdom will be set up on earth. And it will be as literal and real as the five kingdoms prior to it.

We believe the event of the Falling Stone will *conclude* the period of time known as “The Times of the Gentiles.” And with the Return and Revelation of Christ, the Mountain, Christ’s Kingdom, fills the earth during the millennium. And the Millennial reign is but the *initial phase* of an eternal kingdom.

So there is an aspect of the eternal kingdom that is future, and “the Kingdom of the Heavens” will, one day, come to earth and when it does, it will take the place of all present Kingdoms.

Therefore the Kings of the Ten Toes must be future. They must appear and be here on earth when Christ returns to this earth as He surely will.

VI We review what we have stated about Daniel Chapter Two

If all parts of the Image represent kingdoms, the Iron and Clay must be a FIFTH kingdom. Although out of the Old Roman Empire (The Iron) it is not identical to Rome because of the Clay.

As to geography: The Image begins at Babylon in the east. It Concludes in Europe in the west. Daniel chapter two is further explained in Daniel chapter seven.

Daniel 7:7 a fourth beast produces 10 horns

Daniel 7:23 The beast is Rome

Daniel 7:24 The ten kings are not “of” but “out of” Rome. And after the ten appear, another “little horn” appears.

Daniel 7:25 This little horn rules for three and a half years.

Daniel 7:26 then he is judged.

Daniel 7:27 Then the Saints (Israel) take the kingdom.

Furthermore:

Revelation 13:1 There is a beast with 10 horns.

Revelation 17:12 these ten horns are ten kings.

So we conclude.

Because we believe:

- 1) the Beast-Kingdom of Revelation and the Iron and Clay Kingdom of Daniel are one and the same; and
- 2) because this kingdom will produce the Beast- the Anti-Christ; and
- 3) because the Anti-Christ will be destroyed by the Second Coming of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:8 and Revelation 19:20) ;

therefore it seems logical to conclude that:

- 4) the Ten Nation Alliance which produces the Anti-Christ is not in the past but in the future;
- 5) future because it will be the final Gentile World Kingdom and Government that will appear just prior to the second Coming of Christ.

Again, because it is just prior to the Second Coming it must appear during the great Tribulation Matthew 24:29, 30 Christ comes immediately after the Tribulation.

The formation of the European Economic Community seems to be in the direction of prophetic Scripture. The Bible picture seems to be coming together. World-Government is being planned. Things are happening in Europe. Things are happening in Rome.

VII Daniel 2:48-49 Daniel is promoted

Joseph the Jew was exalted in Egypt.

Mordecai the Jew was exalted in Persia.

Daniel the Jew is exalted in Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face before Daniel. He confesses “your God is the God of gods. Your God is Lord of Kings. Your God is a revealer of secrets. Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel a great man, gave him great gifts. Made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief of the governors of all the wise men.

When Daniel arrived in Babylon he was a captive, but now he is a Captain
Daniel shared these honors with his three friends. But Daniel sat in the gate as chief.

All this is typical prophecy.

At the end of the Times of the Gentiles, the Jews will be exalted.

Romans 11:15 of them it will be like a resurrection.

Zechariah 8:23 people will take hold of the skirt of a Jew—for we have heard that God is with you.

Zephaniah 3:19-20 The Jews will yet get fame in every land

Psalms 75:6-7 promotion is from the Lord. God has spoken and He will do it.

Every prediction regarding the Jews must have a fulfillment.

In the Kingdom to come, the Jews will be exalted above all the Nations (Deuteronomy 30:1-9, Romans 11:15-16).

When Christ came the first time he brought the age of grace.

When he comes the next time, he will bring the age of glory (Matthew 25:31, Habakkuk 2:14).

Daniel
The Fiery Furnace
Chapter Three
Lesson IX
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Daniel chapter two, although containing history, is *primarily* a chapter of prophecy in symbols. **Daniel chapter three** is a chapter of history but an example of history being typical prophecy.

A study of the Bible without a recognition of its typology is to miss much precious truth. A study of the Bible without due consideration of the prophetic content is also to be robbed of much precious truth.

I So before looking at this chapter, consider the following points as to the importance of the Study of Bible Prophecy.

1. A major portion of the Bible when written was written as prophecy.
 - 2 Timothy 4:2 we are to preach the Word, *all of it.*
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 *all* being inspired of God is important just because it is there.
- 2 The message of prophecy stimulates our hope
 - Titus 2:13 our blessed hope
 - John 14: 1-3 the pledge of His coming is the fact of His going
- 3 Prophecy stimulates a desire to live for Christ
 - 1 John 3:3 hath this hope purifies himself
 - 2 Peter 3:11-18 looking for, look for, look for
4. Prophecy arouses missionary zeal
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58 therefore, in the light of what has gone before
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20 cf Psalm 126: 5-6
- 5 Prophecy comforts, encourages the heart
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:18 comfort one another with these words
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 comfort yourselves together
6. The purpose of prophecy is to teach us to believe
 - John 14:29 when it is come to pass ye might believe
- 7 For 4000 years, God has been interpreting prophecy by fulfilling it. According to the pattern of the past, if there is unfulfilled prophecy in the Bible we have a right to expect that it shall have the same kind of fulfillment, even though we may not now understand how that is possible.

II The Historical Facts in Daniel Chapter Three

- 1 Daniel 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar makes an image of gold.
60x6 cubits or 90 feet high and 6 feet wide.
It would be like a prairie grain elevator that could be seen from a great distance.
Being covered with gold it would shine in the sunlight.

In Daniel 4:37 we learn that he built it because of pride.
Proverbs 6:16,17 Pride is at the top of the list of things God hates because pride exalts self.

C.H. MacIntosh (1820-1896) wrote the following before the so-called self-esteem doctrine became popular.

“Self – importance is a noxious weed nowhere to be found in the entire range of the New Creation. It is, alas! Often found in the ways of those who profess to belong to the blessed and holy creation, but it is not of heavenly growth. It is of fallen nature - a weed that grows luxuriantly in the soil of this world. There is nothing more foreign to the thoughts of God, the mind of heaven, the spirit of Jesus, than self-importance and self-occupation. And on the other hand there is nothing that savours so of God, of heaven, and of Jesus, than self-surrender”.

The spirit of pride is opposed to the Spirit of Christ.

Philippians 2:5-8 humbled himself

Matthew 11:29 meek and lowly

“When walking in the Spirit enjoying the new life in Christ Jesus – no longer desiring self-exaltation or self-pleasing, the bribe has ceased to appeal. Its presence must only cause pain to the heart that has fallen in love with humility

Grace allures and charms with the vision of eternal things.” C.I. Scofield

- 2 Daniel 3:2-3 The king commands all the Leaders to come to the dedication of the image (note the number of times the word “image” is here)

Has there ever been since that time, a gathering together of so many Leaders of a country to any event?

Jeremiah 27:6-7 God calls Nebuchadnezzar his servant. He also says “all nations” would serve the King.

Here again we see a manifestation of the King’s pride. His pride demands Hero worship

Galatians 6:3 when a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing

Acts 12:21-23 Herod is another example

James 4:6,10 grace is given to the humble—humble yourselves

Proverbs 16:18 pride will surely bring a downfall.

- 3 Daniel 3:4-7

There are two major subjects here. First the refusal to worship this image was to result in sure death in a fiery furnace. History is filled with this kind of deeds at the hands of dictators.

Second- the celebration was accompanied by all kinds of music. It reminds me of some of the pagan African and pagan Native celebrations.

- 4 Daniel 3:8-12 Note the word “Jews” in both verses 8, and 12 Certain Jews are accused. Perhaps the cause of resentment is in verse 12 “Jews whom thou has set over the affairs...”
Proverbs 27:4 who can stand against envy? Human nature has not changed.
- 5 Daniel 3:13-15 Nebuchadnezzar was in a rage. Why? You do not serve *my* gods. You do not worship the image *I* have set up.
Who is the God who shall deliver you out of *my* hands?
Touch a man’s pride and he will stand up inside. Pride always looks down on others.
- 6 Daniel 3:16-18 The answer of faith
Your threat does not trouble or upset us. God whom we serve is able to deliver us (faith) BUT IF NOT we will not serve thy gods. (Greater faith)
Job 13:15 though He slay me yet will I trust in Him
- 7 Daniel 3:19-27 The three Hebrews were preserved in the fire.
Of course this was a miracle. If you are going to believe the Bible you must believe that “with God nothing is impossible”
Genesis 18:14 is anything too hard for the Lord?
Luke 1:37 nothing is impossible.
- 8 Daniel 3:28-29 The Gentile King is forced to acknowledge that the God of the Jews is the true God. Yet the king’s heart is not really changed by all of this.
- 9 Daniel 3:30 Once again the Jews are promoted.
As the end the second chapter of Daniel so ends the third chapter of the book.
And if one carefully reads the Old Testament books of the Prophets one will discover that each ends with good news for the Jews.

Conclude

Hosea 14:1-5
 Joel 3:20-21
 Amos 9:13-15
 Obadiah 18
 Micah 7:19-20
 Zephaniah 3:20
 Zechariah 14:21

Daniel
Prophetic Types I
Chapter Three
Lesson X
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In this lesson we shall consider the prophetic picture of coming events as it unfolds in the chapter.

I One World Dictator

Daniel 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar makes an image; this Gentile king has become a dictator. Daniel 5:18-19 describes him as such. He becomes a type, not only of the dictators of history, but a type of the greatest of all dictators who is identified in the Bible as the Anti-Christ (1 John 2:18).

In Revelation 13:14, the false prophet makes an image of the beast. This image is mentioned also in Revelation 13:15, chapter 14:9,11, chapter 15:2, chapter 16:2 and chapter 19:20.

These scriptures prove that Revelation chapters 13-19 have to do with the same period of time and also that at the time of the Anti-Christ an image will be made as in Daniel 3:1

II One World Religion

Daniel 3:2-5 Nebuchadnezzar calls all to worship. Worship or burn.

Revelation 17:13 likewise speaks of “one mind”. One can almost feel the spirit of the man who said “worship or die”.

The type can be seen by reading Revelation 13:8 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. The Anti-Christ, like Nebuchadnezzar will demand the worship of himself, “showing himself that he is God.” By one world religion he will seek to bring and hold people together as one. Christ has made His Church “one body” (Ephesians 1:22,23 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-13). The Devil using the Anti-Christ as his servant will seek to form one body, a counterfeit Church.

Throughout history the formation of State Churches has been an attempt to make the Church visibly one.

The word “ecumenical” meaning “world-wide” now commonly heard has changed from the original meaning.

Quoting Dr. Edward Norman (1978), “the word ecumenical itself has changed its meaning, and is now used by the World Council of Churches to mean, not just fellowship within the different Christian bodies, but within the entire human race.” The Ecumenical movement is now teaching that God indwells every person unconditionally – regardless of his religious affiliation.”

It seems to me to be significant that the World Council of Churches was formed in Amsterdam in 1948, the same year that Israel became a Nation. This is more than coincidence!

For anyone who has eyes to see and a mind to use, the endeavour to form one world religion, or one world church is developing very rapidly. The Protestant branch of ecumenism is the World Council of Churches. But do not be deceived, the Roman Catholic Churches also have unity on their agenda.

In my opinion the Alpha Course is being used to break down denominational barriers for the purpose of uniting all religions. It should be clear that a program acceptable to the Roman Catholic Church should *not be* acceptable to Protestant Churches. Sadly many Protestants have been brainwashed into believing that the Roman Catholic Church and its Pope have changed.

There are other programs that are falling in line with the ecumenical agenda. The desire for religious unity is increasing “People seem to want peace, unity and stability at any cost”.

I agree with J. Grechem Machen. “It is better to be divided by truth than united in error.” And A.W. Tozer “If I cannot have truth and happiness I will choose truth. There will be lots of time to be happy in Heaven.”

III One World Spirit

Daniel 3:6 worship or die.

1 John 4:6 there is a spirit of truth and there is a spirit of error.

2 Corinthians 11:4 Another Jesus, another spirit...”

The spirit of error will be in the coming world Church.

Revelation 13:15 reveals the same spirit

Acts 19:23-32 at Ephesus there was the same spirit.

Psalms 17:14 men of the world have their portion in this life

1 Corinthians 2:12 we receive not the spirit of the world

John 15:19 ye are not of the world

John 17:14 also verse 16, even as I am not of the world, so ye

1 John 3:1 therefore the world knoweth us not

1 John 4:5-6 they are of the world. We are of God.

IV One World Method of Worship

Daniel 3:5-7,10 all kinds of music to the devil’s beat

A very impressive show. The whole scene appeals to human nature and the flesh.

It could touch the emotions and give one an emotional experience but not a spiritual experience.

When we direct our Church programs to “teens”, “the educated” or “old age”, we are proving that we are not relying on the Spirit. For the Spirit can touch any group as He sees fit. Our trying to help the Spirit is perhaps our greatest hindrance to the work of the Spirit.

John 16:8 “when He is come he will reprove the world of sin..”

2 Peter 2:18 false teachers allure through the lusts of the flesh.

News Report (March 20, 2006) A Hamilton Ontario Evangelical Church was enticing people to come to Church by offering new-comers free tickets to Toronto Blue Jays ball games!

Today evangelical churches want programs that are popular and pleasing to the flesh. Religious shows do not impress me. Music that merely entertains a congregation has no spirit and in it there is no spiritual power. James 3:15 describes much of it well, “earthly, sensual and devilish.”

Israel put on a show when worshipping the golden calf See Exodus 32:1-6, 15-28. There was singing and dancing and because the people were naked it was sensual.

In the Old Testament, the Children of Israel were not to make steps to their altars Exodus 20:26. To step up the flesh of the priests legs would be seen. No flesh was to be seen in worship.

It is my opinion that much that is offered as worship in music today grieves the Holy Spirit. There is no melody in the music and often the words are not Scriptural and therefore cannot be spiritual.

There will be wailing in Hell, lots of noise, but there will be sweet music in Heaven

Here is some Bible instruction for us

Romans 13:14 make no provision for the flesh, in or out of Church.

Ephesians 5:18-19 be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making *melody in your heart to the Lord*.

Galatians 5:13 use not your liberty for an occasion of the flesh.

Charles Alexander (R.A. Torrey’s Song Leader):

perhaps the greatest gospel song leader ever known (he died in 1920):

insisted that to a very large extent children get their theology from the hymns that they sing. He taught “singing gospel hymns should never be mere entertainment.”

Alexander often said to make people sing, give them something worth singing. People must be led to sing. In choice of hymns, aim at getting a message across in the meeting. Songs will carry the message times where you could not speak. He would say, “A gospel hymn is a sermon on wheels.”

V One Result Predicted

Daniel 3:12-15 bow or burn.

Verse 12 certain Jews did not join the worship.

Verse 13 these non-conformists caused the king to be in a rage.

Throughout history, there has been no hate worse than religious hate.

Cain murdered Abel going home from Church.

Have you ever read about the Scottish Covenanters ?

We witness the same spirit with Islam today.

1 Peter 4:4 is still true, they think it strange that *we* run not with them

VI One Kind Stood the Test

Daniel 3:16-18 these men of faith took their stand

Hebrews 11:34 these verses no doubt refer to the scene in Daniel

Again we see the type. In the days of the anti-Christ it will be Jews who will take their stand against the Anti-Christ.

Romans 13:1 We are to obey governments in whatsoever is consistent with obeying God. If we disobey we must be prepared to suffer the consequences.

VII One Result Followed

Daniel 3:19 the king is now full of fury He heats the furnace seven times hotter.

The fury of the king no doubt is typical of the wrath of the Devil and the Anti-Christ yet to be revealed against the Jews Revelation 12:12

I wonder if there is not a type in the use of the word “seven”?

Daniel 3:20-23 The heat of the furnace was exceeding hot, the mighty men of Babylon are slain by it. The three men fall down bound in the fire. But they are loosed from their bonds by the fire, and come out of the fire alive. This is truly enduring to the end.

Zechariah 13:9 fits here. God will bring a third of the Jews through the fire of the tribulation. By all rules and laws the Jews should burn and be no more. What a picture of Israel's history, preserved in every circumstance.

Psalms 124:2,3 fits the picture. God has been with them.

They were willing to die, therefore God gave them life and made them channels of life. Like Joseph, Esther and the Widow who fed Elijah.

VIII Conclusion of the Matter

1 Daniel 3:26-29 The proud Gentile King is humbled. He acknowledges that the Jews serve “the Most High God”, the possessor of heaven and earth (Genesis 14:23). He now knows that God is the God of the Jews. His religion is of no value to him. What a picture of the Gentile world in the future.

2 Daniel 3:30

Not only are the Jews preserved in the fire, they are promoted after their great tribulation. A type of what is yet to be (Zechariah 3:19-20; Zechariah 8:23).

Daniel
11 – Prophetic Types II
Chapter Three
Lesson XI
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I Introduction

Bible history is unique in that it is often typical prophecy of future events. By way of example, the history of Adam is typical or figurative of Christ as we are told in Romans 5:14.

The brazen serpent set on a pole for the healing of the people who would but look and live, Numbers 21:8, is typical or a figure of the cross (John 3:14).

The manna that fell from heaven in the wilderness, Exodus 16:4, is typical of Christ the Bread of life that came down from Heaven (John 6:48-51, 58). So it is not wishful thinking to find typology in Daniel chapter three.

As we have already learned, Daniel chapter two is typical of a coming Gentile Government to be replaced by a Government set up on earth by the God of Heaven. In chapter three we have at least two major types: a type of a coming world-dictator and a type of a coming world religion. Both will bring much trouble to God's earthly people, the Jews.

II The Coming World Dictator, the Anti-Christ

- 1 John 2:18 Some teach that this Scripture was fulfilled by the events of A.D. 70.
 But mark this, John wrote *after* A.D. 70 and did not say Anti-Christ has come but rather Anti-Christ will come.
- John 5:43 Jesus said one would come whom the world will receive, although the world rejected Him.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8 We believe these verses are describing this wicked man yet to come.

III Some of the Titles of the Anti-Christ

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3 man of sin
 2 Thessalonians 2:8 that Wicked (one)
 Daniel 7:8 a little horn
 Daniel 9:26 a Roman prince
 Revelation 13:1-4 the beast

IV Some Bible types of the Anti-Christ

- 1 John 2:18 there are many antichrists
 Cain: the first murderer
 Nimrod: the mighty hunter (murderer)
 Pharaoh: a murderer
 Haman: a murderer
 Herod: a murderer
 No doubt such men as Hitler, Stalin and Saddam Hussein and their like are also types

V Christ and Anti Christ in Contrast

Christ came from Heaven John 3:38	Antichrist from the pit Revelation 11:7
The unique Son of God Luke 1:35	The unique son of perdition 2 Thessalonians 2:8
The seed of the woman Genesis 3:15	The seed of Satan Genesis 3:15
Revealed in His time Galatians 4:4	To be revealed in his time 2 Thessalonians 2:6
The Truth John 14:6	The Lie 2 Thessalonians 2:11
The mystery of Godliness 1 Timothy 3:16	The mystery of iniquity 2 Thessalonians 2:7
The image of God Hebrews 1:3	The image of Satan Isaiah 14:14 'like' , 2 Thessalonians 2:4
Ministered for three & half years John 2:13 John 6:4 John 13:1	His time will be three and a half years Revelation 13:5 Revelation 11:2 Daniel 7:25
Resurrected Romans 1:4	Restored to life Revelation 13: 3,14
Takes a Bride, chaste woman 2 Corinthians 11:2	Takes a bride-a harlot woman Revelation 17:1
The true Church	The false Church
The City of the Bride Revelation 21:9,10	The city of the Harlot Revelation 17:5

In Christ, God became a man. In the Antichrist man will claim to be god.
Humans who reject the truth will accept the lie.

VI The Coming World Leader (notes by M. MacRitchie)

Revelation 13:1-2 The Beast of Daniel 7 is first a kingdom. This beast includes all the evils of the past. It is completely controlled by Satan. It begins with "ten horns" Revelation 17:12, who will produce another horn who becomes their leader. Daniel 7:7,8

This Leader is described:

1. **His Person** (more than a system)
 - Revelation 13: 6 “he” “his”
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 “he”
 - 1 John 2:18 as real as Christ
 - Genesis 3:15 the seed of Satan
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:9 the mystery of iniquity

2. **His Power**
 - Revelation 13: 4 the source is Satan Revelation 12:9
 - Revelation 13:7 the extent, over all kindreds

3. **His Popularity**
 - Revelation 13:3 all wonder after the beast – a star, a hero
 - Revelation 13:8 all worship cf 2 Thessalonians 2:4
 - This will be the unforgivable sin against the Holy Ghost Revelation 14:9-10

4. **His Program**
 - Revelation 13: 16-17 Economic unification. A new money system. A mark of identification “the 666 is the Messiah of Satan” Tatford

5. **His Persecution**
 - Revelation 13:15 “be killed”
 - Daniel 7:21,25 wear out the saints- the Jews Matthew 24:9, Romans 15:8
 - Haman, Herod, Hitler all types of the Jew killer yet to come
 - Revelation 7:14
 - Revelation 12:7
 - Revelation 6:9-11 these scriptures show the fact of unnatural death in the Trib.

6. **His Partner**
 - Revelation 13:11-13 cf Revelation 19:20 , the false prophet
 - Looks like a Lamb (Jesus) but in his deception talks like a Dragon (the Devil)
 - Revelation 13:12 obtains his power from Satan
 - Revelation 13:13-14 a miracle worker, master deceiver cf 2 Thessalonians 2:10
 - Matthew 24:24

7. **His Period of Time**
 - Revelation 13:5 42 months
 - Daniel 7:25. time, times and a half a time
 - Daniel 9:27 in the midst of the week (three and a half years)
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:8 destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ cf Matthew 24:29-30

8. **Conclusion**
 - Anti Christ is coming.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:6 he is not yet revealed

1 John 4:3 the spirit of anti-Christ is already here
John 5:43 Men must receive Christ or antichrist.
Revelation 22:20 our prayer “Even so come Lord Jesus”

Daniel
Nebuchadnezzar's Madness
Chapter IV
Lesson XII
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We shall consider the history in this chapter first and then the typical prophecy in another lesson.

In the New Testament the greatest illustration of the marvelous grace of God is seen in the story of Saul of Tarsus who called himself "the chief of sinners." (1 Timothy 1:15) He was the chief persecutor of the Church (Acts 9:1, 2) he consented to and was present for the stoning of Stephan (Acts 7:59). But God in grace saved him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-19).

In the Old Testament the greatest illustration of the grace of God is found in this chapter of Daniel concerning the conversion of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Here we need to remind the reader again of the following facts. A type must never be used to formulate doctrine. It can only be used to illustrate doctrine elsewhere explicitly taught. By way of example: The doctrine of the Rapture is taught in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Enoch's translation (Genesis 5:24), illustrates that doctrine but does not formulate it. And types are never perfect. They are like shadows. Have you ever seen a perfect shadow?

We inserted that because in the last chapter we said that Nebuchadnezzar is a type of the coming Anti-Christ. But now in chapter four we are to learn that this man was saved. If we were to use types to formulate doctrine, then we would be teaching that the Anti-Christ must also be saved. But we know from Revelation 19:20 that he will not be saved. He will be cast into the lake of fire. So this becomes an example of the fact that we must not consider types to be perfect nor the ground for formulating doctrines.

David could be used as another example. There is no doubt that in many things David becomes a type of Jesus the King. But in David's many sins and failures he is not a type of Jesus but a type of fallen humanity.

The fourth chapter of Daniel is another record of Bible history. It is the kind of story we do not expect to find in our school history books. For the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him (1 Corinthians 2:14). Nothing in this chapter appeals to unbelief.

Daniel 4:1-3 is the preface to Nebuchadnezzar's personal testimony. It is not a testimony of what the King did for God but rather what God did for the King. Psalm 66:16 the verse says: "come and hear what God hath done for my soul." Psalm 71:15 "my mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness..." Isaiah 63:7 "I will mention the loving kindness of the Lord.." Jeremiah 20:9 "His word was in my heart...I could not stay."

These verses tell us what a testimony should be. A declaration of God's work in our lives

Daniel 4:1-3 Here also Nebuchadnezzar gives the reasons for his wanting to tell his personal experience.

He wanted the world to know what the Most High God had wrought in his own life.

He wanted to impress upon all, that the Kingdom of the Most High God is the only lasting Kingdom. O that the world would have heeded this man's testimony.

Daniel 4:5-7 Nebuchadnezzar tells about a second dream he had had. He could not remember the first dream, but he remembered this one. But again his wise men were of no help in its interpretation. It would seem that the more the wise men of our day try to explain creation, Christ or the Bible, the more they reveal their foolishness. Certainly the god of this world has blinded their minds. 2 Corinthians 4:4

Because of this blindness "evil men understand not judgment" (Proverbs 28:5). They seem to forget that "the wicked shall not go unpunished" (Proverbs 21:31). And especially do our wise educator's ignore Hebrews 9:27, "it is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment." There is an *after* to this life.

Daniel 4:8-9 Because of the failure of the wise men, Nebuchadnezzar calls for Daniel.

This, remember, is Nebuchadnezzar's own report.

How often the problems of ungodly men cause them to turn to the godly for help.

Luke 21:11-13 (I apply the text) "it shall turn to you for a testimony" One said to me: "Let your light shine and others will know where to come when they are in trouble."

Daniel 4:10-17 Nebuchadnezzar relates his dream to Daniel. Some of his statements are amazing.

Verse 8 "in Daniel is the spirit of the holy gods."

Verse 9 "*I know* that the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

Verse 17 By this dream he was to learn that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men. God giveth kingdoms to whom He will. He sets over kingdom's the *basest of men*. Daniel, you can interpret the dream for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.

That God setteth up the basest of men over Kingdoms is difficult for us to understand, but it is what we have observed in history. We have had our Hitler's and Stalin's and their like. But one point we must not miss. The king knew that Daniel was different.

By this dream Nebuchadnezzar was to learn about the Most High God who is the possessor of Heaven and earth (Genesis 14:19). And that God gives kingdoms to whom He will.

Acts 17:26 He sets the bounds of habitation.

Deuteronomy 32:8 "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel

Deuteronomy 32:9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance..."

Job 14:5 applies the same to men. "Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass."

Daniel 4:18-25 Daniel interprets the dream and reluctantly tells Nebuchadnezzar that it concerns him. The purpose of the dream is summed up in the last words of verse 25. The king will live as a beast for seven years so that he will learn, “that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men and giveth (Kingdoms) to whom He will. This fact is stated throughout Scripture.

By way of example in Acts 13:21-22 Israel desired a king, *God gave them Saul he gave them the king they would have chosen (1 Samuel 12:13)* And when *he had removed him*, he raised up unto them David.

Did we not see shadows of this when God removed Arafat by death and then Prime Minister Sharon by means of a stroke? God removes Kings and God sets up kings.

Daniel 4:26-27 Daniel concludes his words to the king. Daniel tells him that “after the dream is fulfilled you will have learned that the heavens do rule.” In the meantime, king, break off thy sins by righteousness. There is no other way. One must be made righteous before sins can be broken off.

Romans 4:3 “Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness”. Believing God is the way we receive righteousness so that sins may be broken off.

But as we shall learn, the warning from God through Daniel was unheeded by the king.

Daniel 4:28 states *all* that was prophecied came upon the king, and the king tells the story.

Daniel 4:29-33 It was twelve months later. God gave the king time to repent. He always does. It would seem that the year was a prosperous one, the king being at rest and flourishing and apparently ignoring and forgetting his dream.

Walking in his great palace and beautiful gardens he makes his boast in verse 30.

“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.” Can we not see many a man as boastful today as this King? Men boast in what *they* can do. But without God-given ability man can do nothing. True in the natural (Acts 17:28) and true in the spiritual (John 6:63, John 15:5).

While Nebuchadnezzar’s words were in his mouth judgment suddenly fell upon him.

Proverbs 29:1 He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed.” He had left God out of his thoughts. Certainly a picture of many people today.

The voice was from heaven, “the kingdom is departed from thee.”

Verse 32 is the word from heaven.

Verse 33 the same hour was the thing fulfilled. He lost his mind, lived like a beast, looked like a hippy for seven years, for those years he did not have a haircut nor nails trimmed.

Daniel 4:34-37 Not only was the king humbled, here is a remarkable testimony.

The king who had left God out of his life and had forgotten the source of his strength, power and position (Deuteronomy 8:17,18) is fully restored. In the language of today

he was saved. Can such be saved? Remember the thief on the cross was saved when he was dying.

He blessed the Most High. He acknowledged that his kingdom and the men in position are nothing. When his reason was given back to him, no longer does he boast but rather says: “excellent majesty was *added* unto me. He acknowledged the King of Heaven and also that he who had walked in pride had been abased by God.

Remember James 4:6,10. Don’t wait for God to have to humble you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up.

Daniel
Typology in Daniel Four
Lesson XIII
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There are those who say that dispensationalists find too much typology in Scripture. In Luke 24:27, the resurrected Lord "... beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in *all* the Scriptures the things concerning himself." The New Testament was not yet written therefore Jesus was expounding the Old Testament. He must have pointed out types of himself in almost every chapter.

We believe that what the Bible wants to tell us most, that is, the things of Christ, is lost to us without observing the typology.

The following are some notes I had written back in the 1980's. I insert them as an example of the depth of typology. "The Bible is a revelation *of* God, *from* God, *by* God. As John Calvin wrote: "God has always veiled Himself in order to reveal Himself." Throughout the history of humanity, and throughout the history recorded in the Bible, God has been revealing Himself.

Hebrews 1:1 "God who at sundry times and in divers manners *spake* in time past unto the fathers by the prophets." That is, He revealed Himself in various and manifold ways. Thus there has always taken place a veiling and an unveiling when God reveals Himself. If He did not veil Himself man could not endure the unveiling.

This veiling and unveiling can also be seen throughout the Bible regarding the plans and actions of God.

The first example. He plans to bring Messiah into the world by means of a virgin birth. In Genesis 3:15, the very first prophecy in the Bible, He veils and unveils His plan in the words "her seed". Then long before Christ comes, He brings a boy into the world, by the name of Isaac, by a miraculous birth, when both mother and father were past the age of childbearing. Romans 4:19 "And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body *now dead*, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the *deadness* of Sarah's womb."

The birth of Isaac was indeed a miracle, both parents were as good as dead - they could contribute nothing. No question, the birth of Isaac foreshadowed the miraculous virgin birth of Christ. Then He veils, so veils, the prophecy of the virgin birth in Isaiah 7:14 that to this day men argue about the correct translation of that verse.

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

No doubt at the time of Isaiah's prophecy, or shortly thereafter, a child was born to king Ahaz. And although that child was a type, a foreshadowing of what was to come, in no way did that child's birth fulfill the veiled prophecy of Isaiah. And in keeping with His ways, because the first prophecy in the Bible is that of the virgin birth, that is the first fact about the Person of

Christ we come face to face with in Matthew chapter 1: 18-23. And the verse in Isaiah is quoted as being fulfilled then.

Another example. In God's plan, the son of man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. So long before the unveiling of this plan, God veils in the story of Jonah, the type, the pre-picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus by the three days and nights that Jonah was in the fish's belly. No doubt, Jonah died, the miracle was that he *saw not corruption* and then, in three days came out alive.

Matthew 12:40 "For *as* Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly *so shall* the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Jesus was dead for those three days, so must Jonah have been.

In Acts 2:22-31 Peter speaking about Jesus of Nazareth said David knew that it would be a resurrected One who would sit on his throne. The Jews not believing the sign of the Prophet Jonah did not see the reality of the resurrection.

Thus it is all through the Bible. God has veiled in the events of past history, that which He will yet unveil in future history. That is why history and prophecy should be studied together.

Another example. In the first coming of Christ there was both an unveiling and a veiling. The first advent was heralded by the coming of John the Baptist, who for three and a half years proclaimed that the Messiah had come and was about to reveal Himself. Then on the Mount of transfiguration there was an unveiling of the glory of the glorified Man, Jesus the Messiah, and in that transfiguration a veiling of the events of the Second Advent of Messiah (Luke 9:26-34). Note in verse 32, "when they were awake, *they saw his glory.*" *They saw the Son of Man come in his own glory (verse 26), which has to do with the Second Advent of Christ.*

This is not my theory, this is not my conclusion, this is the declaration of Peter in the second chapter of his first Epistle. Peter positively connects the events on the Mount with the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:15-18).

The full unveiling, is then unveiled in the book of Revelation, the Apocalypse – the unveiling, the revelation of Jesus Christ, which at this moment awaits fulfillment.

These veiled and unveiled stories are so interwoven in Scripture that to reject one is to reject both. To believe one is to believe the other. Thus it is with the story of Jonah and the resurrection of Christ, and the transfiguration and the second Coming.

Now we said all that to return to this. God in His plan is going to bring a Prophet into this world. One who will be despised. One who will suffer. One who will be misused and ill-treated. One who will be rejected and slain. So long before this Prophet came, in every life of every Old Testament prophet there is something veiled, foreshadowing that Prophet who was to come. That is perhaps the greatest reason they suffered as they did. See Acts 7:52 and 2 Chronicles 36:15-16 and Hebrews 11:32-39.

Also in the plan of God Messiah will be a Priest. So once again there is veiled in the priesthood of Mechisedec, Aaron and his sons, the Coming Priest, who will be a Priest above all other

priests. The book of Hebrews is needed to develop this theme and aspect of the truth regarding Jesus.

Also in the plan of God, Messiah will be a King. So David is raised up, and from him a line of kings, *none* of whom qualified to sit on David's throne. So that David becomes the great type of Him who is to come, and David's throne, the throne of Israel, becomes the throne of the Lord. See 2 Chronicles 6:10 and 1 Chronicles 29:23. Although Solomon sat on that throne he had no divine right to it.

The Royal line did not come through Solomon but through David's son Nathan (Luke 3:31). And no king since David has had a right to David's throne until He comes whose right it is. (Ezekiel 21:26-27, Luke 1:32, Acts 2:30-31).

But before the Scriptures tell us about David, they tell us about Melchisedec who was both Priest and King. And veiled in that record, is the fact that the only One qualified to sit on that throne is Jesus (Zechariah 6:12-14). Uzziah was a king but not a priest and when he went into the sanctuary the Lord smote him with leprosy (2 Chronicles 26:19).

And as Jesus literally appeared as the Prophet 2000 years ago, and as He literally suffered, died and rose again, and then returned to Heaven (Hebrews 9:24) as our Priest, so He will literally return as a resurrected Priest and King, and literally reign on this earth on the throne in the temple (Ezekiel 43:1-7).

So we should not be surprised but rather we should look for typology in Daniel chapter four. In Daniel 4: 23,25,32, "seven times" is mentioned. All agree the meaning is "seven years" (Revelation 12:14 from the context of Revelation, times, refer to years). Veiled in this history is a type of the seven years of the great tribulation. In Daniel 4:36 Nebuchadnezzar says "his reason returned". Therefore for those seven years he had gone mad. **Gentile** world Leaders will go mad looking after those things that are coming on the earth during the tribulation (Luke 21:24-27).

Daniel 4:34 At the end of the seven years the verse reveals that Nebuchadnezzar was saved. A gentile saved , when brought back to his senses after a period of great trouble. What grace is in this story! Many Gentiles will perish during the tribulation. However a residue of Gentiles will be saved out of the tribulation. Acts 15:13-18, Revelation 7:14.

Another type in Daniel 4:32-35, all the Gentiles who *endure to the end* of the tribulation will acknowledge God as the Most High. Note verse 17 "the most High ruleth" , verse 25 "till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men..."
 Verse 32 "...until thou know that the Most High ruleth..."
 Verse 34 "... at the end of the days...I blessed the Most High"
 Remember, the Most High is the possessor of Heaven *and* earth. A fact that many do not believe today.

Although the tribulation will be the time of Jacob's trouble, another result will be the acknowledgment by all men *then living* that there is a God who ruleth. And as the flood removed the ungodly, so will the tribulation remove the ungodly from the earth.

All Israel will be saved (Romans 11:26) and only saved Gentiles will enter the Millennial kingdom.

Daniel 4:35 At the end of the seven years God manifests His will, and his might, and none can stay His hand.

All this is but a type of 1 Timothy 6:15 when Christ will shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When He came the first time to Pilate He *said* He was King when He returns He will *show* all that He is indeed the King

Then "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15).

It is then He comes as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16).

His reign of a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-7) is but the initial stage of His everlasting kingdom.

Daniel
Belshazzar's Feast
Daniel Five
Lesson XIV
July 15, 2009

I Brief Review of the Historical Chapters

Chapter one - Daniel, the Jew, taken a captive to Babylon

Chapter two - Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon receives a vision of world governments

Chapter three - The Jews are preserved in the fire.

Chapter four - The Gentile king goes mad for seven years.

Chapter five - The last king of Babylon is suddenly judged by God.

Chapter six - Daniel the Jew is preserved in the Lions' Den and when delivered becomes a greater leader than before.

In the Book of Daniel we have the historic beginning and prophetic ending of the Times of the Gentiles. Weaved into this history we have repeated pictures of the preservation, then exaltation of the Jews. The same God who preserved and exalted the few has committed Himself to a preservation and final exaltation of the whole Nation of Israel.

II Daniel Chapter Five introduces us to Belshazzar

I quote John F. Wolvoord (Daniel page 116)

Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 B.C.

There are approximately 23 years between chapters 4 and 5 of Daniel.

Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded by his son Evil-Merodock, also known as Amal-Marcuk, who was killed in 560 B.C. He was followed by Neriglissor, also spelled Nergal-shar-asar, a son in law of Nebuchadnezzar who died in 556 B.C. of natural causes. Belshazzar is best identified as his son, whose mother was either the wife or daughter of Nebuchadnezzar."

III Daniel 5:1-4 Describes the Feast prepared by Belshazzar.

The Bible tells the story of three tragic feasts.

(1) *Matthew 14:1-12* Herod's feast when he beheaded John the Baptist

(2) *Esther 7:1-10* Esther's feast and the hanging of Haman

(3) *Daniel 5* Belshazzar's feast when he was killed by the Medes and Persians

IV Belshazzar had prepared a great feast

Verse 1 for a thousand of his lords

Verse 3 his princes, his wives, his concubines

Perhaps the hall for that feast was decorated like the garden feast in Esther 1:5-6

"...the garden of the kings palace: where were white, green, and blue hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble, the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black marble" We can imagine the hall for Belshazzar's feast was also decorated. It seems to me that these Babylonians, Medes and Persians were more evolved (!) and smarter than men today. We do not know how to decorate!

V Daniel 5:1-4 is best described as an ungodly scene.

Verse 1, drank wine before the 1000 (Proverbs 20:1)

Verse 2 when half-drunk the king commanded to bring the golden vessels that King Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the Temple of God at Jerusalem.

Verse 3 When they brought the vessels, they all drank wine out of them to defy the God of Heaven.

Verse 4 they drank, praised and worshipped their gods.

Rather interesting that the gods were of the same materials seen in the image of chapter two, and are named in the same order.

Such ungodly behavior has been repeated many a time in history.

VI Daniel 5:5 Sudden intervention from the Hand of God

1 Men do not always escape judgment for their sins in this life

Matthew 10:15 Sodom was judged, but still faces judgment

Acts 12:23 Herod was judged, but still faces judgment

Daniel 5:5 Belshazzar was judged but still faces judgment

Jude 7 these are set forth for an example

2Peter 2:6 an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly

2 Notice, it was not a hand, but the fingers of a hand

Wrote upon the plaister

The finger was the finger of God cf Exodus 8:19

3 Wrote against *the* candlestick. There was only one light in the place. Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil.

4 What happened in Egypt, to fallen angels, the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, and Belshazzar are all acts of the finger of God, not His strong arm.

5 Belshazzar suddenly faced God but did not realize what was happening.

6 The prophet Amos (Amos 4:12) declared “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.” Why? All are going to meet Him. We need no other reason.

VII Daniel 5:5-8 The effect upon the King

1. The proud king’s countenance was changed. In Daniel 3:9 Nebuchadnezzar’s was changed because of anger. Beshazzar’s because of fear.

2 His thoughts troubled him. He was suddenly made sober from his drink

3 The joints of his loins were loosed. He became a jelly fish! It was a fulfillment of Isaiah 45:1 written in 712 B.C., a 100 years before.

4 His knees smote together. How quickly God can deal with pride.

5 The king cried aloud for his wise men.

- 6 Their task : “Read this writing”.
- 7 At that moment the king became very generous with his political promises.
- 8 None could read the writing. The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God

VIII Daniel 5:9-12 The Queen (mother) comes on the scene.

Verse 10 she came into the banqueting house. She had not been at the party!
His wives and concubines were there, but not his grandmother.
Verse 11 She knew the man named Daniel. Apparently Belshazzar did not.
Had he written him off as just another old man?

I understand that there was no word for ‘grandfather’. “In similar fashion the Lord Jesus is called ‘son of David’ and ‘son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1) although numerous generations intervened in each case”.

Verse 12 reveals that she trusted Daniel. “...he *will* show the interpretation”. She did not say he *may*.

IX Daniel 5:13-16 Daniel is brought before the King.

Verse 13 Belshazzar asks if Daniel was one of the captives brought to Babylon by his grandfather from *Jewry*
Verse 14 he acknowledges that he had heard of Daniel, perhaps from his grandmother.
Verse 15 he requests Daniel to read the writing.
Verse 16 the reward. I will make you the *third* ruler... (also verse 7, and verse 29)
History agrees. Belshazzar was only the ‘second ruler’ at the time because his father was still living.

X Daniel 5:17-19 Daniel speaks to the King

Imagine the scene when *old* Daniel walked in to that banqueting hall.
Verse 17 Daniel had no interest in Belshazzar’s gifts. ‘let thy gifts be to thyself and give thy rewards to another’. There comes a time in life for every man when the things of earth lose their value.

Remember the story of the man lost in the desert, starving with hunger, found a bag of pearls. He threw them down saying “nothing but pearls”. He would have given them all for a piece of bread.

Daniel had no doubts. “I will read the writing and make known the interpretation.”

Verses 18-21 Daniel begins to speak to the king, but all were listening.

He retold the matter regarding the matter of Belshazzar’s grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar. The Most High gave him a kingdom, majesty, glory, honor. Your grandfather had great power: “whom he would he slew, whom he would he kept alive.”

Verse 20 his heart was lifted up, and his mind *hardened* in pride. And he was disposed from his throne.

Verse 21 he was driven from men—his heart made like a beast, until he knew that the Most High ruled in the kingdom of men.

Verse 22 in my opinion, then like Nathan to David, using his finger, pointing at Belshazzar, he said: “and thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart *though thou knewest all this....*” In other words, you have ignored history.

The charge could be laid against many a man and woman today.

An example. How many do you know who have had godly parents, yet, now live as if God does not exist? They have left God out of their lives, like the rich man in Luke 12:16-21, whom God called “a fool.”

Verse 23 Thou has lifted up thyself against the God of heaven, bringing the golden vessels of his house and drinking wine in them ... praising your gods.

And now Daniel’s greatest charge against this king. “...the God in whose hand thy breath is, (true of us all) in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28) and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.”

This was also Paul’s charge in Romans 1:21 “... because when they knew God they glorified Him not as God.”

XI Daniel 5:24-28 Daniel interprets the writing

God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it.

Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. God keeps books!

Those words could be said of any man. I hear people say, “we don’t deserve this or that problem.” How foolish. Sinful man only deserves Hell.

Belshazzar heard the words but did not get the message for in verse 29, he planned his life as if it would go on.

XII Daniel 5:30-31 That Night. What a Night it was.

Babylon fell into the hands of the Medes and Persians.

Belshazzar was slain. That night God required his soul.

No more chances were given. There was no delay in judgment. There were no further warnings. His cup of iniquity was full. The day of grace for him was suddenly ended.

O that men would heed the warnings of the Bible.

Luke 12:20 who knows when God will say to them “this night thy soul is required. And no man can say “please have me excused”.

Daniel
Typology in Chapter Five
Lesson XV
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In Daniel chapter four we found a type of the Great Tribulation, and its effect upon the Gentiles who will endure to the end of that future period of history.

In Daniel chapter five we have found the following types:

I Belshazzar is a type of the end of an ungodly life.

Jude 14,15 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are *ungodly* among them of all their *ungodly* deeds which they have *ungodly* committed, and of all their hard speeches which *ungodly* sinners have spoken against him.

Romans 1:18 for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all *ungodliness* and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

It is amazing what people will do when they know better.

1 Peter 4:18 "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the *ungodly*, and the sinner appear?"

II As Belshazzar's wickedness was revealed, so the day of Judgment, a day already appointed (Acts 17:31) will reveal the wickedness of men who think they are good enough

Revelation 20:11-15 there will be no proud boastful men at the Great White Throne. No defying scientist, no great earthly men. That day will bring all to the same level - guilty sinners. Every man will have been weighed and found wanting.

Revelation 20:12 when the books are opened none will have enough good deeds to outweigh their bad deeds. The books will show the true record of their works.

After a service in Winnipeg, I asked a woman if she were a sinner. She looked at me in a way I cannot explain and said with emphasis : "No sir. Goodnight!" Few people feel they are as bad as the other fellow!

III Daniel 5:23 Belshazzar is a type of the majority of people throughout history who have despised, misused and abused the things of God

An Atheist stood on a platform before a crowd of people, took out his pocket watch and looking at it said: "If there is a God I give him two minutes to strike me dead". One from the audience replied: "Sir, after the way you have lived do you think you can exhaust the patience of God in two minutes?"

Psalms 14: 1 the fool hath said in his heart there is no God.

Luke 12:16-21 the fool is the man who leaves God out of his life

IV Daniel 5:23 The Judgment of God will be deserved Judgment

Romans 1:21-31 who knowing the judgment of God ...commit such things..

Romans 2:1-11 carefully read these verses.

V Daniel 5:30-31 The Sudden Judgment and Fall of Babylon is also a type of the future fall of Babylon

Revelation 17 Religious Babylon.

Revelation 18 Commercial Babylon.

God will surely judge religion as He will the evil commercial system of this world.
The judgment in Daniel 5:30 was very sudden.
The words of Revelation 18:10 indicate a sudden event.

Typology spiritualizes Scripture without changing or destroying the original meaning. To give examples of this, I here insert a paper I wrote over thirty years ago. I found it in my hard-copy files.

When one begins to study the Scriptures carefully, one begins to carefully study the Scriptures. The more care you begin to take the more care you *will* take. One soon discovers that God always has a reason for what He *says* and God always has a reason for what He *does*. And what He *does* in history seems to always foreshadow what He plans *to do* in the future. I illustrate.

Moses had failed when he smote the rock the second time. And it was at that time God said that Moses would not lead the congregation of Israel into Canaan (Numbers 20:8-12).

Psalm 106:32 tells us that Moses did what he did in anger. Now at this point Psalm 76:10 is very instructive: “Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.” Although and because of his action as a result of his wrath, Moses could not lead Israel on. God makes the wrath of Moses to praise Him. In other words, God uses it. Moses could not bring Israel into Canaan because he brought in the law (John 1:17). The law was given by Moses. And what the law and law-giver could not do, Joshua did! Joshua, not Moses, brought Israel into Canaan.

I do not begin to understand all the ways of God in this story. But later, Joshua sent two men to the land *before he entered the land to conquer it* (Joshua 2:1).

The New Testament word for Joshua is Jesus. Thus we know that what Joshua did was only a type of what Jesus has done for us, it is also a foreshadowing of what Jesus will *yet do* for Israel in the land of Israel. And what Jesus will yet do will outshine all prior history.

Before Jesus returns to fight for Israel (see Zechariah 14:3), He is going to send two men to the land of Israel.

Already in the New Testament we have a record that goes beyond the Old Testament type and shadow. I refer to *Matthew 16:28- Matthew 17:1-5*. and *Luke 9:27-34*. Read these verses.

Now remember, when Moses was here on earth for his life-span of 120 years, he was not allowed to enter the promised land of Canaan. Some one has said: “that God thought so highly

of Moses, He would not allow him to enter the land with that rebellious congregation.” I don’t know if that be so.

But now, 1500 years after Moses death, Moses is allowed to enter the Promised Land with Jesus. Moses could not bring himself into Canaan, but what he could not do, the Greater one than Joshua, the Son of God, has already done.

Furthermore, Peter says that the transfiguration is a preview of the Second Coming of Christ (2 Peter 1:15-18). And here I remind you, that at the transfiguration Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

Now turn and read Revelation 11:3-12. God here reveals more of His future plans for the land of Israel. Moses is going to return to the land (yes, ‘return’ is correct,) he has been there before. And if Moses shook up Egypt when he left it 3500 years ago, he along with Elijah (who shook up things in the days of Ahab) is scheduled to shake-up the whole world from the land of Israel. For Moses and Elijah coming will really trouble the world. The world will then know and be without excuse, that the God of Israel is still Israel’s God. (Joshua 2:9)

And after these spies come from Heaven, all who read the Bible will know that the Greater than Joshua, i.e., the Messiah is on His way to conquer the land and again divide the land of Israel’s inheritance. (Read Ezekiel 47-48.)

Romans 11:33 “Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out.”
But as you can see, the past history foreshadows Israel’s future.

We are not against spiritualizing Scripture *but* never at the expense of doing away with the literal meaning. What has produced what we know as ‘liberalism’ or ‘modernism’ in many denominations? Remember there is always a *cause* for departure from truth.

History bears witness to what I am writing

Throughout the early part of the last century, here in Canada, the Wesleyan-Methodists and Knox Presbyterians heralded the gospel in our land. People were saved in their churches. As a result many great buildings were erected in all our cities, many towns and even villages.

But the Preachers began to first spiritualize Bible history to the place where it was mystical. That is, having a very deep spiritual meaning but not necessarily being actual, literal history. In this atmosphere the United Church of Canada was born—a union of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. The union took place in 1925 or 1926.

As time went on, about 40 years later, in 1965, the United Church published a new Sunday school curriculum. At this date, the Church went one step further - it now spiritualized Bible history to the point where much of it became mythical - that is, imaginary. Adam and Eve are no longer persons. They had to go to make room for evolution and gradualism.

Noah never lived. There never was a flood. Israel did not cross the Red Sea. Joshua did not have his long day. The story of Jonah did not happen. Daniel did not write the book of Daniel and on and on.

So by looking at history, you can see how important it is to preach and teach and insist that Bible stories are history and literal. And if what is written in the Bible as history is literal then we have strong reasons for believing that what is written as prophecy, which is really pre-written history, will be as literal in its fulfillment as all other records in the Bible. We must never waver. Bible history is history that can be trusted.

In 1950 Immanuel Velikovsky published a book entitled “Worlds in Collision.” That book upset the scientific world. Leading scientists were its greatest enemies. Dr. Urey said: “My advice is to shut the book and never look at it again in your lifetime” Another said: “His books are lies, yes, lies.”

Velikovsky’s writings quickly became the target of nearly universal abuse and derision. Professional scientists campaigned against them.

In 1964 the famous Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, hired an ignorant Journalist to deride Velikovsky. For twenty years he was systematically barred from publishing in scientific journals. Before his book had been published Dr. Shapley of Harvard said: “If Dr. Velikovsky is right, the rest of us (educators) are crazy.” (He said that when he was sure Velikovsky was wrong.) Dr. Shapley said: “All professional astronomers consider Velikovsky a fraud.” Velikovsky’s celestial mechanics is “completely nonsense.” He also called his theory rubbish and nonsense. All the while, he had not read the book and added, “I do not intend to waste my time reading it.”

However as time moved on, evidence from diverse fields mounted yearly, weighing the scales in Velikovsky’s favour. The whole trend of discovery since 1950 has been Velikovsky’s way. No major claim made by Velikovsky has had to be retracted.

And what was the fuss all about? His book had destroyed gradualism and the old evolutionary theory. Of course, any suggestion uniformitarianism is not scientific is very, very embarrassing.

By pursuing a certain idea Velinkovsky opened up the possibility that the foundations of a number of sciences are not as strong as originally thought. “It may be that the last 100 years of tradition have rested on very insecure foundations. A whole generation grew up miseducated by the scientific educators themselves.”

McMillan Publishers asked Eric Larrabee to review “Worlds in Collision.” His report appeared in Harpers, January 1950. An Editorial comment declared: “No one who has read Mr. Larrabee’s article can ever again read the Old Testament prophets with the same blind piety or same blind skepticism that he felt before.”

In 1972 (February). Dr Velekovsky was invited back to Harvard. He said his thesis came under severe attack in 1950, but today, he observed, it is not his book, but the text books, that are mostly out-moded. Those of 1950 are antiquated.”

In an interview Velikovsky was asked: “To what extent do you believe the Bible is an accurate document or historical record? His reply (only in part), “I found that the Old Testament is a carefully composed history. I was gratified to discover that it is basically a truthful document”.

So in our day honest scientists are discovering what the Bible is! When I was in Ontario a High School teacher introduced me to his class by saying: “We are reasonably sure that the Bible may be true.” With education all mixed up and honest educators all confused, the Bible stands not as a mystical document but as a Book to be trusted in both its history and its prophecy. It is the Word of a Living God.

Thus the history in Daniel chapter five stands as a sober reminder of the Day of Judgment that will come as surely and as suddenly as it did on king Belshazzar.

Romans 2:3 “Thinkest thou , O man, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?”

There will be no escape. And one of the reasons men have for ignoring the Bible is that it so plainly teaches the day of judgment. The judgment day is already set (Acts 17:31).

Daniel
The Lion's Den
Chapter Six
Lesson XVI
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I Introduction

The story of the Book of Daniel, regarding the man Daniel begins in chapter one. Daniel the young prince of the Royal house of David in Judea, is taken captive to the great city of Babylon. Seventy years later the Kingdom of Babylon fell into the hands of the Medes and Persians. This story is recorded in chapter five.

We do not know exactly how old Daniel was when taken captive. Perhaps as young as fifteen but no older than twenty. So as we consider Daniel chapter six, we add 70 years to his life. He is an old man of eighty-five years or more.

Throughout his years Daniel was faithful to his God. His faithfulness did not hinge on his surroundings. He had lived for seventy years in a wicked, sinful, idolatrous Nation. But through it all, with little fellowship with men, he walked with his God. The man who can stand alone is the man worth while.

As we have learned, God used Cyrus the Persian King to send the Jews back to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple (2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1,2). Here in chapter six, He uses Darius the king of the Medes to exalt Daniel. One lesson in all this is that God is teaching Gentiles that He will exalt the Jews regardless of who is on the earthly throne. This has been the story of the past, and it will be the story of the future.

II Daniel 6:1-3 Notice the facts

King Darius had set one hundred and twenty *princes* over the affairs of the Kingdom. Then over the *princes*, three *presidents*. Daniel the Jew, was made the head of the three *Presidents*. The hundred and twenty princes were accountable to the three presidents. The King planned to make Daniel the Prime Minister because an excellent spirit was in him. All too often old age sours people. We can think of Daniel as the grand old man!

Yet he had enemies. All who live godly have and will suffer (2 Timothy 3:12). The spirit of today was the same in Daniel's day.

In 1 Corinthians 16:17-18, Paul writes: "I was glad for the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. For they refreshed my spirit..." Daniel was like these three men. It was refreshing to be with him. Some people carry such a heavy spirit they make you glad when they leave, sad when they come. Covet to grow like Daniel.

III Daniel 6:4 Two of the President's resent Daniel

He held a position above them. First it was resentment, then it became envy. *Proverbs 14:30* "envy is the rottenness of the bones..."

Proverbs 27:4 “who is able to stand before envy...”

Psalms 106:16 “the children of Israel envied Moses...”

Matthew 27:18 “...for envy they had delivered him ...” that is, Jesus.

Acts 7:9 “...the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph...”

They envied Daniel because he was a Jew and because he had found favour with the King.

Because of envy they became Daniel’s enemies. It is very human, an easy and natural thing for fallen humanity to envy another because of what others have.

IV Daniel 6:4-5 Because of envy, they tried to find fault with Daniel

They examined his books and could find no fault or error. Today, unsaved men and women will seek to find fault with every Christian.

They were able to find nothing because Daniel was faithful. Four times we read of his faithfulness in verses 4, 5, 16, 20.

Being faithful to his God, he was faithful to men. The order cannot be reversed. We cannot be faithful to men until we are faithful to our God. As stewards of God one thing is required of us: “that we be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). That verse does not say successful. That would be the world’s standard. God requires faithfulness, that is trust-worthiness. Perhaps nothing shatters character more than does breaking a public trust.

1 Peter 2:15 “with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men”- not by doctrine!

What a testimony Daniel had and this from his enemies. “We shall not find any occasion against *this* Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

V Daniel 6:6-9 The enemies of Daniel make their move

When they approached the King, he did not detect their big lie. What was the lie? All wrapped up in one word. They said *all* the presidents ... have consulted together.”

Daniel had not been consulted and he was head president.

They had set a trap for Daniel and ultimately for themselves. So in ignorance, the King signed the petition. Learn. There is nothing more dangerous than part truth mixed with a lie.

VI Daniel 6:10 One of the Great Texts of the Bible

When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went to his house, his windows being opened...” He did not deliberately open the windows, that would have been fanaticism, but he did not close them, that would have been an act of fear. “His fear of man was little because he feared God so much.” The fear of man brings terror. The fear of God brings reverence.

Proverbs 29:25 “the fear of man brings a snare...”

“He prayed toward Jerusalem.”

Read 2 Chronicles 6:36-39 to discover why he did so. Daniel was a student of the Scriptures.

“He kneeled upon his knees three times a day.”

The busiest man in the kingdom found time to pray. If we do not have time to pray we are too occupied with things of earth.

“He prayed and gave *thanks* before his God, *as he had aforesaid*.”

That means this was not emergency praying. He did not increase nor decrease his prayer time. Even though he was in great danger, He did exactly what he had done and had planned to do. If you knew you were soon to die, if you knew that the Lord would return this week, what would you do? Change the way you live or go on as you had planned?

We notice that Daniel gave thanks in his new circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “in everything give thanks”

Ephesians 5:20 “give thanks always *for all things...*”

Philippians 4:6 “in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving...”

You may read more about Daniel’s prayer-life in Daniel 2:18, 6:10,11,13, 9:2, 10:2,12.

VII Daniel 6:11-15 The Enemies of Daniel hasten to his house

They found what they expected to find. They did not expect Daniel to fail his God, they found him praying. He did not read or merely say a prayer (Acts 9:11).

They rushed to inform the King. “This child of the captivity from Judah (this Jew)

regardeth not thee.” They reveal the reason for their hateful plan being that Daniel was a Jew.

That was his major crime. How like the Pharisees in Christ’s days on earth, who were ready to kill anyone who did not keep the Sabbath!

The law then as now can only condemn and kill (2 Corinthians 3:6).

When the King discovered the plot he was displeased with himself because he had signed the petition. He laboured all that day to see if he could find a way to keep Daniel from the Lion’s den. But the law could not bend or be changed.

How many Christians realize that the law of Moses is their enemy and not their friend?

There is no mercy in the law - be it the law of the Medes or the law of God!

VIII Daniel 6:16-17 Daniel was cast into the furnace

They made the den as sure as they could, having the King seal it with his own signet and the signet of his lords. They did not want their purpose to be changed regarding Daniel.

But the King had a different heart: “Thy God whom thou servest *continually*, he will deliver thee.” It is evident that the way Daniel lived had been observed by the king. He knew that Daniel’s life centered in his God.

Acts 20:18-19 Paul gave testimony that he served the Lord in all seasons.

Psalms 112:7 describes Daniel. “...his heart was fixed.”

Colossians 3:1, 2 His affection was set.

Matthew 6:19, 22 his eye was single, one motive.

Colossians 3:17-23 describes the life of the man Daniel.

IX Daniel 6:18 In the King’s Palace that night

The king fasted. That night there was no music. There was no sleep. And there was no peace. Strange as it may seem the peace was in the Lion’s Den.

Remember, the Lord does not keep us out of trials but he promises to be with us in them.

Psalms 23:4 “thou art with me”.

Hebrews 13:5 “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”

This heathen King knew nothing about the peace of God which passeth understanding (Philippians 4:7).

X Daniel 6:19-20 The King comes to the Lion's Den

The favour that this Gentile King had for Daniel the Jew is revealed in these verses. He arose *early* to go to the den of lions. He cried with a lamentable voice. He named Daniel "the servant of the living God." He knew that Daniel served his God continually.

This last fact always speaks to my heart: this testimony of a heathen King. He had been observing how Daniel lived his life. The question that arises in my heart is: what do my unsaved neighbours observe in my life?

Acts 4:13 Those who observed Peter and John "took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Lord may this be so in our living.

XI Daniel 21-23 Daniel speaks to the King from the Lion's Den

"My God has sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths..."

The lions did not for they could not hurt Daniel because the angel of the Lord was there.

They recognized a heavenly presence even as did the animals in the wilderness with Christ Jesus.

Mark 1:13 note the word "with".

Those lions were like the millennium lions (Isaiah 11:6-7).

The King, who was exceeding glad for Daniel -and the Holy Spirit adds one more fact about him: "he believed in his God." He did not believe in himself as people are being instructed today!

XII Daniel 6:24 The King brings judgment upon Daniel's Enemies

The enemies, their children, and their wives are all cast into the Den of Lions and all are killed in a moment.

We may question the death of the children, but they would be saved by death from a worse eternal death because of the direction their parents would have taken them.

Deuteronomy 1:39 "your little ones...your children which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil shall go in thither.." God makes a difference between little children and adults.

2 Samuel 12:23 David said of his baby, "I shall go to him..." David believed that his child was in paradise.

Remember, young children have not rejected Christ. It is rejection of Christ that will bring judgment.

Matthew 18:3 Jesus said "except ye become as little children..."

XII Daniel 6:25-28 The King makes a decree and declaration

King Darius made a decree, that in all the Kingdom all were to fear and reverence the God of Daniel (the Jew). He declares Daniel's God to be the only true and living God, having a kingdom that shall never be destroyed.

Then, after the great day of trouble, in which Daniel was preserved, and out of which he was delivered, Daniel continues to prosper during the reigns of Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian.

The chapter concludes with the promotion of the Jew, another example of Proverbs 16:7, “When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.”

Daniel
Typology in Chapter Six
Lesson XVII
August 19, 2009

I Introduction

Wrote John McNeill: “How much teaching there is in type, you and I scarcely know.”
 There should be no question that in Daniel chapter six, we have an example of a double type or reference.

First of all the experience of Daniel in this chapter is typical of Christ. Then it is also a type of the Nation of Israel.

II In the following Israel and Christ are linked together

In Exodus 4:22 we read: “And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn.”

In Hosea 11:1 “When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.” Anyone reading this verse, could only think that the verse is a historical reference to Israel’s exodus from Egypt. But here is a veiled prophecy.

Matthew 2:14-15 “When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, out of Egypt have I called my son.” Facts like these make me wonder how many more prophecies than we now see are hidden in the Old Testament Scriptures.

III The types of Christ, as we see them in Daniel six

Daniel was allowed of God to be taken from his home land to the land of the Gentiles. So Christ left his home in Heaven to come to this earth.

Daniel was of the King’s seed (Daniel 1:3) and Christ Jesus was of the Royal seed, “of the seed of David according to the flesh.” (Romans 1:3)

Daniel was falsely accused and condemned by his enemies, so it was with Christ.

Matthew 26:59-60 “Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put him to death: but found none, at last came two false witness.

Daniel, a just man, against whom his enemies could find no fault (Daniel 6:4) was condemned to death. Pilate said of Jesus, “I find no fault in him” (John 19:41), yet, like King Darius, Pilate delivered Jesus Christ to be crucified (John 19:16).

Daniel was put into the lions den, the place of death, 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.” (Daniel 6:17), they made it as sure as possible.

Thus did the enemies of Jesus. Matthew 27:62-64 “...the Pharisees came together unto Pilate saying, sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, after three days I will

rise again.. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say to the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.” Pilate said unto them, ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, *sealing* the stone and setting a watch.”

But as Daniel came out of the Den of lions to see his enemies destroyed, Jesus came out of the tomb, not a victim, but a victor. Daniel coming up out of the den of lions alive surely typifies Christ in His resurrection.

Psalm 16:8-10 “I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”
Acts 2:31 speaking of David who wrote that Psalm : “He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell (hades) neither his flesh did see corruption.”

Daniel, then being exalted typifies Christ raised up. *Acts 2:32-36* by the right hand of God exalted, He poured forth the Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Philippians 2:8-11 And the day will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father.

IV Daniel also becomes a type of the Nation of Israel

We shall consider this under three heading

- 1) Persecuted – teaching the severity of God (Romans 11:22)
- 2) Preserved - teaching the security in God (Isaiah 41:14)
- 3) Promoted - teaching the sovereignty of God (Nehemiah 9:31)

V Daniel persecuted because of hatred.

As Daniel was hated by his Gentile enemies, so the Jews have suffered the hatred of the Nations. David Levy has written: “Will Israel survive the hatred and increasing persecution that has plagued it for centuries?” (Israel my Glory)

The hatred against Israel can be traced from Pharaoh in Egypt (Exodus 1:16) when he commanded to slay the male babies of Israel to this very day. Did we not hear the Leader of Afghanistan pledge himself to “wipe Israel off of the map in 2006?

The hate against the Jews can be found in Ezra, Nehemiah and especially Esther. Haman must be recognized as an Anti-Semite. Max Dimont in his book “The Jew, God and History” page 313 compares Jew-hate with anti-Semitism.

He writes: “Four qualities distinguish anti-Semitism from anti-Jewish violence.

Anti-Semitism is illogical and irrational....

Anti- Semitism is directed toward the Jewish race....

Anti- Semitism deliberately seeks out Jews and Jews only...

Anti –Semitism does not seek solutions...

“Anti-Semite hates the idea of Jewishness, not the individual Jew” like Haman,

who hated one Jew and sought to kill them all.

Even before Herod killed the babies in Israel at the time of Christ's birth, Zacharias "filled with the Holy Ghost" (Luke 1:67, inspired words) said : that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us." Luke 1:71.

Out of their homeland, as was Daniel, Jews have been persecuted in every land where they have been scattered. I quote from Eric Sauer "The Dawn of World Redemption" page 119.

A.D. 70 Destruction of Jerusalem ... 1,100,000 Jews killed

A.D. 132-135 Defeating of Bar-Kochba, 500,000 Jews killed

May 1st to July 1095 12,000 Jews killed in Rhineland, Germany

1 November 1290 Expulsion of all Jews (over 16,000) from England under threat of punishment by hanging. Permission to return only after 370 years.

20 April to Autumn 1298 100,000 Jews killed in Franconia, Bavaria and Austria.

September 1306 Expulsion of 100,000 Jews from France under threat of the death penalty

2 August 1492 Expulsion of 300,000 Jews from Spain by the inquisition under threat of death penalty.

November 1648 Slaughter of 12,000 Jews in Narol, Poland by the Cossacks.

1648-1658 Death of about 400,000 Polish Jews in the Russo-Polish- Swedish war

1939 -1945 Murder of many hundreds of thousands of Jews during the years of the Second World War" (end quote)

We know now that Hitler had 6,000,000 Jews killed. Hitler wrote to Pope Pius XII, "We are continuing the work of the Catholic Church and what the Church had done to the Jews for 1500 years." Hitler also said in 500 years this world would be a Jew-less world

I have a paper item that says that Hitler's daughter married a Jew, and now Hitler's grandchildren will be Jews in Israel.

1967 witnessed the hate against the Jews. In the book "Strike Zion" page 50, I read:

On Radio Cairo June 6, 1967, "our people have been waiting 20 years for the battle . A chorus of abuse rose from other Arab capitals. Kill the Jews, cried Radio Baghdad . "Kill the Jews wherever you find them" King Hussein of Jordan said in a broadcast at 12:15 pm. June 7th. Kill them with your arms, with your hands, with your nails and teeth." page 70

June 5th an American journalist said: "I'm afraid the Jews don't hate the Arabs - but the Arabs do hate the Jews. That's the trouble in a nutshell," page 115.

Do we need to write more? The persecution of the Jews as a people is well recorded in history. Yet the strange fact to us mortals is to learn that because of Israel's disobedience God has used this world-hate to chastise the Jews and show to the whole world His severity (Romans 11:22). To talk of the goodness of God only is to ignore the other side of the coin, the severity of God.

VI But the Jews have been Preserved by the grace of God and the God of grace.

As Daniel was preserved *in* the den of lions, the Jews have been preserved in the world.

Daniel's deliverance from the lions was miraculous, so the preservation of the Jews as a Nation, in spite of the hatred against them, has been no less miraculous.

Max Dimont in his book "Jews, God and History" begins the first page with these words:

“A civilization is born, reaches maturity, and dies. This is the pattern of history, so it was with the Babylonians, the Persians, the Romans. Why not the Jews?
The only answer is found in the Scriptures alone. *Isaiah 41:14* “Fear not, thou worm Jacob, any ye men of Israel. I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.”

I do not question that we have seen the hand of God protecting and preserving Israel in our lifetime. We give the following examples:

1) The war of Independence.

On May 14, 1948 (in our land May 15th), Israel became a Nation. The next day Israel was invaded by seven Arab Nations. Including Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Nearly 45 million Arabs went to war against 64,000 Jews. Britain's Field Marshal Montgomery said it would take the Arabs but 8 days to drive the Jews into the sea.

Said the Syrian Prime Minister: “Pretty soon the Arab armies will teach the Jews a lesson they will never forget.” Nine months and four days later Israel had not only survived but had come out much strengthened, with 23 % more territory than they had been allotted in the 1947 partition plan. At the end, there was no question, the Jews had won the war.

2) The war of the Sinai: October 1956.

Because of a boycott against Israel, war broke out between Egypt and Israel. When Egypt seized control of the Suez and occupied all Sinai, Egypt, Syria and Jordan prepared to encircle Israel.

Wm. Hull in his book “Israel the Key to Prophecy”, page 24 wrote:

The Egyptians were in panic when attacked by the Jews. Israel soldiers brought back stories of parts of the Sinai desert being littered with shoes. The Egyptian soldiers could run faster without them and ran barefoot, trying to escape the army of Israel.

A tremendous amount of military supplies were captured. One item found a million heavy wool blankets. Two million cotton sheets and fifty x-ray machines of the latest design. Medicines and the very newest antibiotics were found in sufficient quantities to last Israel for 25 years! Israel captured huge quantities of Russian built equipment. Again, after that war, Israel was better off than before.

3) The Miracle war of 1967

In 1966 Nasser of Egypt made a league with Syria in the event of an Israeli invasion. He began amassing troops in the Sinai and forced the U.N. peace keeping force to withdraw. He had boasted that “this time” Israel would be destroyed.

Because another war was inevitable, severe lightning air-raids by Israel began June 5th, 1967. She succeeded in destroying most of the air power of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq before their planes could get off the ground.

Within hours, 100,000 Egyptian forces were stranded in the hot Sinai without air-cover. Hundreds of armoured vehicles were destroyed. June 7, Egypt's resistance in the Sinai collapsed. The amount of tanks and war vehicles captured was amazing.

I have pictures of these brand-new machines parked under trees in Israel. They had been supplied by Russia, not paid for by Egypt, now in the hands of Israel. The story is that of a defenseless Nation not only fighting a war but winning it. Many stories I have in my files are like those found in the Old Testament.

4) The Yom Kippur war. October 6, 1973.

Israel was attacked on their most Holy Day. Egypt from the south, Syria from the north attacked Israel.

In 1977, a guide said to our group in Israel, that the Jews went into this war trusting in their might as manifest in 1967. He said this war was in two parts. The first week, the Arabs were the winners and Israeli losses were high. Then every Jew called on their God, and the tide turned and Israel started to win. As long as the Arabs were winning, the U.N. did nothing. When Israel started to win the U.N. stepped in.

Again when the war was over, Israel carried away great spoil after the unprecedented tank battle took place October 19th. Israel had won tremendous territory. Their troops were within 20 miles of Damascus.

4) The war in Lebanon, 1982.

All news reports condemned Israel. But prior to June 1982, 400 rockets had hit Israel from Lebanon. So Israel went in to clear away these enemies. This time the amount of arms captured was staggering. It took 1000 men and 150 trucks about 5 weeks to evacuate the many tons of arms captured. Equipment for an army of a million men had been stockpiled in Lebanon, all supplied by Russia.

So we have seen Israel preserved over and over again by a God of grace. Like they asked regarding Samson, the Nations are asking where is all Israel's strength?

VII The Jews will be Promoted in the earth showing the Sovereignty of God.

As in the case of Daniel, after his enemies were destroyed by the lions, typical of Gentile Jew-haters who will be destroyed by the wrath of God in the Tribulation and at Christ's Coming (2 Thessalonians 2:8) Daniel was promoted and exalted. So it will be with the Nation of Israel. The day will come when Israel will no longer be the tail but the head of the Nations. Here are some of the Scriptures.

Zechariah 12:8 ;
Zechariah 8:22-23;
Isaiah 60:3-5;
Isaiah 60:12;
Isaiah 61: 3-9.

All the so-called Minor prophets end with a blessing for the Jews.

Daniel
World Governments as Beasts
Chapter Seven
Lesson XVIII
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I Introduction

We mentioned at the beginning of these lessons that in Daniel the first six chapters are basically history. We found that Bible history from Genesis onward is filled with symbols and types. Daniel chapter seven is filled with symbols and prophecy when written, but now most of the prophecy has merged into history.

In chapter two we found symbols of world governments, as men see them: valuable gold, silver brass, iron. In chapter seven we have symbols of world governments as God sees them - wild, strange beasts. Ezekiel 30:10-11 and Ezekiel 32:11-12 speak of Babylon as the terrible of the Nations. Babylon includes Iraq of today.

I insert some notes from a sermon preached in 1938 by M.V. Brown on radio.

“The Bible certainly teaches there is Divine Providence guiding and shaping the destinies of the Nations. One of the principal reasons for the presentation of these truths is to show how the mightiest Empires crumble and decay when in the zenith of their power, because God said they would No human force, no military might could stand against God, and one by one the Empires crumbled and thrones tottered and swayed and fell.

How clearly we can see the God of all the Heaven and the earth writing the destinies of Nations on the parchment scrolls of history. He who spoke the Nations into existence has chosen to guide and direct the affairs of this world. Alexander the Great marched into country after country, until one day his pride took a fall, and like all world rulers found out he was in the hand of God.” (end quote)

These chapters in the book of Daniel reveal the absolute Sovereignty of God in the affairs of men.

There are those who object to the symbols in chapter seven being symbols of the same governments as found in chapter two. So when they come to Daniel 7:4 “the lion-like beast” rather than interpret it to be Babylon they interpret the Lion to be England and the Bear in Daniel 7:5 to be Russia. I remember that Ernest Manning, then Premier of Alberta , interpreted the verse as such. (I have read that David Hocking and Chuck Swindoll do the same.)

The first reason given for not accepting these beasts in chapter seven to be the same governments as chapter two is because that would be but repetition. My answer is simple. Matthew, Mark and Luke repeat many of the same stories about Jesus, but each do so for different reasons. The transfiguration, the crucifixion, the burial and resurrection are recorded by all these three writers. They do not contradict, they complement each other.

As I see it, the repetition in Daniel chapter seven adds more light on the prophecies of the same governments.

To make the Lion and the Bear to represent modern nations does not fit the context of the book of Daniel. For when we come to Daniel chapter eight we will find two symbols explained to be “Media-Persia and Grecia” (Daniel 8:20-21). Therefore we find more prophetic symbols of the *same* governments as found in Daniel chapter two, and in my view, the same as in chapter seven.

II Daniel 7:1 “In the first year of Belshazzar.”

Therefore, Daniel had this vision prior to the events of chapters five and six. For chapter five are events in the last year of Belshazzar and chapter six still later, during the reign of Darius, king of the Medes and Persians.

Chapter seven is in two parts.

Verses 1-14 Daniel tells his vision.

Verses 15-28 The interpretation of that vision.

III Daniel 7:1-3 The introduction to the Chapter

Because the vision was God-given, it can be classified as direct Revelation from God. A Revelation inspired by the Holy Spirit to be preserved in Scripture. No man is being inspired today as were those who wrote the Scriptures. God is not adding revelation to the Scriptures. Any one who claims such inspiration will be proven to be wrong. God is giving *illumination* on the Scriptures but *not new revelations*.

The claim of Jack Deere (a former Dallas Seminary teacher) is quoted on page 77 of the book “Power Religion” as follows: “in order to fulfill God’s highest purpose for our lives we must be able to hear his voice both in the written word and in the word freshly spoken from Heaven....ultimately, the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture is demonic.” Does this not contradict 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Timothy 4:1-2?

In Daniel 7:3, in his vision Daniel saw four winds tossing the sea. It pictures a troubled sea. *Isaiah 57:20* “But the wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest. Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.” What a picture of the masses of people in our world today! Scofield says: “The sea in Scripture imagery stands for the populace, the mere unorganized mass of mankind.”

The four beasts are interpreted to be four kings in Daniel 7:17, and in Daniel 7:25 we learn that they also represent kingdoms.

IV Daniel 7:4 The First Beast

It was not a lion, but like a lion, and had eagles wings.

So this is the first of four kings and four kingdoms.

We believe that other scriptures identify this strange beast to be Babylon.

Jeremiah 4:7 the lion is come up

Jeremiah 4:13 his horses are swifter than eagles

Jeremiah 27:6 now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:3 and say thus saith the Lord, a great eagle with great wings..

Ezekiel 17:7 another great eagle

Ezekiel 17:12 say now what these things mean? “Behold the king of Babylon, ...”

Joel 1:6 in my opinion this is also speaking about Babylon.

It is our opinion that these Scriptures indicate that the Lion in Daniel is none other than Babylon. The chapter begins with a lion-like kingdom and follows through history to the time of the appearance of the Son of Man who is given dominion, glory and a kingdom (Daniel 7:13). Throughout history the Nations are seen as fighting and devouring one another as do wild beasts. Such continues to be history.

V Daniel 7:5 The Second Beast

This was not a bear, but *like* a bear, one side was higher than the other side, had three ribs between its teeth, devoured much flesh. This bear - one side higher than the other and being very destructive - is the second of the four kingdoms (Daniel 7:23) Therefore it must represent the Medes and the Persians. This bear causes a great slaughter.

The three ribs?

Scofield : “a reference to the threefold dominion of the second empire, Media, Persia, Babylonia.

Scofield : “Xerxes and Artaxerxes marched to war with millions”, who can read history and not see Nations as wild beasts?

Woolvood writes “...the vision of Daniel provides the most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future events to be found anywhere in the Old Testament.”

VI Daniel 7:6 The Third Beast

A strange Leopard, certainly not an ordinary one. This is the third kingdom of Greece. Compare again Daniel 7:17 and Daniel 7:23.

The wings must speak of the speed by which Alexander the Great subdued his world in only 12 years. The four heads must symbolize the four leaders who divided the kingdom into four regions after the sudden death of Alexander.

VII Daniel 7:7 A Terrible Beast

Again we compare Daniel 7:17 with Daniel 7:23 and learn that this is the fourth kingdom. The iron teeth is the key to identifying this kingdom with the Roman Empire.

All these kingdoms have come and gone. The fulfillments have been very literal.

This beast had ten horns. In verse 24 we note that out of this Kingdom of Rome arises ten horns or ten leaders. They are not *of* the Roman Empire but *out of* that Empire.

VIII Daniel 7:8 The Little horn

This little horn (or leader) comes up among the ten.

Thus the Ten Horns or leaders of another Kingdom produce this little horn.

The Question is this: Have these ten leaders out of Rome already arisen or are they future?

The amillennialists say they have arisen. The premillennialist says they are future.

The Amill says the ten Emperors of Rome were the Ten horns.

But as we have pointed out Daniel 7:24 interprets these ten to be out of the Kingdom of Rome. The Emperor were of Rome, they were not out of Rome. From these ten, after they arise, another “little horn” arises among them. Therefore this little horn must appear *at the same time* in history, as the ten.

So another question is: Has this little horn appeared in history or is he future? The answer will be found in the interpretation that follows.

IX Daniel 7:9-10 The Ancient of Days

Daniel has a vision of the Ancient of Days.

Compare Daniel 7:9 with Revelation 1:13-17. By doing so, must we not conclude that this was a vision of the Second Coming of Christ back to earth?

Also compare Daniel 7:10 with Jude 14, 2 Thessalonians 1:7 and Matthew 25:31.

When Christ returns it will be with all the Holy Angels. And when He returns his first business will be to judge.

X Daniel 7:11-12 Explains the judgment

Judgment falls upon the little horn. He was slain and given to the burning flame.

Here read Revelation 19:20. The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.

And in verse 12 of Daniel seven, the rest of the beasts (i.e. the Ten) had their dominion taken away.

XI Daniel 7:13-14 The Coming of the Son of Man

In this vision Daniel sees the Son of Man come “and there was given to Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him...”

Surely this is the Second Coming of Christ to reign on this earth.

Revelation 20:1-7 reveals the length of time that He reigns will be one thousand years.

In Daniel, it says His dominion is everlasting. We believe that the thousand years is but the initial stage of the eternal Kingdom of our Lord. Is it not correct to say that when we are saved we only begin the initial stage of our eternal salvation?

XII Daniel 7:15-28 The Interpretation of the Vision

Verse 17, we repeat. These great beasts are four kings but also four kingdoms. Verse 23.

Verse 18 The end of the vision is interpreted to be “the saints of the Most High” taking their kingdom from the Kings of the earth. When Daniel wrote the book, the readers then would understand these saints of the Most High to be Jewish believers. They knew nothing about New Testament Church saints. The earthly Kingdom was promised to the Jews, and they will yet possess the earth. We may not yet understand it all, but we believe.

XIII Daniel 7:19-22 Daniel asks about what he has seen.

Verse 19 the fourth beast

Verse 20 the little horn

Verse 21 this little horn making war with the saints

Verse 22 the little horn prevailing *until* the Ancient of Days came and the saints possessed the kingdom.

XIV Daniel 7:23-27 The Answer to these questions

Verse 23 The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom, a world kingdom.

Verse 24 The ten horns out of this kingdom are ten Kings that shall arise after the fourth Kingdom. And another shall arise *after them*. He is not one of the ten.

This little horn is explained to be a person, a leader. Of the Ten he subdues three. Again this is evidence that the ten and the one appear at the same time. Therefore, if the ten are history so is the little horn but if the little horn is future so are the ten.

In verse 8, this little horn has the eyes of a man but also a big mouth!

Verse 25: the little horn shall speak great words against the Most High.

See Isaiah 14:14, he is like Lucifer.

Revelation 13:5 to the Beast-Kingdom is given a mouth speaking great things for forty two months, that is three and a half years.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 Anti-Christ exalts himself above God.

Not only Daniel but John and Paul warn that one is coming who will speak against God.

He also wears out the saints of the Most High for three and a half years.

Jews are the earthly people of the Most High God.

This little horn will think to change times and laws of the Jews (*Acts 1:7*).

1 Thessalonians 5:1 Times have to do with the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel. Like Hitler and the present president of Iran, the little horn will declare the end has come for the Jews.

The "times" are given to be three and a half years. This certainly identifies the horn.

These three and a half years must be the last three and a half years of Daniel's 70th week

Luke 21:24 Jerusalem is to be trodden down of the Gentiles *until* Christ comes.

Compare *Revelation 11:2*, *Revelation 12:6* ; *Revelation 13:5*. These are all the same period of time.

June 11, 2004 CNN reported that a poll in Europe stated that the majority of people in the Common Market believe that Israel is the number one threat to world peace. What better reason to declare war against Israel? *Zechariah 14:2* may be nearer than we think.

XV Daniel 7:26 Judgment Comes

By the Coming of the Ancient of Days , judgment shall sit...and they shall take away his dominion. Why they? My opinion, it will be the Lord with the saints *Psalm 149:9*

2 Thessalonians 2:8 tells us that the Wicked one is destroyed by Christ's Coming as does *Revelation 19:20*.

If this little horn is destroyed by the Second Coming he must be on earth at the time of the second coming

In *Daniel 7:13-14*

The Son of Man appears in the clouds. To Him is given Dominion, kingdom and glory

This is explained in *Daniel 7:27* to be:

A kingdom under the whole heaven is set up. Surely an earthly kingdom is meant

All Dominions shall serve Him, the Son of Man

Saints of the Most High receive the kingdom. One never to be destroyed.

Micah 4:8; *Jeremiah 23:5* ; *Zechariah 14:9* *Revelation 20:1-4*

Verse 27 concludes ,” All dominions shall serve and obey Him.” We know “him” refers to Jesus Christ. Jesus is repeatedly identified as King of the Jews. As such He was born, as such He died, and as such He will return.

As Deity, the Son of God, He is the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9-12, 26).

As Humanity, the Son of Man (Daniel 7:13), the Son of David (Matthew 1:1).

He comes to take the throne of His earthy father David (Acts 2:30, Luke 1:32-33).

Today He sits on His father’s throne (Revelation 3:21).

Then He will sit on the Throne of Israel (2 Chronicles 6:20, 1 Chronicles 29:23).

If all of this troubles your mind, take heart, it troubled Daniel too (Daniel 7:28).

Daniel
The Ram and the Goat
Chapter Eight
Lesson XIX
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There are those who have tried to prove that Daniel did not write the Book that bears his name. One example, the Expositors Bible on the Book of Daniel

We are told that Daniel chapter one through Daniel 2:3 were written in Hebrew. Daniel 2:4 through to Daniel 7:28 were written in Aramaic.

Webster's Dictionary "A Semitic language known since the ninth century B.C. as the speech of Armaeans and later used extensively in southwest Asia as a commercial language and adapted as their customary speech by various non-Armaean peoples *including the Jews* after the Babylonian exile." (*emphasis mine*)

Daniel chapters 8 through 12 were written in Hebrew. Perhaps the Holy Spirit led Daniel to use the Aramaic language in writing part of this book to leave evidence that indeed Daniel was a captive in Babylon and would, of necessity, because of his high positions, have to learn the most commonly used language of the day. Remember, Daniel the Jew, was living in a Gentile world.

In Luke 21:24 Jesus said: "...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles *until* the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Most scholars believe the times of the Gentiles began when Babylon captured Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple and carried Jewish captives from the land to Babylon, Daniel being among those captives. There is also general agreement that the Times of the Gentiles will not end until Christ returns to the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:1-5).

So the approximate date of the beginning of the Times of the Gentiles is 606-605 B.C. when Daniel was taken captive.

I The Babylonian Empire fell in 539-538 B.C., ending the first period of the Times of the Gentiles.

In Daniel the symbol of the Babylonian Empire in chapter two is the head of gold. In chapter seven, the lion-like beast. In chapter eight Babylon is not represented. Why? Babylon would soon cease to be a World-Empire.

The Kings of Babylon named in Daniel:
 chapters 1-4 Nebuchadnezzar ,
 chapter 5 Belshazzar.

It was during the third year of Belshazzar that Daniel had this vision (Daniel 8:1-2). The palace of Shushan was 230 miles east of Babylon.

Major events during this period of history:

The Temple of Solomon was destroyed (2 Chronicles 36)
 Daniel was taken to Babylon as a young captive (Daniel 1:1-6)
 Three Hebrew boys also captives, survived the Fiery furnace
 Nebuchadnezzar had gone mad for seven years
 Daniel had a vision in the first year of Belshazzar (Chapter 7:1-2)
 Daniel records another vision in the third year of Belshazzar (Daniel 8:1-2)

These were revelations from God, that is, something revealed by God, or they are nothing
 And if these visions were of God, from God, then every Bible believer should be interested.

The word “until” in Luke 21:24 is most important. Gentile Governments are not going to be in control of the land of Israel for all the rest of human history. The end is coming for them. Man’s day will end and the Lord’s day will begin.

II The Second period of Gentile Governments began in 538 B.C. and concluded in 331 B.C.

This was the period of the Medes and the Persians.

In Daniel chapter two, symbolized as two arms of silver.

In Daniel seven as a wild beast, like a bear with one side higher than the other side.

Now in chapter eight verses 3-4, as a ram with two horns, one higher than the other. The higher came up last. The Ram pushing westward, northward and southward, therefore evidently from the east. We need not guess, for Daniel 8:20 informs us that this Ram represents the Medes and Persians.

The Kings named in Daniel during this period: Darius the Mede (Daniel 5:31; 6:1).

The other, Cyrus the Persian (Daniel 1:21, Daniel 10:1).

He is also named in Ezra 1:1 and predicted in Isaiah 44:28- 45:1-4.

The major events during this period:

The Lions Den

Rebuilding the temple during the days of Ezra

Revelations to Daniel (Daniel 9:1; 10:1; 11:1)

We note that in chapter two, the Iron represents Rome.

In chapter seven, the terrible beast represents Rome.

In chapter eight, Rome is not represented.

III The Third Period of Gentile World Governments began in 331 B.C. and ended in 146 B.C.

The symbol in chapter two, brass.

In chapter seven, Leopard-like beast

In chapter eight, a rough goat, again identified in Daniel 8:21. In that same verse the first king is symbolized as a great horn. All acknowledge this as having reference to Alexander the great

The only event mentioned is in Daniel 8:22. The great horn is broken and four kingdoms shall stand up out of the Nation, but not in the power of the first King, Alexander.

History records that Alexander died in 323 B.C. sitting on the banks of the Euphrates.

He had conquered the world in 12 years—he went into depression and a drunken-state and died. After him, his empire went to his four generals.

Cassander- Macedonia and Greece
 Lysimachus – Asia Minor
 Seleucus - Syria and Babylon
 Ptolemy – Egypt, Israel and Arabia

All this became history almost 350 years *after* the Book of Daniel had been written. Says Roy Turkington, “This is thrilling! This is history! It happened!” This is only possible because God wrote the record!

IV The Fourth period, the rule of the Roman Empire, was from 146 B.C. to 476 A.D

The symbols in chapter two - legs of iron.

In chapter seven - the terrible beast.

In chapter eight, there is nothing to represent Rome.

None of the Kings of Rome are named in Daniel.

The greatest event was the revelation to Daniel regarding the 70 weeks (Daniel 9:24-27).

V The Final Stage of Gentile World Dominion

Symbolized in chapter 2:41, ten toes or ten Kings out of Rome.

In chapter 7:7-10, ten horns, ten kings out of Rome from whom arises a little horn.

We are not assuming when we interpret the ten toes and ten horns to be ten kings.

Daniel tells us so (Daniel 7:24).

If this eleventh little horn arises among the ten, then the ten must be present at the time when the little horn appears on the stage of human history. Furthermore, if the little horn rises to power after the ten, then the ten must appear before the little horn appears.

Now in chapter 8:8, four horns, four kings out of Greece arise and “out of one of them” arises a little horn. Verse 9

The question arises: Are the little horns of chapters 7 and 8 one and the same?

Read again of Daniel’s vision in Daniel 8:9-14. Then read the interpretation in Daniel 8:22-25

We believe they are not the same because in chapter 7, from Rome comes ten kings and then the little horn.

In Daniel 8: from Greece rises four kings and out of one of them a little horn.

Reading the details of Daniel 8:8-14, there seems to be no doubt the verses make reference to Antiochus Epiphanes, a Syrian king who reigned from 175 B.C. to 164 B.C. (This history was during the 400 silent years between Malachi and Matthew.)

He was a great troubler of the Jewish people. He offered a sow on the altar in the Temple at Jerusalem!

I remind you that the Leaders and Countries that have troubled the Jews and the Nation of Israel are the ones named in Scripture.

We also believe that Antiochus typifies a Syrian Leader yet to appear before the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. Remember, Syria is one of the four divisions of the Grecian Empire. We shall discover more information about this in Daniel chapter eleven.

In Daniel 11:36, we believe we are reading about Antichrist. But in Daniel 11:40 a second leader identified as the King of the north. Syria is north of Israel.

VI In all these chapters, that is 2,7,8, the next period of time has to do with the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

Daniel 2:34 The stone is no doubt, Christ

Daniel 7:9 The Ancient of Days is Christ

Daniel 8:25 The Prince is Christ

The results in each chapter indicate it is the time of Christ's return.

In Daniel 2:35, 44, the stone becomes a great mountain and is interpreted to be, "God setting up a kingdom on earth. This kingdom takes the place of the preceding kingdoms. Certainly, this is not the Church!

Daniel 7:14 The Son of Man is given Dominion. The Coming of the Son of Man is His second Coming. See Matthew 25:31 and Matthew 24:27-30.

Daniel 8:25 This little horn also stands up against Christ and is broken. In the light of the other chapters this too must be at the time of the Second Coming.

Daniel 8:26-27 This vision is for the latter time. Once again the vision troubled Daniel.

VII Conclusion of the matter of Chapters 2,7,8

All these chapters teach:

1) The Lord will return to judge Leaders, Governments and People.

Ezekiel 39:1-21

Joel 3:1-16

Zephaniah 3:8, 14-20

Zechariah 14:1-8

Jude 14,15

2 Peter 3:10-13

2) Then, after destroying the world's system, He will take over the Government and reign as King of and on the earth.

Micah:4:1-8

Habakkuk 2:14

Zephaniah 3:15

Zechariah 9:9-10

Zechariah 14:9

Isaiah 11:9

Jeremiah 23:5

Revelation 20:1-7

VIII The Premise on which we have built these studies is:

There is a chain reaction when we study prophetic facts.

If we believe that the Millennial Reign of Christ to be a *fact*, then we will believe in the return of Christ to earth. To reject the one is to reject the other doctrine.

If we believe these two doctrines, then it is easy to believe that the Sign of His return will be the great Tribulation on earth just before His return.

I have seen a generation of preachers reject the millennium. But I have chosen to believe in the millennial reign of Christ because, and only because, I see it clearly taught in Scripture. And I want you to see that the acceptance of that doctrine leads to the acceptance of the other doctrines. And it is equally true: To reject this doctrine leads to the rejection of other doctrines.

When one rejects the millennium, one will eventually reject the doctrine of the literal return of Christ to earth. Then, of necessity, one will do away with the doctrine of a coming specific time of great tribulation. For as we have stated, the tribulation and the return are linked together in Scripture.

And we are beginning to witness a further chain reaction in that now the Rapture of the Church is under attack by many so-called Evangelicals. The time may soon come when we will only look upon those who accept the doctrine of the Rapture as being truly orthodox believers. Said a friend, if a teacher rejects the Rapture beware of all else that he teaches. To believe in the Rapture may soon mark us out as being “too peculiar” and “too negative” for modern Evangelicals.

Some are saying “the Rapture creates too many problems”. Therefore, we can’t believe it. We reply it only creates problems for those who do not or will not believe what is written in the Scriptures. It creates no problems for believers but it does bring comfort.

Others are saying it’s impossible for the Jews to ever again rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. But the more difficult it is to fulfill, the more one must see the hand of God in any fulfillment. A young brother said to me: “It is so exciting to see how God is going to work it out to fulfill all His Word.” Amen!

Nothing proves the worldly-mindedness of today’s Church more than does the lack of desire to hear proclaimed the doctrine of the Second Coming. Grace teaches us to live looking for that blessed hope (Titus 2:13).

When one has an interest in prophetic voices beyond the voice of Scripture, one is spiritually unhealthy. Wrote Martin Lloyd Jones: “The moment you reject the authority of Scripture and its writers, you can say whatever you like.”

The purpose of the Reign of Christ is to put-down all His enemies (1 Corinthians 15:25) and fill the earth with Christ’s glory. So we are not surprised that the devil hates this doctrine.

Daniel
Daniel's Great Prayer
Chapter Nine
Lesson XX
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For one to say that one chapter in the Bible is more important than another may seem to be incorrect. However, all Bible readers must believe that some chapters are great chapters. In the New Testament, by way of example, 1 Corinthians 15 is a great chapter. In the Old Testament, Daniel 9 is a great chapter. The knowledge gained from this chapter has a great bearing on so very much that is elsewhere in Scripture.

I Daniel chapter nine is in two major parts

Daniel 9:1-23 Daniel's great prayer

Daniel 9:24-27 The answer to that prayer

II In this lesson we consider Daniel's prayer

Other great Old Testament prayers are:

David's prayer in 2 Samuel 7:18-28

Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 8:22-56

Elijah's prayer in 1 Kings 18:30-39

III Daniel 9:1 The first year of Darius the Mede

The record in Daniel 9 begins at the end of the 70 years of Babylonian Captivity.

These years had been years of judgment upon the Nation of Israel because of their disobedience. We could refer to them as years of trouble for Israel.

We remind you that these 70 years of judgment had to do with Israel, not the Church.

Israelites were captive in Babylon, not one member of the Church is included in that captivity.

This chapter begins in the first year of Darius the Mede. Therefore, this history begins where the history ended in Daniel 5:31. It was that night when Belshazzar was slain that Darius took the Kingdom from Babylon.

IV Daniel 9:2 The aged man, Daniel, is still a student of the Scriptures

He was studying the book of Jeremiah the prophet. Amazing! Over 2500 years ago Daniel was reading the same book of Jeremiah we have in our Bibles to this day.

Daniel had read, Jeremiah 29:10, "For thus saith the Lord, that after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place."

He also had read Jeremiah 29:12, "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you."

When the Nation had gone into apostasy, Jeremiah was told not to pray for it.

Jeremiah 7:16 "therefore pray not thou for this people. Neither lift cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me, I will not hear thee."

Jeremiah 11:14 “Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them,; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble”

Jeremiah 14:11 “Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not for this people for their good.”

When the Nation had gone into apostasy (Jeremiah 11:13) Jeremiah was told not to pray for it. Before Judah’s captivity and during the set period of time of that captivity prayer was to be of no avail for the Nation. One lesson is there are times when prayer will not avail. When God had said, “seventy years in Babylon”, all the prayer in the world could not alter that.

BUT NOW, Daniel understands that at the end of those years they were instructed to pray. Because he was a student of the Word , what he had read lead Daniel to prayer. So we read Daniel 9:3: “Daniel set his face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth and ashes....”

V The first lesson regarding prayer

Here are some lessons not found in other portions of Scripture on the subject of prayer.

Notice how often Daniel says: “O Lord” and “O my God”.

Daniel 9:4 O Lord

Daniel 9:7 O Lord

Daniel 9:8 O Lord

Daniel 9:15 O Lord our God

Daniel 9:16 O Lord

Daniel 9:16 O Lord

Daniel 9:17 O our God

Daniel 9:18 O my God

Daniel 9:19 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.”

This is an example of praying for all saints “with all perseverance and supplication ...” (Ephesians 6:18). That is, he was asking repeatedly, humbly and earnestly. Perhaps the prayer of Epaphras best illustrates this prayer (Colossians 4:12) “...always labouring fervently for you in prayer...”

VI Another lesson: Notice how often Daniel speaks of “My God” and “Our God”

My God in verses 4,18,19,20

Our God in verses 9,10,13,14,15,17.

When Jesus instructed the disciples to pray : “Our Father which art in Heaven...” (Matthew 6:9), we must remember when we use the words “our father” we approach our God as children do their parents. Only believers can claim God to be their Father. God is the Creator of all but only Father of those who become sons by believing (John 1:12). Who today wants to remember that Jesus said to certain Pharisees, “ye are of your father the Devil” (John 8:44)?

We believe it is a great sin to teach unbelievers to pray the so-called Lord’s Prayer. For God is not their Father and it is misleading to have non-believers pray this prayer.

VII Another Lesson: Notice the reverence in Daniel’s approach to his God

Daniel 9:4 “O Lord, the great and dreadful God...”

Said Albert Heizig: “Reverence is obedience.”

In our opinion, in more recent years, some services are more like a caravel than a time of worship. There is very little reverence for an awesome God.

Daniel 9:7 “O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee...”

Daniel 9:9 To the Lord our God belongeth mercies and forgivenesses...”

Daniel 9:14 “...God is righteous in all His works which he doeth...”

We wonder if we always pray to God with these, His attributes, in mind. Is there the same reverence when we pray? We have heard those who speak of “the man upstairs” and to us such is a total lack of reverence. It is our opinion that the word “awesome” only belongs to God. He alone is awesome.

We fear that if there is anything lacking in our gatherings today it is that of deep reverence for the presence of God in the house of God. Even our dress can be a reflection of our attitude. In the presence of human dignities there is such a thing as plain decency. Would we not desire to be properly clad in the presence of our Queen?

VIII Another lesson: We notice that Daniel’s confession of Israel’s sin was as being his own

Verse 5 *we* have sinned and committed iniquity

Verse 8 *we* have sinned against Thee

Verse 9 *we* have rebelled against Thee

Verse 11 *all* Israel have transgressed Thy law

Verse 14 *we* obeyed not Thy voice

Verse 15 *we* have done wickedly

Verse 20 confessing *my* sin and the sin of Thy people Israel

There is no indication that Daniel gave the impression that he was more holy than the Nation.

IX Daniel 9:6 Their sins were caused by their neglect to hear the Prophets

Daniel 9:11 Their sins were the result of their disobeying the voice of God written in the law of Moses

Daniel 9:11 We should notice what Daniel said about the prophets and the books of Moses.

Daniel 9:10-11 He considered the words of the prophets the voice of God.

Daniel 9:13 He speaks about the law of Moses being God’s truth.

X Another lesson in Verse 15

Just before making his ‘prayer request’, Daniel recalls the fact that God had brought the children of Israel out of Egypt. A literal fact in the history of the Nation. And because of what God had already done for Israel in the past, Daniel was bold to make his request known.

XI Daniel 9:16-19 Daniel makes a specific request

“Thy city Jerusalem” “Thy holy Mountain” “Jerusalem and Thy people”

Cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is desolate. The city called by Thy name.

Again in verse 19 “Thy city” and “Thy people”.

No mistake can be made here. He is asking God, now that the 70 years of captivity are past, the years that had seen the destruction of the Temple and the city, as well as the captivity of the people--- Lord, what are you going to do now for thy people Israel and thy city Jerusalem?

We dare not change the meaning of the text. There is nothing in this prayer request about the Church. The whole has to do with the Nation of Israel.

Daniel 9:20-23 sums up the matter. While Daniel was praying, making this specific request, not a demand, God sends Gabriel to bring the answer to that prayer.
(It was also Gabriel who brought the message to Zacharias, Luke 1:19.)

The answer to the prayer is found in Daniel 9:24-27. These important verses will be the subject of our next lesson. And we shall discover that what is revealed by Gabriel is what makes Daniel 9 to be one of the great chapters of the Bible.

Daniel
The Seventy Weeks
Lesson XXI
Daniel 9:24-27
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Introduction

Perhaps no other portion of Scripture is of more importance to the student of prophecy than these verses. We consider them to be of major importance.

The *first reason* is this: How we interpret other portions of prophetic Scripture will, to a great degree, be determined by how we interpret these verses.

Secondly, how we interpret these verses will influence how we will interpret such words as “Israel” and “Jerusalem”.

Thirdly, our consideration of these verses will determine in part, how we will interpret the Scriptures that have to do with the Anti-Christ and a future Tribulation.

Fourthly, the interpretation and understanding of this passage will bear on what we believe about the time of the Rapture and the time of the return of Christ.

Fifthly, these verses will help determine the kind of hope the Church has.

And that in itself is extremely important, because our hope determines our conduct (1 John 3:2-3). The more real and literal our hope becomes to us, the more spiritually minded we will become. And of course, the more spiritually minded we become the more real and literal our hope will become. And to be spiritually minded brings “life and peace” (Romans 8:6). When we are truly “spiritually minded”, our minds will be set on things above, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2). And only then will we become concerned about “mortifying the things of the flesh” (Colossians 3:5).

Confusion regarding the subject of prophecy, and of these verses in Daniel, will rob saints of their blessed hope and therefore of their rewards. And Paul writes: “let no man beguile you of your reward” (Colossians 2:18). So as you read these lines, judge every word.

The Background

The Old Testament primarily, has to do with Israel. When interpreting it therefore, this fact should always be kept in mind. Furthermore, in the Old Testament, there is no suggestion, not a hint whatsoever that “Israel” is to mean “Church” or that it ever will become the Church.

Here I quote Douglas Young: “For 2000 years, awful bloody years, the Jews never forsook their Bibles, and never came to believe that the word ‘Israel’ in the Bible meant ‘The Church’. To them ‘Israel’ has always been ‘Israel’.” (end quote)

What is written about Israel is written for our learning (Romans 15:4), but because we learn from these Old Testament Scriptures, what is written about Israel also does not change the facts or literal meaning of the facts stated therein.

Israel, not the Church, was captive in Egypt.

Israel, not the Church, was miraculously delivered from Egypt by the power of God.

Israel, not the Church, was super-naturally sustained in the barren wilderness for forty years.

Israel, not the Church, was literally led by Joshua in to possess the Land of Canaan.

These are well known Biblical facts. Concerning these same people, Jeremiah had prophesied that they would be taken captive by Babylon for seventy years (Jeremiah 25:11). This became actual history. Among the captives was a young prince, known by his Hebrew name, Daniel (Daniel 1:1-6). But Jeremiah had also prophesied that after the seventy years, God would visit His people Israel, and bring them up out of the land of Babylon as He had brought them out of their Egyptian bondage.

Chapter Nine

And when we begin to read Daniel 9:1-2, we observe these facts. The Babylonians have been replaced by the Medes and Persians as the world power. Daniel, now a captive under the Medes, had been reading and studying the book of Jeremiah and he understood from that book, that God had promised to visit the captives after the seventy years were fulfilled.

So in verse 3, Daniel set his face to pray and seek the Lord. What were the subjects of his prayer? What were the reasons for his prayer? Daniel 9:16, 17 answers the questions. Jerusalem was still a desolation. The Jews were still in reproach and captivity. So Daniel begins to pray for “thy city Jerusalem” and “thy people Israel”. His prayer is repeated in verse 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.”

Daniel had read the promise in Jeremiah 29:10 that after seventy years God would visit His people, and Daniel sets himself to pray about that particular positive promise. And it was at this time, further revelation of God's PLAN FOR ISRAEL was revealed to Daniel, in Daniel 9:24-27. We believe it important to observe and keep in mind that Daniel had been praying about Jerusalem and the Jews. As a direct result of Daniel's prayer-request, the revelation of the Seventy Weeks was given.

And this answer, as found in Daniel 9:24-27, had to do with God's future plans for Israel. All that is contained in these verses, were future events at the time of their revelation. The wonder of this prophecy never ceases to fill my heart with great gratitude to God. The details are spelled out in such a way that no one should be left wondering as to what is meant. God indeed does have a future plan for Israel. We learn this from this portion.

We must never overlook the first facts in these verses. “Seventy weeks are determined upon THY people and upon THY Holy city.” ALL the weeks have to do with Daniel's people the Jews, and Daniel's city, Jerusalem. These weeks have no more to do with the Church than did the seventy years in Babylon or the four-hundred years in Egypt. All those events pertained only

to the Jews. All seventy weeks are upon Israel. Not sixty, or sixty-nine or sixty-nine-and-a-half. SEVENTY weeks are upon thy people. Any interpretation that ignores this basic fact can never be correct. And the basic fact to which we make reference is that, THY PEOPLE in the context can ever and only mean Israel. Israel after the flesh. Literal Israel. The same Nation taken captive into Babylon, the Jewish people.

Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined upon THY Holy City....”

In the light of the context of the chapter, “Thy Holy City” must surely refer to Jerusalem, Israel. (See Daniel 9:16,19) In the Bible, the only city on earth that is ever designated as “holy” is Jerusalem in the land of Israel. Seventy years prior, the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem and the temple which had been built by Solomon (2 Chronicles 36). The destruction was an act of God's judgment upon the Nation of Israel, as surely as the captivity was an act of judgment. When Daniel began to pray at the opening of this chapter, both the City and the Temple were in ruins. And in answer to Daniel's prayer, the Angel Gabriel announces that there will be seventy more weeks of judgment upon the same people.

The Living Bible translation reads: “The Lord has commanded 490 years of further punishment upon Jerusalem and your people.” The word "determined" in verse 24 had been translated “decreed” and “divided”. In the light of the context, the word “divided” seems to be the best. For if you will notice verse 25, seven weeks, then three score and two weeks, then in verse 27, one week. Thus: 7, 62 and 1. So by reading we understand, although in total they are seventy weeks or seventy sevens of years, because they are not a consecutive whole but divided into three groupings, it will take more than the 490 years of time to see them all fulfilled.

The remainder of the predictions in verse 24 have to do with the time AFTER the end of the seventy weeks. These predictions have not to do with the time of the weeks. After the seventy weeks are completed, the Living Bible says: “Then at last they (Israel) will learn to stay away from sin and their guilt will be cleansed, then the kingdom of everlasting righteousness will begin, and the Holy Place (in the temple) will be re- dedicated, as the prophets have declared.”

So let us look in more detail at verse 24. WHAT takes place AFTER the time of the 70 weeks? Once again we think it of utmost importance to see that none of these things take place DURING the weeks.

First: “To finish the transgression”.

In his prayer Daniel had confessed, “yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law” (Verse 11). And now he is being told that the day will come when Israel's transgression will come to an end ... AFTER THESE WEEKS.

Secondly, “To make an end of sins.”

We observe the word is not "sin" but "sins". Sin is the root, sins the fruit. And this statement like the first, concerns Israel.

The testimony of other Scriptures must be brought to our notice at this point. In Romans 11:25-27, Paul writes: “And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. For this is my covenant unto them, when

I shall take away their SINS.” This passage is the Holy Spirit’s commentary on what is written in the Old Testament regarding Jacob-Israel. The salvation of Jacob-Israel is an Old Testament doctrine. And we would emphasize, “so all Israel SHALL be saved AS IT IS WRITTEN. We must not omit or over-look those words. If we would understand the doctrine of Israel's future salvation of which the Apostle is speaking, we must know what is written in the Old Testament.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 When God fulfills the new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah ... “they shall all know me.... I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more.” This is but one example of that which is written.

Thirdly Daniel 9:24 continues: After the seventy weeks, “make reconciliation for iniquity”. Again, if context means anything, these words concern Israel. Israel's iniquity will have been fully dealt with, and according to prophecy, after they have come through the fires of tribulation, which they will endure because of their iniquities, those who remain shall all be saved. See Zechariah 13:8, 9 ; Jeremiah.30:7; Daniel 12:1.

Fourthly Daniel 9:24 After the seventy weeks: “bring in everlasting righteousness.” Again, we insist, the promise is to Israel. Christ, by His death provided everlasting righteousness by His First Coming. He will bring it to Israel by His Second Coming, which will be immediately after the seventy weeks are fulfilled.

Romans 11:26 “There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.” This He will do by bringing in righteousness. The only way to break off sins is by righteousness. See Daniel 5:27 and also Jeremiah 23:5-6.

Fifthly Daniel 9:24, after the weeks, “to seal up the vision and prophecy.” The prophecies of Daniel and all the other prophets will be fulfilled because Christ will return after the weeks and His Coming will fulfill and settle all arguments regarding the meaning of Bible predictions. Isaiah 52:8 “..for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.”

Sixthly Daniel 9:24 “To anoint the Most Holy”
The New Catholic translation reads: “And the Saint of saints may be anointed”
The N.A.S. “To anoint the Most Holy place” with “place” being in italics.
We believe the statement has to do with anointing David's Greater Son to be King over all the earth. See Jeremiah23:5, Zechariah14:9, Daniel7:14 etc..

So to this point we have tried to establish two major points regarding verse 24. These weeks have to do with Israel and Jerusalem and the listed blessings are to take place AFTER and not during the time of the weeks.

Verses 25-27 have to do with the time of the weeks. After stating the glorious future of Israel that follows the weeks, these verses outline the key events connected with the weeks.

Daniel 9:25 states prophetic facts relative to the seven and sixty two weeks.

Daniel 9:26 states prophetic facts after the seven and sixty two weeks.

Daniel 9:27 has to do ONLY with the last or seventieth week, one week.

In Daniel 9:25, two events are named: The command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, and the coming of Messiah the Prince. Both at the time of writing were prophetic events, which now have been literally fulfilled. A command to rebuild Jerusalem was given in 444 B.C. (see Isaiah 44:28 and Nehemiah 2:8,9). And it was at that time these weeks of prophetic years began to be fulfilled.

Daniel was also told that the street and the walls would be built again, in troublous times. See the fulfillment in Nehemiah 4:17 and Nehemiah 6:15. They built the wall with a trowel in one hand and a sword in the other. And throughout the work there was trouble from without and within.

The other great event of the prophecy of verse 25 is the Coming of Messiah the Prince. All agree that this is a definite prophecy of the time in which Christ was to come. He had to come AFTER the Jews returned from Babylon to rebuild Jerusalem. We believe He came during the period of time predicted by the prophet, during the time of the weeks (John 1:40).

Verse 26 begins: "and AFTER 62 weeks shall Messiah be cut off." Most agree that this "cutting off" of Messiah is a prophecy of the Cross. See Isaiah 53:8. So however we interpret the weeks, the cross did not take place during the sixty two or the seven week period, but AFTER these weeks.

A simple fact therefore stands.

The sixty nine weeks of Daniel's prophecy became history before the cross. The sixty two weeks included the four-hundred silent years between the writing of Malachi and the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. They also included the 34 years of the life and ministry of John and Jesus. And it becomes an interesting point of history that the 69th week of Daniel's prophecy was the time of the public ministry of both John and Jesus. John for the first three and a half years, Jesus for the last three and a half years.

Daniel 9:26 goes on to predict that PEOPLE shall (again) destroy the city and the sanctuary (the temple). It is interesting to observe that the prophecy in verse 25 foretold the rebuilding of the city, but did not name the rebuilding of the temple. But verse 26 implies the rebuilding of the temple, and we know from the Book of Ezra that the temple indeed was rebuilt, and also we know that when Messiah came, and before His death, the temple was standing in the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 24:1-3).

Daniel's prophecy not only foretold the cross, but the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple AGAIN. There is only one time in history, since the cross, that both the city and sanctuary were destroyed. It was in 70 A.D. So another prophecy of the text has become history.

But verse 26 has another prediction. A prince (small letter "p") of the people who destroyed Jerusalem, SHALL COME.

For the sake of clarification, let's look back over the predictions.

Verse 25 foretold the coming of Messiah. A coming that would take place after the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

Verse 26 foretells that He will be cut-off BEFORE the same city and its sanctuary are destroyed again. We remind you that the Babylonians had destroyed the city and the sanctuary. Both were still in ruins when this prophecy was given. But the prophecy foretells the rebuilding of the city in verse 25 and in verse 26 that the city would be destroyed again with the temple also being destroyed. And that between the rebuilding and the destruction, Messiah would be cut-off.

The events of the life and death of Christ certainly fit into this time-period of history. All the events of the first Coming of Christ took place before 70 A.D.

The later part of verse 26 is more easily understood by reading the Living Bible. "They will be overwhelmed as with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end." The miseries of Jerusalem did not end in 70 A.D. We have heard that Jerusalem has been plundered 18 times since then. And her troubles are not finished as yet.

Daniel 9:27 is, evidently, about the last or 70th week of the prophecy. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week". In verse 26 we have been told that a prince of the people who destroyed the city and sanctuary, since the time of the cross, WILL come.

First, we observe that the prince of verse 26 cannot be the Prince of verse 25. The Prince of verse 25 is definitely identified as Messiah. The prince of verse 26 is a Roman, for it was the Romans, not the Jews, who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. To equate these two as one and the same is to contradict history. The Jews did not destroy their city.

Therefore the "he" of verse 27 must refer to the "prince that shall come", as stated in verse 26. And here we are told definitely when he will come, in Daniel's 70th week. And furthermore, if he is to confirm a covenant for the week, it is evident that he must appear, not in the midst, but at the beginning of the week.

The K.J.V. says he confirms a covenant. The Living Bible says he makes a covenant. We cannot be dogmatic here, but if he confirms the covenant, that would indicate that before the 70th week begins, the covenant will already have been made. If he makes the covenant, then that event will begin the 70th week. In any event the language is clear, this prince will be present for the entire week. Furthermore, the covenant will have to do with the Jewish people, the city and the temple. For these three are part of the entire prophecy.

Then, we are told, in the midst of the week he causes the sacrifices to cease, indicating that another temple will have been built at Jerusalem. And the week being seven years, the middle indicates a period of three and a half years. It is at this time, in the middle of the week, this prince sets up the abomination of desolation.

This is the first mention of such in the book of Daniel. To it Jesus makes reference in Matthew 24:15. We quote Matthew 24:15 "When ye shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by

Daniel the prophet stand in the Holy place...” Now a careful student will have noticed that an abomination is also mentioned in Daniel 11:31 and Daniel 12:11 as well as Daniel 9:27. So when Jesus spoke about the abomination spoken of by Daniel, to which verse was he making reference? It would seem logical to believe that he was making reference to all three.

In Daniel 9:27, the reference is to a specific person. “He” causes the sacrifices to cease. “He” sets up the abomination. In Daniel 11:31, and “they” shall pollute the sanctuary and “they” shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. It is evident that these two events, that is verse 31 of chapter 11 and verse 27 of chapter 9, are not identical. In Daniel 9:27 it is specific. This abomination has to do with the 70th week. In Daniel 11:31, there is no reference to seven or three and one half years. In Daniel 9:27, we have the first prophecy of the abomination. And as with most prophecy, there seems often to be a pre-fulfillment in type before the actual fulfillment in time. Daniel 11:31, as most agree, has reference to the Syrians led by Antiochus, who offered a sow on the altar in the Jewish temple: certainly an abomination, but only foreshadowing things to come.

However, the words of Jesus make us know that whatever took place prior to the time of Jesus words in Matthew 24:15, had not fulfilled Daniel's prophecy, because Jesus said that that abomination was still future. The other passage speaking about the abomination is in Daniel 12:11. It gives the exact time period, the number of days, between the causing of the sacrifice to cease and the time the abomination is set up. In every case, the abomination is set up by the enemies of Israel, not by their friends.

To fit into a scheme of interpretation of those who are not pre-millennial in doctrine, (if we understand what has been written) of Daniel 9:27, is somewhat as follows: The “he” in the verse is Christ. He, Christ, confirms a covenant He has made. In the midst of the week He causes the sacrifices to cease. This He did by His cross and the events of 70 A.D. What the abomination means, we have not discovered.

We can only ask, how can verse 27 have any reference to Christ? Where are we told in Scripture that Christ has ever made a covenant that is for seven years? Where can such fit into history? To make this ceasing of the sacrifice to refer to the cross or Titus' destruction of the temple, may be a suggestion, but how can it fit the time element of seven years? Or any historic period of three and a half years? Furthermore, if the Prince is Christ, and He is the one who causes the sacrifices to cease, He is also the one who sets up the abomination. How can anyone charge Christ with having done such a thing?

It seems to me that the context of Matthew 24 should help us with the interpretation of Daniel 9:27. In Matthew 24:2, Jesus was asked about the signs of His coming. And it is in this context He makes reference to Daniel (Matthew 24:15). Therefore it seems to be folly to make the events to which He made reference to have been fulfilled by His first Coming, when in the passage He is making reference to His Second Coming. In Matthew 24:15, Jesus said: “when ye shall see the abomination spoken of by Daniel”, and if language means anything He was making reference to Daniel 9:27, and there, that abomination appears in the 70th week. Jesus continues by saying in Matthew 24:21-22, “THEN shall be GREAT TRIBULATION.” Thus He connected Daniel's prophecy of the 70th week with a tribulation period yet to come, a tribulation that will be

segregated from all other periods of history. When it comes, nothing prior will have been like it and there shall never be anything like it afterwards. It will stand alone as a period of history, just as the 70th week stands alone in Daniel's prophecy.

Someone says, "this abomination came in 70 A.D." But read on in Matthew.24: 29-30. "Immediately AFTER the tribulation of those days...the Son of Man comes in power and great glory." Surely this is the Second Advent. Therefore, we must conclude that if these verses teach anything, they teach that the tribulation, will be the time of the abomination of Daniel 9:27, which will have become a part of history, immediately before Christ returns to earth.

Thus we argue:

The tribulation cannot as yet be history, nor can the 70th week of Daniel be part of history, for when these events do become history Christ will then have returned

TO SUM UP

The sixty nine weeks of Daniel were fulfilled before the cross. Israel had trouble during those weeks of years. Those weeks being before the cross, the Church had no place nor part in them at all. The 70th week, like the 69 weeks is also to be upon Israel. It will be Israel's greatest time of trouble out of which a godly remnant of Israel will be saved. Now, if the Church had no part in any of the 69 weeks, why, should it have part in any portion of the 70th week?

In the plan of God, He was dealing with Israel in the 69 weeks before the cross. And since the resurrection, He has been dealing with the Church. When His plan for the Church is complete, it will be removed from the earth by the Rapture. Then His plan for Israel will be resumed in the 70th week of Daniel, the period of time, which will bring about events which will cause Israel to call on the Lord for His salvation.

And at the end of the 70th week, He will return, fight for Israel (Zechariah 14:1-5). He will destroy the prince, the antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:8, 9). And then He will reign as King over all the earth (Zechariah 14:9).

Daniel
Bible Temples
Chapter Nine
Lesson XXII
October 14, 2009

Some Lessons from Chapter Nine

Daniel 9:1-2 Daniel's faith was founded on the study of the Bible

So many falter in their faith because faith must find its resting place, and the Bible is the only source of faith (Romans 10:17).

Daniel 9: 2,10,11,13 Daniel did not read Scripture as he would an ordinary book.

When he read the book of Jeremiah, he was reading the *Word of the Lord*.

The book will have little or no impression upon one until one has the deep impression: *This book is God's Book*.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 it is very important to receive it, not as the word of men, but as the Word of God, which *effectually worketh also in you that believe.*"

John 14:23-24 The law of God demands, commands, obedience. Obedience begins with the hearing ear.

If the interpretation we have given of Daniel's Weeks is correct, then the passage demands a future place for Israel as a Nation and a place for Jerusalem as a prominent place in coming history.

The fact that the 70th week is upon *Israel*, makes a place for Israel and also demands the Rapture of the Church before the 70th week begins.

Another fact we record here. John the Baptist ministered during the first half of the 69th week of Daniel, Jesus ministered during the last half of that week.

God will yet send two witnesses to minister during the first half of the 70th week, and most severe judgments upon the world and Israel during the last half of that week

It is after this great tribulation that Jesus will return as the Hope of Israel and the Hope of the world. I was saddened to read in a denominational paper: "The Church is the hope of the world." Let us not be deceived here: Christ and Christ alone is this world's only hope.

Daniel 9:24-27 teaches the appearance of another Temple. Perhaps it will be helpful to look at the Temples or Sanctuaries spoken of in the Bible. None are mentioned until after Israel became a Nation.

First. The Tabernacle or Sanctuary of Moses.

The purpose is stated in Exodus 25:8. It was a meeting place between God and men.

Exodus 40:33-36 When the work of making the Tabernacle was finished “the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle” indicating that God dwelt within.

It was built in 1500 B.C. and remained until about 1000 B.C.

After the wilderness journey it rested at Shiloh in the land of Israel (1 Samuel 1:3; Jeremiah 7:12).

The beginning of the end was when the ark was taken by the Philistines(1 Samuel 4:11,21-22).

The Tabernacle can be studied as a four-fold type.

Hebrews 9:24 it is a figure of the real tabernacle in Heaven and God’s throne

John 1:14 a type of Jesus, who dwelt (tabernacled) among men

Romans 1-8 a type of our salvation - condemnation, justification, sanctification and glorification.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 a type of man - body, soul, spirit

Second The Temple of Solomon

1 Kings 6:1 he began to build it in the fourth year of his reign

1 Chronicles 3:1 in Mount Moriah

1 Kings 8:1-11 at the dedication, the ark was brought into its place, cf 2 Chronicles 5:1-9

2 Chronicles 7:1 It was owned by God when filled with glory.

It was built about 1000 years before Christ.

It was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar (2 Chronicles 36:19).

Third The Temple

Ezra 3:1-13 the foundation is laid, then the work ceased

Haggai 1:1-2, 13-15 the work is resumed

They started to build about the year 530 B.C. It was completed in 515 B.C.

Ezra 6:7-17 with the help of Darius the work was finished.

Later, after a period of 46 years, this temple was rebuilt and enlarged by Herod (John 2:20).

Haggai 2:7-9 the greater glory promised was fulfilled when Jesus came into this temple (Luke 2:27; Luke 2:46; John 2:13-14; Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 9:24).

John 2:16 that which had been ‘my father’s house’, became ‘your house’ (Matthew 23:38) and thus destined to be left desolate.

Then it was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. fulfilling the prediction of Jesus in Matthew 24:1-2 and the prophecy of Hosea 3:4.

Four The Temple of Jesus’ Body

John 2:19-22

John 1:14

1 Timothy 3:16

1 Timothy 2:5 the One mediator between God and man...

Five The Temple of the Church

1 Corinthians 3:16 the corporate body of Christ is a Temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19 each individual member is a temple of the Holy Ghost

Ephesians 2:21-22 the Church, a holy temple, habitation of God

1 Peter 2:4-5 ye also, a spiritual house

Six The Temple of the antichrist

Daniel 9:27 he causeth the sacrifice to cease

Matthew 24:15 abomination in the holy place

2 Thessalonians 2:4 he as god sitteth in the temple of God

Revelation 11:1,2 measure the temple

Seven Ezekiel's Temple.

Ezekiel 1:28 the glory of the Lord.

Ezekiel 3:12 the glory of the Lord

Ezekiel 8:3-4 the glory of the God of Israel

Ezekiel 9:3 the glory of the Lord gone up from the cherub

Ezekiel 10:4 the glory of the Lord

Ezekiel 11:18-19 the glory departed at east gate

Ezekiel 11:23 the glory of the Lord - mount on east side (Mt. of Olives)

Ezekiel 40:2 visions to the land of Israel

Ezekiel 41:1 brought to the temple

Ezekiel 43:1 brought to the east gate

Ezekiel 43:2-7 the glory of the God of Israel came

Ezekiel 44-46 describe another temple

Zechariah 6:12 it would seem the Lord Himself will be the builder of it

Eight Revelation 21 All things new

Revelation 21:1-2 The Holy city comes down from God out of Heaven

See also Revelation 3:10 and Revelation 21:10.

Revelation 21:3 the tabernacle of God is with men

Sum up Chapter nine

1. The 70 weeks are weeks of years.
2. These weeks are divided: 7, 62 and 1.
3. All the weeks concern Daniel's people.
4. Sixty-nine (69) weeks were fulfilled before the cross.
5. The death of Christ was after the 69th week and before the 70th.
6. The destruction of the Temple by the Romans was after the 69th week but before the 70th.
7. The 70th week is yet future in which a Roman prince sets up an abomination in the temple, just prior to the Second coming of Jesus Christ.
8. In Matthew 24:29, Jesus identified that period of time (the 70th week) with the great tribulation.

Daniel
Delayed Prayer – Demon Power
Chapter Ten
Lesson XXIII
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Daniel chapters 10, 11 and 12 are all one vision.

If we have read chapter 10 correctly, it falls into two divisions.

- 1) *Daniel 10:1-9* These verses have to do with a *vision* Daniel had in the third year of Cyrus King of Persia.
- 2) *Daniel 10:10-21* have to do with Daniel's *visitor*. As we shall see the *visitor* was not the same one as seen in the *vision*.

I Daniel 10: 1-4 this is the introduction to the vision.

As stated, it was during the third year of King Cyrus.

In Isaiah 44:28, the prophet had named this king 150 years before he was born.

The prophecy in this vision that “Jerusalem shall be built;” and “the foundation of the temple laid”, was made well over 100 years before Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by Babylon. In order for the city and temple to be rebuilt, it is implied that both would be destroyed.

It is very important to observe these facts because they are another proof that the Bible is indeed the inspired Word of God. For only God could foretell the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple 100 years before it took place. And only God could foresee and foretell that Cyrus would be raised up to command the temple and the city to be rebuilt over 150 years before it became history.

Men do not know what one day may bring forth (Proverbs 27:1, James 4:4). Therefore this record could not be the work of men.

II Daniel 10:2,3

At the time of his vision Daniel had been mourning, and fasting for three full weeks. In his concern he was praying about Israel's future as he had been in chapter nine.

III Daniel 10:4

He is very specific. Not only was it the third year of Cyrus, it was on the twenty-fourth day of the month of that year. And he was beside the river Hiddikel, the river we now know as the Tigris. So here we have the place, the year, the month and the day of his vision. This is not fiction.

IV Daniel 10:5-6

These verses should be compared with Revelation 1:13-15. The only conclusion that one can make is that Daniel had a vision of the same person of whom John had a vision. They both had a vision of the glorified Christ.

Daniel had his vision *before* the incarnation and resurrection of Christ, John had his vision *after* the incarnation and resurrection of Christ. These facts prove the pre-existence of Christ before the incarnation (John 8:56-59).

V Daniel 10:7-9

Only Daniel saw this vision. Those with Daniel saw not the vision but had a great quaking that made them run and hide - a like experience when Saul of Tarsus saw Jesus, but those with him heard a voice but saw nothing (Acts 9:7).

Daniel lost his physical strength, was in a deep sleep with his face towards the ground.

Revelation 1:17 John had a like experience.

Acts 1:1-9 Paul had a like experience.

Isaiah 6:5 Isaiah had a like experience.

Ezekiel 1:28 Ezekiel had a like experience.

Job 42:4-6 Job had a like experience.

In every case each also heard his voice. These examples teach us a lesson. The greater our vision of Christ the more sinful we will feel ourselves to be therefore the less we will think of ourselves. If we compare ourselves among ourselves we may think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

Romans 12:3 doing so we are not wise.

II Corinthians 10:12 but when we compare ourselves with Christ the best we can say is: "woe is me for I am unclean". (Yorkton 1939)

VI Daniel 10:10-13 Daniel's Visitor

The Visitor who came with the message was not the one seen in the vision. In Daniel 9:21 in answer to Daniel's prayer, Gabriel came to speak to Daniel. We are of the opinion that it was Gabriel that brought the following message to Daniel, the pattern being the same in the book of Revelation. In Revelation, John saw Jesus (Revelation 1:13-18). But in Revelation 1:1, we are told that an angel communicated the message to John.

In verse 10, the Visitor touched Daniel and Daniel was strengthened enough to be on his knees and his hands. Apparently the vision had taken the strength out of his body.

In verse 11, the angel told Daniel "He was greatly beloved". John who wrote the book of Revelation was also described as the disciple whom Jesus loved (John 13:23).

The words from the angel strengthened Daniel and he was able to stand on his feet trembling.

In verse 12, the angel told Daniel that from the first day he began to pray he was heard. This teaching us that our prayers are heard also. The great lesson is that prayers are not hindered going up to the throne of grace but the answers can be hindered and delayed. Before the angel

explains the vision, which is a prophecy. He gives Daniel a look into the unseen world of evil spirits.

Verse 13: the prince of Kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days. Ephesians 6:12 teaches us that there are wicked spirits, well organized. The Visitor we believe to have been Gabriel says; “But, lo Michael, one of the chief princes came to help me”.

From these words it is clearly seen that the Visitor is not the one seen in the vision. The Lord does not need any help from an angel. Michael came to assist Gabriel. Remember Satan is called “The prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2).

In Daniel 10:21 and Daniel 12:1, Michael is called “your prince ... the great prince that standeth for the children of thy people”.

Michael is Israel’s Prince.

It would seem that over earthly kingdoms and human leaders, behind the scenes are the unseen powerful and wicked demons.

But learn this lesson, demon powers do not hinder prayer but they can and do delay the answers to prayer.

VII Daniel 10:14

Gabriel tells Daniel that the vision has to do with what would befall his people “Israel”, in the latter days. We shall discover some outstanding predictions.

VIII Daniel 10: 15 – 17

The experience left Daniel physically weak with no strength.

Again another lesson. Too often 3 John 2 is read to support the idea that we are promised a strong body. Read the verse carefully. “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth”.

Evidently the man was well in soul but weak in body. A brother often said that he did not want us to pray the prayer of 3 John 2 over him, that is, that he prosper in body as he prospered in soul. He would never be able to do anything if his body were as well as his soul. A strong body does not prove one has a strong spirit or soul.

IX Daniel 10:18-21

One like a man, no doubt another angel, came and touched and strengthened Daniel. He then spoke to Daniel and that too strengthened Daniel. Then the angel said he would return to fight the prince of Persia and then after that the Prince of Grecia would come.

The only reason the Jews were not totally destroyed by the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans and Hitler has been because of protection by the Holy Angels in this unseen conflict.

Question: will we discover that all seen conflicts on earth are but the dust in comparison to the real conflict between the Holy and unholy Angels? Remember Job’s troubles were a result of the conflict between God and Satan.

Hebrews 1:14 “Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation”.

X Daniel 10:21

He concludes telling us in the scriptures of truth, Michael is the one assigned to protect Israel because unholy angels are out to destroy her. What are we seeing in our world today but a spiritual war against the nation?

A poll taken in Europe on January 11, 2004 reports that most think “Israel is the number one threat to world peace”. Eventually the whole world is going to think that way and turn against Israel. This will take place just before the Lord return’s to save Israel (Zechariah 14:1-3).

Daniel
The Willful King - I
Chapter Eleven
Lesson XXIV
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In this eleventh chapter the Holy Spirit, who inspired all Scripture-writers (2 Timothy 3:16) , leads Daniel in his vision to sweep over history from his time to the time of the Antichrist, who will be the last leader of the times of the Gentiles.

Nebuchadnezzar was the first leader of that period, the Antichrist will be the last. Being “the times of the Gentiles” we feel that the Antichrist must also be a gentile. And as Nebuchadnezzar became a real historical figure so the Antichrist will be. He cannot be reduced merely to a system of evil.

I recommend the writings of J Vernon McGee and so insert some of what he says about this chapter.

“The very importance of this chapter caused Satan to hinder the Angel coming to give Daniel the answer to his prayer, because the prophecy does concern two of the Nations which were all-important in relation to Daniel’s people. The two Nations were Persia and Greece.”

“The prophecy of this chapter is so detailed and accurate that the liberal critics will not accept the fact that it was written before it happened. He insists it was written after it had become history.”

McGee tells the following story about a liberal preacher. “McGee, I listen to you on radio sometimes...I notice that you accept prophecy as being reliable”, and he cited this book of Daniel. So I asked him, what authority do you have for rejecting the early dating of Daniel and accepting a late date of Daniel? His reply was: “Well, it’s very simple. We know that miracles are impossible that they do not happen. Therefore if this were written beforehand, it would be a miracle; so it must have been written afterwards.”

When we read that, we realized that the liberals, so called, because of their unbelief, only add to the testimony of the inspiration of Daniel. It remains a wonder to me as to how many questions can be created by *unbelief* regarding the Bible.

The chapter tells us that Daniel had this vision “the first year of Darius the Mede..” but the vision leads on to ‘the time of the end’ (Daniel 11:35,40), at which time there will be a ‘time of trouble such as never was’ (Daniel 12:1).

In the Book of Daniel much attention is given to the time of the end. See Daniel 2:28.

“There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known...what shall be *in the latter days.*”

Daniel 8:17 “...for the *time of the end* shall be the vision”

Daniel 8:19 “...what shall be in the *last end* of the indignation...”

Daniel 10:14 “...what shall befall thy people *in the latter days.*”

Daniel 11:35 "...to the time of *the end*..."

Daniel 11:40 "and at the *time of the end*..."

Daniel 12:4 "... shut up the book *to the time of the end*

Daniel 12:9 "...sealed *till the time of the end*..."

In Matthew 24:3, when the disciples asked "for signs of His coming and the end of the world (the age) in verses 4-8, Jesus answered them with a list of signs and added that all these are "the beginning of sorrows".

The apostle Paul spells out more details in 2 Timothy 3:1, "In the last days perilous times shall come...", then he lists the reasons for the perilous times. Perhaps what he wrote in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 is most serious. People who turn from truth **are turned** to fables.

When people, by choice, turn from truth as found in the scriptures, they then no longer have a choice, they are *turned* unto fables by God. Thirty years ago John Walvoord wrote: "Jesus predicted in Matthew 24:4,5 deceivers and verse 11 many false prophets would mark the end of the age. In the last fifty years there has been an amazing increase in the complexity of error. A generation ago error was less complicated.

The modernists or liberals were on one side the fundamentalists on the other. The issues were relatively clear. Those who did not believe the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, His substitutionary atonement, His resurrection, and His Second Coming were the liberals. The fundamentalists believed all. But anyone who is reading religious literature today knows that error is far more complex.... Some have changed the meaning of words. Words like "deity", "Son of God", "salvation" and etc..." (end quote)

There is an old saying: "when words lose meaning people lose their freedom."

Here is a little glimpse into what has come to light in our lifetime. "Bill Hamon, father of the prophets, at the Florida National Prophets Conference: October 1987, estimated that there were ten thousand prophets being raised up." The 1980's were called the decade of the restoration of the prophets. John Paul Jackson said at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship that God told him that they will have billions joining them."

"Prophet seminars, prophet schools, prophets conferences and prophet gatherings dominated the 1980's".

Paul Cain, who in the 1990's was proclaimed to be the "most anointed prophet" has since been expelled from the fellowship of the prophets because of drunkenness and homosexuality.

James 5:1-8 also describes the last days. Think of the countries of the world that are rich Think of those 'heaping treasure' and we must include Canada and the United States. Lottery millionaires? When these verses will be fulfilled we do not know, perhaps before the Great Tribulation.

2 Peter 2:3-5 In the last days scoffers saying where is the promise of His coming...? Peter goes on to say they are willingly ignorant that all things are not continuing as they were.

1 John 2:18 the fact that there are antichrists tell us it is the last time.

Jude 14,15,18 teaches us that the last times will be a time of increased ungodliness.

In his book on Daniel, John Wolvoord quotes H.C. Leupold's exposition of Daniel: "There is hardly anything in the Bible that is just like these Chapters especially chapter 11. The word, the vision, and minute predictions are combined in a manner that is found nowhere else in Scripture." Only God could have been behind the writer telling him what to write.

"Critics have attempted to prove Daniel a forgery written in the second century instead of the sixth century BC." "Jesus did not share the opinion of liberal critics that the book of Daniel was a forgery written by a second century writer. He staked his own integrity on the fact that that *Daniel the prophet* wrote the book as a genuine prophet (Matthew 24:15)."

Some years ago I purchased the forty-eight volumes of "The Expositors Bible" published over 100 years ago by Hodder and Stoughton publishers. I still have the volume on Romans written by H.C.G. Moule (an excellent book). In that set of books the exposition of the Book of Daniel was written by the then Dean of Canterbury. In the first 200 pages of his book he explained all the reasons why Daniel could not have written the book of Daniel. Then in the last half of the book he wrote his useless exposition (my opinion).

Looking in our library to see what had been written about Daniel Chapter 11, we found the following:

Joseph Parker

One sermon on Daniel 10:21 but not one word about chapter eleven. Or any other portion of the book. To him it was a sealed book!

Alexander McClaren

A sermon on the "Lion's Den" then skips over all the rest until Daniel 12:13 That sermon is entitled "A new Years Message". He too had little to say about this prophetic book.

The Biblical Illustrator. (66 volume set)

a) The first article on Daniel eleven is good. Written by Joseph A Seiss. Here is what is written: *Daniel 11:1-2* "The object of this vision was to reveal to Daniel a still fuller account of the fortunes of his people "in the latter days", that is, in the mysterious future, extending down to the end of this present world. To this revelation the whole remaining portion of this book is devoted. It was an answer to Daniel's anxieties concerning the Jewish people that this glorious apparition came... But all the tribulations thus to come upon the prophet's people in these evil times, God was to be at the helm, neither suffering them to be overwhelmed, nor allowing their afflictions to be without profit. For their sins, apostasies, and infidelities the hand of judgment was to be lifted up against them.

When God lets the wicked have his way, it is that he may destroy them utterly, but when he chastises his people, it is to purify and redeem them."

b) In the volume on the Book of Daniel (of the Illustrator), the only other verses commented on in chapter 11 are verse 12 a spiritual application, “The secret of strength”, and verse 32 “Strength in God” .

c) The last article again written by Joseph Seiss on Daniel 11:36-45 is as follows “And a king shall do according to his will”. The Reign of the Antichrist: “It was the first belief of all Christian fathers that there is yet to come a development and impersonation of Antichristian more dreadful than has ever been seen on Earth, and which shall be destroyed only on the great day of God Almighty. This Antichrist is described in the passage of Daniel now before us.

“Whoever this king may be, or from whatever quarter he may come, he is the last representative of the bestial world power that ever bears rule on earth. Whoever he is, he is some individual person. Antichrist indeed exists at all times, but only as a working spirit which has not yet come to its final development and concentrated embodiment.

“Willfulness will be his characteristic; and magnify himself, and irreligion. We everywhere and in all circles and teachings, hear about the “Coming Man”. He is the man of sin, the lawless one, the Antichrist.”

Any expositor or writer who does not hold what Seiss has written here, does not have anything worth writing about Daniel chapters eleven and twelve.

Higher Critics

The other writers in these volumes belonged to the higher critics of those days. So called “higher critics” had invaded the Church of England and it had rejected the inspiration of the Scriptures. Such men as the Dean of Canterbury could not allow Daniel to be the writer because it would have forced them to accept the chapter as prophecy when, to them, it had too much detailed history.

That very fact is a testimony by ungodly men of Bible teaching that all Scripture is written by inspiration of God. Men held the pen but God did the writing. Blind unbelief is sure to err.

I quote from Israel my Glory, “Biblical truth doesn’t impress some people. They’ll sit for hours watching gruesome television shows about the evil, powerful, supernatural, but tell them there is a God in Heaven who loves them and performs miracles, and they’ll think you a simpleton.”

A Brief Outline of the Eleventh Chapter of Daniel

- 1 Daniel 11:1-20
 - a. Prophecy, now history
 - b. List of Kings from Darius to Antiochus
 - c. A period of about 350 years

- 2 Daniel 11:21-31
 - a. Prophecy now history
 - b. These verses are about Antiochus, known in history as the Syrian madman

- 3 Daniel 11:32-35
 - a. Prophecy now history
 - b. History of the Maccabee brothers
 - c. During the period of 400 years between Malachi and Matthew

- 4 Daniel 11:36-45
 - a. Not yet fulfilled
 - b. The time of the end

Current events are becoming very significant because they already foreshadow the time of the Great Tribulation of which the Bible clearly speaks.

Without the Tribulation, current events have no significance.

Eventually all the armies of the world are going to gather against Israel. How easily this could come to pass. Perhaps, the only thing that hinders is that the Rapture has not yet taken place.

Daniel
The Willful King - II
Chapter Eleven
Lesson XXV
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In the last lesson we showed four divisions of this chapter. It should have been divided first into its two major divisions.

Verses 1-35 that which was written by Daniel as prophecy, has now merged into history. Perhaps this is the most important chapter in the Bible that illustrates the fact that Bible prophecy is actually pre-written history. I have a paper in my files in which I read: "It is not true that prophecy is pre-written history," but Daniel eleven proves that the statement *is not* true.

Our major argument stands. God has been interpreting prophecy by fulfilling it. And much that was first written in the Bible as prophecy has now become history. One cannot study the Bible and ignore prophecy. For as Chafer writes, "one fourth of the Bible when written was prophecy" but now much has become history.

So what better way is there to interpret unfulfilled prophecy than in the light of the fact that God has been literally fulfilling it? Furthermore, if the first 35 verses have been fulfilled will not the last verse be fulfilled in the same way? Will not the last section of the chapter be as literal in fulfillment as the first?

Verses 36-45 that section of the chapter not yet fulfilled. This is the second great division of the chapter.

I Daniel 1:2

a) "and now will I shew you **the truth"**

John 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"

Psalms 119:160 "Thy word is true from the beginning..."

Anyone who does not believe that God's Word is truth has lost the right to endeavor to teach it. *2 Corinthians 4:13* "... we also believe, and *therefore* speak." If my memory has not played tricks on me, it was Campbell Morgan who wrote: "If you do not believe, then shut your mouth." The Bible was written for believers.

b) "Behold, there shall stand up **yet three kings in Persia."**

In Acts 10:19, "while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, *three men* seek thee." Now, had Peter gone to the door and found two men or four men he would have known the message to him was not of the Holy Spirit. In both Daniel 3:2 and Acts 10:19, the message had to be 100% correct.

Here is a lesson for our day. Some are teaching that present-day prophets need only be 50% correct. Such teaching is false. And in the Old Testament, such prophets were to be stoned. If it

is the Spirit speaking it must be exactly right, otherwise we bring the Holy Spirit down to the human level. Even weather-forecasters can be right *sometimes!*

c) The message to Daniel did not conclude with the three kings to appear in Persia, but continued “and the fourth shall be richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.”

Bible history as well as secular history tells of these four kings.

1. *Ezra 4:6* Ahasuerus, also known as Cambyses, ruled in Persia from 529-522 B.C.
2. *Ezra 4:7* Artaxerxes, also known as Smerdis the magician, ruled from 522-521 BC
3. *Ezra 4:24* Darius II, also known as Hystaspes, ruled from 521-485 B.C.
4. *Esther 1:1* Ahasuerus, also known as Xerxes in secular history, known for his great riches, ruled from 485-465 B.C.

As Daniel had written “he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia”. History tells us that he attacked Athens, Greece in 480 B.C.

II Daniel 11:3 The last word in verse 2 is “Grecia”.

Verse 3 “And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will”. Then the angel in his message to Daniel, skips over 100 years or more to the time of Alexander the Great of Greece to 331 B.C.

Saying that “he will do according to his will” makes Alexander to be a type of the coming Antichrist. Have you ever considered why some of these men have been called great? Alexander the Great? Herod the Great? Etc ?

Here we learn that not all the details of history are here.

It is rather a summary of coming history from Darius 1st to the time of the Antichrist. The countries and leaders who meddle most with Israel are considered the more important from God’s viewpoint.

As I write these lines, the Leaders of Syria and Iran (Persia) are the leaders in meddling with Israel at the present time. They know not that they are digging their own graves. They also know not that they are showing themselves to be enemies of God.

Here, read *Psalm 83:1-8*. “Keep not silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, *thine* enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel together thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation: that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.” Read the names of the countries!

Psalm 92:9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.”

Isaiah 60:12 “For the nation and Kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish, yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.”

Jeremiah 46:28 “Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord: for I am with thee: for I will make a **full end** of all the nations whether I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished”

Jeremiah 51: 19-20 “The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name. Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; ...”

Isaiah 41:11 “Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded, they shall be as nothing; and they that *strive with thee shall perish.*”

See also verses 12-14

It seems to me that the Nations and the Church have not taken these predictions seriously.

III Daniel 11:4 Here is the prediction of the fall of the Kingdom of Greece.

Its division into “the four winds” we now know to mean the division into four kingdoms.

We need not repeat the history here. The prophecy did become history. Alexander the Great was broken and his kingdom was divided.

IV Daniel 11:5-20 These verses cover a period of 150 years.

Here it is not the same king, but a number of kings succeeding each other. The Kings from the south are of Egypt (verses 5,6,8,9,11,14).

The Kings from the North are of Syria (verses 6,7,8,11,13,15).

The wars of these kings were preparing the way for the rise of the Syrian Leader, Antiochus Epiphanes.

V Daniel 11:21-31 This section has to do with Antiochus Epiphanes, who is called in verse 21 “a vile person.” In his cunning ways he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

In verse 22, he is called the prince of the covenant, and after the league made with him, shall work deceitfully...verse 23.

In verse 31, he takes away the daily sacrifice, and places the abomination that maketh desolate. History tells how he offered a sow on the altar in the Temple.

Although this abomination is now historical it is also typical. Jesus said, - and that, long after Antiochus, - an abomination will be set up (Matthew 24:15). So Antiochus is not only a type of Antichrist, but what he did is also a type of what the Antichrist will yet do.

For me, that is the importance of this history being foretold by the Angel to Daniel.

VI Daniel 11:32-34 “The people that know God shall be strong, and do exploits.”

There is general agreement that these verses have to do with the Maccabee brothers, especially Judas Maccabee. There are those who suggest that many described in Hebrews 11:33-37 are included in this prophecy, the “others” of whom this world was not worthy.

But this, we must remember, it was the Jews who took their stand against Antiochus. And they still remember those dreadful days by their Hanukkah celebrations, near our Christmas time, every year.

This teaches also that it will be the Jews who will rise up against the Antichrist when he comes to power.

Verse 35 speaks of “the time of the end”, and as we go on and read in 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 we are sure that these words are describing the same period of time described by Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22, “for then shall be great tribulation, *such as was not* since the beginning of the world, to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

At this point in Daniel, that is, from Daniel 11:34, the time of Antiochus, the prophecy in verse 35 skips over more than 2000 years to the time of the end. We should remember that a thousand years with the Lord are as a day (2 Peter 3:8).

When we recall that at the time of the First Coming of Christ, Israel as a Nation was set aside, then one can see more clearly that at the time of the Second Coming of Christ, the world will see the restoration of the Nation, and so this leap in years is understandable.

Acts 15:14 (at the first Church conference) “Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles *to take out of them a people for his name*”

C.H. MacIntosh: “(this) gives no warrant for the idea, so persistently held by the professing Church, that the whole world is to be converted by the preaching of the gospel.” As recently as 2006, one Church denominational paper states “the Church is the hope of the world.”

C.H. MacIntosh: “It is through Israel, and not the through the Church, that God will bless the world.”

The history of the Nation of Israel, as the voice of God on earth, ended at the cross *until* the time of the great Tribulation that will be the final sign to the world of the nearness of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Romans 11:25 we are not to be ignorant of the fact “that blindness in part is happened to Israel *until* the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.”

It is not without significance that the world is being forced to recognize the Nation of Israel today. In fact the world is paying more attention to what Israel does than anything the Churches are doing. We expect Israel to become more prominent in the world as the Church continues to lose her authority over people.

We repeat what we have often written before. Israel’s present blindness is not total - individual Jews can and are being saved. Israel’s present blindness is not final. It is only until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

How did we arrive at the conclusion that the Great Tribulation will be the final sign of the Second Coming of Christ?

Matthew 24:3 **what** shall be the sign of thy coming?

Matthew 24:21 **then** shall be great tribulation

Matthew 23:29 **immediately after** the tribulation of those days (not A.D. 70)

Matthew 24:30 “**and then** shall appear the sign of the Son of manand they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Surely that is His Second Coming.

VII Daniel 11:36 At the time of the end this Willful King appears.

Looking back over the chapter:

Verse 2: the prediction of the Persian Kings became literal and historical.

Verse 3: the prediction of the rise of Greece became literal and historical.

Verse 21: the prediction of the coming of a vile person became literal and historical.

So the prediction in verses 36-45 of the coming of a king who will do according to his will, will one day be literal and historical, too.

The providential check upon men will be lifted. And as predicted in 2 Timothy 3:1-2 men will be “lovers of self”, “free thinkers” with “free expression”, “free-doers”. The days will be a repeat of the days of the Judges when every man did what was right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25). All of this is preparing the world to be ready to receive a willful King-the antichrist.

Verse 36: he will prosper *until* the indignation be accomplished. Remember what we read from Joseph Seiss last lesson: “When God lets the wicked have his way, it is that he may destroy them utterly...”

In **verse 37**, the following statements are made:

- a) He will not “regard the God of his fathers, ...”. Will he present himself as godless?
- b) “... nor the desire of women, ...” Could it be that he will be a homosexual? On August 16, 2006, I was surprised to find this item in the paper. “A group in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, a town of 14,000 people, has made application for a gay parade in that town next year.” A growing world of homosexuals pressing to be accepted by all, would rejoice to have a world-leader who would be one of them.
- c) “... nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.”
2 Thessalonians 2:4 “He as god sitteth in the temple showing himself that he is god.”

Verse 38: We notice the contradiction. He sets himself up as god, then, sets up a god whom his fathers knew not, and honors this god with gold, silver and precious things. Antichrist will satisfy Satan by himself becoming an idol worshipper.

Matthew 4:9-10 Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would worship him.

1 Corinthians 10:20 teaches that idol worshippers are worshipping devils.

Verses 39-40: He will divide the land for gain. We are of the opinion that this division of the land will have to do with the covenant he will make with Israel at the beginning of the 70th week

(Daniel 9:27). It would seem that Antichrist will allow the Jews to begin to offer sacrifices, and then, in the middle of the week cause the sacrifices to cease. You cannot cause something to cease if it has not begun.

Whatever the Antichrist does to please the Jews will cause the Egyptians and Syrians to rise up against him. For, first, “the King of the south will push at him” then “the King of the North” comes against him. He doesn’t come alone. He comes with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships. All in league with Syria. It is a war scene!

Verse 41: It is then that Antichrist enters also into the glorious land: many being overthrown in war. Edom, Moab, Ammon will escape. (The Present Jordan) Will this be because the Jews will have fled to Petra for refuge. Petra is in Edom. (Isaiah 16:1-5?)

Verses 42-43: Egypt will not escape and “the Antichrist will take control of Africa.” (McGee) Antichrist will empty the treasures from the Museum in Cairo, the Ethiopians and Libyans being with him.

Verse 44: Tidings out of the east and north shall trouble him. “The Orient with its teeming millions to join the battle.” (McGee) Antichrist will be troubled by the gathering of all to the Middle East for the great battle.

Verse 45: The antichrist moves to the glorious mountain, that is, Jerusalem. You will notice that in verse 41 he “enters the glorious land.” But here it is “the glorious mountain”, that is, Jerusalem.

We can only suggest a possible outline of events.

Zechariah 12:3 God says, “And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone to all people.”

Zechariah 14:2 God says, “And I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle.”

God will do the gathering and the reason is clear, the nations come to fight. You can’t have a dog fight without two dogs!

Remember in Daniel chapter 7 we have “a little horn” with roots out of the Roman Empire, whom we believe to be Antichrist. Then in chapter 8, we have “a little horn” with roots out of the kingdom of Greece. Both are end-time leaders.

The book of Revelation seems to indicate the Antichrist will begin his rule from headquarters in Rome and be part of what we see today in the emerging world church. But then, after a time, he moves his headquarters to Jerusalem.

Arafat did not hide his dreams that one day, as a Muslim, he would be praying in Jerusalem. All Muslims have interest, now, in Jerusalem. So when Antichrist moves into Jerusalem, it will stir up the Islamic world.

TIME, June 1990 “The central government (of Russia) has deliberately pursued a policy of relative permissiveness toward Islamic culture, which unites about 43 million Soviet citizens, nearly one sixth of the total population.”

In notes on Ezekiel 38 and 39 we wrote: “Believing that Gog (a leader from Magog) and his allies will be an Islamic Union, it may be that the problem of Jerusalem will be one of the reasons for the swift invasion of the land of Israel. Gog, this leader from Russia, could unite the kings of the east and the King of the North (Syria) to come against Antichrist in Jerusalem.” The King of the North doesn’t come alone . He comes with “chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships” (Daniel 11:40) - all in a league with Syria. It is a war scene.

We are suggesting that Gog or the King of the North, which is Syria, could be the “little horn” of Daniel chapter 8, who also comes against the Prince of princes (Daniel 8:25). Both “little horns” will not realize that, behind the scenes God has put hooks into their jaws (Ezekiel 38:4) to bring them to the valley of Jehoshaphat for judgment (Joel 3:2,12).

The King of the North will no doubt have aligned himself with Gog the prince of Magog as revealed in Ezekiel 38-39. This war will be but the first campaign of another world war that will merge into all nations coming against Jerusalem to battle. All being brought to the place called Armageddon for the final campaign of the war, the battle of God Almighty (Revelation 16:14-16).

In Revelation 19:16-19, there is a scene of awful destruction, providing a feast for the birds on the bodies of the slain.

Revelation 19:20 Instead of the Antichrist ruling from Jerusalem he is destroyed by being “cast into the lake of fire”. The other little horn and the many people with him will be destroyed in the battle of God Almighty

Notice how often the word “he” is found in these verses: Daniel 11:40,41,42,43,44,45. Although we cannot put the full picture together, as the Jews could not put first advent events together before they were fulfilled (John 7:40-43), we are persuaded that these last verses in Daniel 11, will be as literally fulfilled as all the other prophecies were fulfilled.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Daniel
The Tribulation
Chapter Twelve
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I Daniel 12:1

a) “And at that time...” What Time?

Daniel 11:35 the time of the end

Daniel 11:36 the time of the Willful King

Daniel 9:27 the middle of the 70th week.

That is, the beginning of the last half of the Great Tribulation

b) “... shall Michael stand up...”

Jude 9 Michael is the archangel

At this time he “stands up”, a special occasion

c) “... the great prince that *standeth* for the children of thy people...”

His regular duty, he continually *standeth* for Israel.

At this time, Michael the prince of the Jewish people does something never done before.

d) The result of his standing up “... and there shall be a time of trouble **such as never was...**”

Matthew 24:21 in speaking about the great tribulation, Jesus uses the same words “**such as never was**”. And He segregates it from all events before it and all events after it.

Jeremiah 30:7 a time, **none is like it**. It is the time of Jacob’s trouble. Not the time of the Church’s trouble.

Revelation 12:7-17 fills in the details as to the meaning of Michael standing up. There will be war **in Heaven**. War against Satan. Michael will cast Satan out of **heaven** to be confined to the earth. And Satan will immediately take out his wrath upon Israel, the symbolic woman of Revelation 12:1 and 17. He attacks the woman only because the Church is gone to Heaven.

That Satan has not yet been cast out of heaven is evident because he still has access there as the accuser of the brethren. If that were not so, we would not need an Advocate when we sin. 1 John 2:1 assures believers that when we sin we have in Heaven, an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. We need an Advocate because we have an accuser.

Furthermore, at the present time Satan is not confined *to* earth (Ephesians 2:2). He presently is the prince of the power of the air. Nor is he confined *on* earth, “he goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

When he is confined to earth he will have great wrath because he will know he has but a little time left (Revelation 12:12).

But in **Heaven** a loud voice is heard saying, “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 God day and night.” (Revelation 12:10)

We insist that we see that this deliverance **takes place in heaven**. **Heaven** will rejoice when the Devil no longer has access to it.

e) “... and at that time thy people shall be delivered, ...”

In Revelation 12:14 we learn that the woman, whom we believe to be Israel, will be miraculously preserved in her place in the wilderness for a time, times and half a time, i.e., three and a half years. There certainly is a type of this when Elijah was preserved for three and a half years during the days of famine. He was miraculously fed by ravens and a poor widow woman (1 Kings 17:1-16).

The preservation of the Nation of Israel is the refrain of all the prophets. God is not finished with that Nation. Israel has a bright future.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31 “when thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in **the later days**, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the Lord thy God is, a merciful God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them”.

Deuteronomy 30:1-5 Read the passage and note the order in verse one. “when all these things have come upon thee, *the blessing and the curse...* [verse 3] *then* the Lord thy God will turn thy captivity...”

Isaiah 11:11-16 Notice the last words of verse 16 “like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.”

Isaiah 27:6 “He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and shall fill the face of the world with fruit.”

Isaiah 27:12-13 the promise ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

Jeremiah 30:7-11 notice at the time of Jacob’s trouble the blessings follow for Israel.

These are but a few examples of the blessing promise to Israel, never yet fulfilled.

f) “... those found written in the book.”

No doubt this has reference to the book of life. In Revelation, there are at least three different books mentioned.

Revelation 20:15 the book of life

Revelation 21:17 the Lamb’s book of life

Revelation 21:12 the books, the records of works

As I see it:

Everyone born into the human family has a name written in the book of life.

Revelation 3:5 Names can be blotted out of this book.

By way of example, the names of Cain and Abel were entered at birth. Cain's has been blotted out (Jude 11). God does the blotting out of those who reject Him (John 8:24). Little children, aborted babies, imbeciles etc, who have never rejected Christ will never have their names blotted out. See Deuteronomy 1:39

Everyone with faith will have had a new name written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 2:17).

Examples:

John 1:42 Simon (Peter) was given the new name Cephas

Acts 13:9 Saul of Tarsus was given the new name of Paul.

There will be no names blotted out of this book. Written with permanent ink, I speak as a man.

Revelation 20:12 the books with the works of men recorded will be used to prove men guilty and therefore deserving their judgments.

g) those delivered "are those found written in the book."

Thus there is a limit to those delivered. All Israel shall be saved, but not all Jacob.

"And so all Israel shall be saved as it is written..." (Romans 11:26).

What is written?

Zechariah 13:8 two thirds die, only one third remains in the land

Isaiah 4:3 and it shall come to pass, that he that is *left* in Zion, and he that *remaineth* in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, ever one that is written among *living* in Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:13 those who endure to the end (of the tribulation). Remember, no one is saved by his or her endurance. All are saved by grace.

Hosea 14:4 the Lord will love them freely

Joel 3:20 Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation...

Amos 9:15 and I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land...

Thus it is in all the prophets, promises are made to the remnant of the seed of Israel. See Isaiah 11:11. To be wrong about Israel will lead to being wrong about many other doctrines of Scripture.

II Daniel 12:2-3

At the end of the tribulation when Christ returns, there will be a resurrection of many, of the dead from the dust. "Many of them that sleep in the dust shall awake..." Not all!

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 outlines the *order* of the resurrection. This has not to do with spiritual resurrection that takes place when we are saved.

Ephesians 2:1 "and you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins..." This is not the first resurrection of which Revelation speaks.

Here is the order:

- 1) Christ is the firstfruits (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23).
- 2) "... they that are Christ's at his coming." (1 Corinthians 15:23)
1 Thessalonians 4:16 the dead in Christ shall rise first. The Church is in Christ.
Revelation 20:4 those who have died in the Tribulation and all Old Testament saints who died in faith. See Job 19:25, John 11:24.
 All of these are the first resurrection, and it is blessed and holy.

3) *1 Corinthians 15:24* "Then cometh the end..." The end of what? The end of the Resurrection. The rest of the dead, the unbelieving dead are resurrected after Christ has reigned for the 1000 years (*Revelation 20:5*).

4) *1 Corinthians 15:26* Then death will be destroyed, and there will no longer be need of resurrection.

III Daniel 12:2-3 Here is the promised rewards.

This only has to do with believers. There is no reward for the wicked (*Proverbs 24:20*). For some there is a resurrection to shame and everlasting contempt. For others, they will shine as the stars for ever.

This seems difficult for us.

But think of Lot as being resurrected to shame and Abraham being resurrected a star. Paul wrote about those who will be saved so as by fire (*1 Corinthians 3:13-15*). In other words, all their works will be burned up - wood, hay and stubble!

So we learn from this, it **does** matter how we live as believers now. We believe it is correct to apply the words of Jesus here (*Luke 9:23-26*).

IV Daniel 12:4

a) At that time, Daniel's book was sealed to the time of the end. We believe it was sealed until John wrote the book of Revelation where many things in Daniel are now revealed. Perhaps there is another application.

Only during less than the last 200 years, has much attention been given to the book of Revelation. This being one of the reasons Old Commentators, who wrote on the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, had nothing much to say about either book, that now has any prophetic value.

Many writers speak of the book of 'revelations' and having done so, miss the whole point of the book. And before them, many considered the book of Daniel but a book of dreams and mere visions.

b) Daniel 12:4 "many shall run to and fro..."

Fifty years ago we interpreted this to mean that in the latter days, there would be a great amount of discontent in the world. But it could also have reference to the great increase in travel. Some think it means that men will be running here and there in search for the truth (*Amos 8:12*).

c) Daniel 12:4 “and knowledge shall be increased.”

Since the advent of computers, there has been an explosion of information, but has there been an increase of real knowledge? McGee says: “I believe this means knowledge of prophecy. It is true that knowledge has increased in every field but this refers primarily to the study of prophecy.”

V Daniel 12:5-8 We return to the vision.

Daniel does not question here, he says “he looked.” He saw two, perhaps angels, one on each side of the river. In addition, he saw one standing upon the waters, a man clothed in linen.

McGee calls this man “the post-incarnate Christ.” An angel asks this man a question.

(*Revelation 19:8* fine linen is a symbol of righteousness.)

The question had to do with time. “How long to the end of these wonders?”

The man in linen answers: “for a time, times and a half”. That is understood to be three and a half years. Thus it can only mean to the end of the Great Tribulation. We recall what is written in Daniel 9:27: the things listed to be accomplished at by the time of the end of the 70 weeks.

Daniel 12:7 “when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”

Walvoord: “The verb translated ‘scattered’ means ‘to shatter’, allowing the translation ‘when (they) finish shattering the hand (for power) of the holy people’. When the persecution has run its course in God’s time, and ‘all things shall be finished’, the time of the end will be concluded.”

Daniel 12:8 “Daniel rephrases the original question asked by the angel in verse 6, and addresses the angel with the words, “O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?” He then states he cannot understand.

VI Daniel 12:9-13

In verse 9, he is told that the words are closed to be understood “at the time of the end.”

Verse 10: The time of the end will have a two-fold result: firstly, the purification of the saints; and secondly, it will manifest the true character of the wickedness of the human heart.

The circumstances of the Tribulation will reveal the hearts of men.

A current illustration:

Alcohol revealed the hatred of the Jews that was in the heart of Mel Gibson. We doubt a man’s regeneration who hates the Jew. He may dislike a Jew. That is one thing. To hate them is another. The tribulation will be a revelation (*Revelation 16:10, 11*).

Verse 11: Here again we read of the abomination of desolation, identifying the events with Daniel’s 70th week (*Daniel 9:27*). In that verse, the abomination of desolation is set up in the middle of the week. Here in Daniel 12:11, it begins to count time from the time onward when the daily sacrifices are taken away and this abomination set up. As we have stated we believe this abomination will be an idol set-up in the temple. According to this verse this idol will stand for 1290 days. One month longer than three and a half years.

Verse 12: Blessings do not come until after 1335 days. It would seem that there is a space of time for restoration at the end to the tribulation, to clean-up the mess caused by the tribulation, before the 1000 years begin.

VII Daniel 12:13 The Book concludes with a personal message for Daniel.

- 1) He will rest. That is, die. “Blessed are the dead...they rest...” (Revelation 14:13).
- 2) He will stand. That is, be resurrected.
- 3) He will stand in his lot. That is reward. This after the 1335 days.
- 4) Matthew 25:34 will be fulfilled. All Old Testament and Tribulation saints will hear the words , “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” See Job 19:25-26.
- 5) Then will men like Daniel and Job shine as stars. Not Hollywood stars, but stars in the millennium kingdom and the new earth.

Daniel
Summary
Lesson XXVII
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Daniel Chapter One

The book of Daniel begins with the story of Daniel the Jew being taken captive at the beginning of the Babylonian Captivity.

The Babylonian Captivity lasted for 70 years.

The captivity began the period of time known as the “times of the Gentiles”, a phrase used by Jesus in Luke 21:24.

For that reason this chapter, like all but the 12th chapter, begins with the name of a *Gentile* King. During that period of time, - that continues to this day, - the Jews, as a people, have been oppressed and hated by the Gentiles, “trodden down” as Luke states.

Mark Twain (1800’s) is quoted in *Israel my Glory*: “All things are mortal but the Jew; All other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

Because the world has rejected the Bible, they have no answer for that question.

Remember the Court Chaplain who was asked to prove the Bible true in a word, said: “The Jew, sir”.

Daniel Chapter Two

This chapter outlines the full course of “the times of the Gentiles”.

In symbol (the image) here is outlined the rise and fall of Gentile World-Governments, *until* a government is set up on earth by the God of Heaven.

The chapter only makes sense if the government set up by God is on the *same earth* where the Gentile governments have been.

The Mountain symbolizing God’s Government *takes the place* of the Gentile governments and “*fills the whole earth.*”

We believe this can only be fulfilled by the Coming of the Lord to reign on this earth for 1000 years as predicted elsewhere in Scripture.

As the chapter concludes with Daniel and his three Jewish friends being exalted, so the Jews will be exalted, after their time of trouble, during the millennial reign, and thereafter.

What do the two legs of the image represent? I quote Renald Showers: “God’s portrayal of Rome with two legs was very apt, for the Ancient Roman Empire ruled extensive areas of both the western and eastern divisions of the world. In fact, in 364 A.D. the Roman Empire was divided politically into two divisions: the Western Roman Empire with Rome as its capital and the Eastern Roman Empire with Constantinople as its capital.”

Matthew 21:43-44 the stone that will grind to powder

Genesis 49:24 “...Jacob, from whence is the shepherd the *stone* of Israel”

Psalms 118:22 the *stone* the builders refused, is identified as Christ in Acts 4:11,12.

He is *chief* corner stone 1 Peter 2:6

precious stone 1 Peter 2:6

disallowed stone 1 Peter 2:7

stumbling stone 1 Peter 2:8
offensive stone 1 Peter 2:8

In Daniel 2:35, the *smiting* stone who will break in pieces Gentile World Governments and unbelieving people

The Stone becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth when the God of Heaven sets up a kingdom to replace all Gentile kingdoms (Daniel 2:44).

In the light of Matthew 21:43-44, the kingdom of God on earth will be in the hands of the *Stone*, on whom, if one falls one will be broken in conviction in order to be saved. "On Christ the solid rock we stand". No other foundation is sure (1 Corinthians 3:11).

But if this *Stone* falls on one, then one shall be crushed in judgment. For when Christ comes to earth again, He comes in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who know not God and those who obey not the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

This aspect of Christ's coming needs to be emphasized.

When He came the first time, he came to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. When He comes the next time, it will be the day of vengeance of our God (Isaiah 61:2).

In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus interpreted the passage in Isaiah 61 when He closed the book. Vengeance is still future. He will judge before He rules.

Daniel Chapter Three

The Gentile King makes an image and demands all to worship it, as the Antichrist will do. The godly Jews refused to worship the image and were cast into the fire, but they were preserved by the Presence of a fourth Man.

They came out of the fire and were promoted.

Then the King blessed the God of Heaven as the God of the Jews. The Gentile King acknowledged God as the God of Israel. A picture of the future when the Jews endure to the end of the Tribulation, the residue of men will seek after the Lord (Acts 15:16-18).

Daniel Chapter Four

The Gentile King goes mad for seven years, as the hearts of leaders will fail them in the Tribulation (Luke 21:26).

Men will learn that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men. Like Nebuchadnezzar, when they come to their senses, those who remain, will acknowledge the God of the Jews as the only true God.

Here is a type of Gentiles who will be saved during and at the end of the tribulation.

Daniel Chapter Five

Another Gentile King defies the God of Israel. Drinks wine out of the holy vessels from the temple of the Jews. Praises his gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone.

He despised God and God's people, Israel. He is suddenly cut down by judgment directly from the hand of God (Proverbs 29:1).

Daniel Chapter Six

The first five chapters had to do with Babylonian world leaders. Now the Second Gentile Kingdom of the Medes and Persians and its leaders are introduced.

The king misuses Daniel the Jew. The king orders that Daniel be cast into the den of lions. But even there, God was with Daniel, as He has been with the Jews. God preserves, restores and promotes Daniel to a place of greater leadership. This is also a type of what is ahead for Israel.

The entire historical section, that is chapters 1-6, is the record of the conflict between Gentiles and the Jews. But all is really against the God of the Jews.

Daniel Chapter Seven

Here it is: Daniel's vision. He sees the Gentile Nations as fighting wild beasts.

These produce "ten horns" or ten kings, and later produce a "little horn". He may think himself to be great, but God sees him as very little.

It is in the time of this "little horn", the Son of Man comes and receives Dominion and a Kingdom and glory in the earth.

Surely this is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in power and great glory, who at His Coming will destroy the antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

Daniel Chapter Eight

Here are some details of two Gentile Kingdoms of this second period of Gentile World Governments.

Out of one of them arises another "little horn", who will also stand against the Prince of Princes. We believe this event will also be fulfilled at the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

Daniel Chapter Nine

No longer visions, dreams and symbols but direct revelation from God to Daniel.

In this chapter we have the revelation of the 70 weeks.

Israel had 70 years of captivity in Babylon, as a judgment for not keeping a sabbatical year for 490 years.

As the 70 years were judgment, so the 70 weeks are judgment upon Israel. Years of trouble for Israel, trouble of the worst kind.

The weeks are not a continued whole. They are divided into 7, 62 and 1. Therefore, although they total 490 years, it takes many more years for their fulfillment.

Daniel 9:24 projects what happens, not during the weeks, but what takes place after the 70 weeks of years are complete. It is after the weeks are complete, Israel's glorious future will begin to be fulfilled. For it is then "all Israel shall be saved."

Daniel 9 includes a reference to a Roman Prince who will become antichrist in the middle of the 70th week.

Daniel Chapter Ten

Daniel is praying for more light relative to those weeks and other prophetic events. The answer to his prayer is brought by Gabriel after he was delayed for three full weeks because of Demon

opposition. The word for “weeks” here is not the same as the one in chapter nine where it means weeks of years.

Daniel Chapter Eleven

The revelation continues with details of what is to take place in the Mede-Persian Empire existing at the time of the revelation.

The history begins with the first of three kings that will yet arise and then skips through to the time of the end. At that time, a willful king will appear.

The time of the end will be the great tribulation, which as we know from the words of Jesus, will be immediately before Christ returns to earth (Matthew 24:29-30).

Daniel Chapter Twelve

This chapter is a continuation of the revelation in chapter eleven.

There are details about the course of the time of trouble that will see the abomination of desolation. This is followed by the resurrection of those who will be raised at the time of the Second Coming (1 Corinthians 15:20-24).

The book begins with Daniel’s personal history as a captive in Babylon. It concludes with a personal promise to Daniel that he will die, be resurrected and rewarded when Christ returns.

The whole of the book of Daniel points forward to the Second Advent or Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

He who came to this earth is coming back to this earth again.

To this agree all the prophets.