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WALKING IN DIVINE FAVOR

(Affecting Kings and Kingdoms)

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION: Daniel was taken captive in Jerusalem in 586 BC under the siege of Nebuchadnezzar along with three other young men.. Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. They were to serve in the king's palace under Ashpenaz, the master of the eunuchs. They were characterized as good looking, gifted in wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand. They were to learn the king's language and literature of the Chaldeans. Nebuchadnezzar possessed the land of Israel and Syria. God's providence on earth is always built around certain men or women of holy character. (Esther, Moses, David, Daniel, etc.)

I. Possessed _____ – In time of great persecution comes great opportunity!

“Jerusalem was besieged and temple articles taken by Nebuchadnezzar.”

A. God is Providential – God uses men of favor to do great exploits.

Daniel 11:32 ***“Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”***

1. God places key people in key places – Daniel reigned through three king's reigns over Babylon!

2. The providence of God prevails over all the plans of men.

a. What appears a victory for enemy is just providence for Jehovah! Will turn around.

b. God will appear at the exact right time to display His glory... and every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord!

B. God is Purposeful – All persecution of Daniel and the three other men only brought them promotions!

Daniel 3:3 ***“Then the king promoted Shadrack, Mesheah, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.”***

II. Possessed _____

A. Men of character – Remember **“Integrity is longevity”!**

True character stands the test: “Please test your servants for ten days....”

Daniel: 1:11 ***“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel in the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.”***

B. Men of **FAVOR!** V – 18 “Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in... the king interviewed them and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishel & Azariah.”

III. Possessed _____

A. Source of the gifts – ***“God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom”*** 1:7

B. Skill of the gifts – ***“God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom.”*** 1:7

C. Secrets of Daniel's gifts. ***“Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams”*** v - 17

Our gifts of the Spirit. 9 supernatural gifts we should all move in.... I Corinthians 12 “manifestations of Spirit” word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues,, interpretation of tongues. **“Distributing to each one individually as He wills.”** I Cor. 12:11

I Cor. 14:24-25 **“But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.”**

REVEALER OF SECRETS

Chapter 2

INTRODUCTION: King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. He called the wise men of Babylon to give the dream and answer, but they could not. The King said unless you can give me the dream and the interpretation, you will die. They admitted that no man could do this only the gods or a God from heaven. They came to kill Daniel and his friends and Daniel made an appeal to the king. Daniel received favor.

I. WISDOM OF _____ Has No Answers.....

A. Based on the abilities of man... to know secrets and even deceive. 1 Corinthians 1:20

“Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world.”

1 Corinthians 3:19 **“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, ‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness.’”**

1 Corinthians 2:14 **“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

B. Brings frustration and even death. Colossians 2:8 **“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”**

2 Corinthians 11:3 **“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”**

II. WISDOM OF _____ **“God gave Daniel understanding in all visions and dreams”** Daniel 1:17

A. Based on the ever knowing , omnipotent Father’s wisdom. Let’s pray for the 7-fold Spirit of God. Isaiah 11:1 **“And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”**

B. 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us. What are they? Word of Wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers tongues, interpretation of tongues.

III. REVELATION OF THE _____

Daniel 2:28 **“But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.”**

A. What was the dream? What does it mean? He saw a great Image

1. Head of gold - That was Nebuchadnezzar’s reign
2. Breast and arms of Silver -

3. Belly and thighs of brass – Grecian empire

4. Feet part of iron and part of clay -

B. All empires through history... ending with the KINGDOM OF GOD!

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

2. The honor of Nebuchadnezzar to God... v – 47 ***“The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.”*** Daniel was made a sinner at the gate... (a judge of the people of Babylon)

TRIAL BY FIRE

Chapter 3

INTRODUCTION: The trial of fire often is a way God uses to prepare us for promotion. Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow to the image of Nebuchadnezzar. There was a price. The leaders of the nation of Babylon had tried to bring everyone under their control. But God’s children held their standards and refused to conform. They had already purposed in their heart not to defile themselves... so all other decision followed.

I Peter 1:7 ***“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”***

I. THE GLORY OF _____ - is seen in the image of gold.

A. The image of gold – Satan tries to bring all mankind into conformity to the image

Daniel had called Nebuchadnezzar the head of gold. Pride caused him to build an image....

Revelation 13:15 ***“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”***

B. The command to bow down – Satan always demands worship.

Luke 4:7 – 8 ***“Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours. And Jesus answered and said to him, Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.”*** The Father had already promised Jesus the kingdoms of this world.

II. THE GLORY OF _____ – is seen in the midst of the fire.

A. Is seen in God’s remnant who obey Him.

B. Is witnessed in God’s deliverance.

Deuteronomy 5:24 ***“And you said: ‘Surely the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives.’”***

III. THE _____ – is seen by all

Daniel 3:29 ***“Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.”***

A. Promotion comes from God

I Chronicles 29:12 ***“Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.”***

B. Promotion comes from the world who understands God’s power.

Luke 2:40 ***“And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him”***

Luke 2:52 ***“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men***

Tim Tebo: “Win or lose, Tim Tebow still remains a humble man and once said that if a person wants to remain humble, they must be a servant of others. He is the epitome of humility.”

Tony Dungy: “It was the tragic suicide of my son that brought by faith to reality. It was God’s love that sustained me.”

Revelation 3:10 ***“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”***

EXALT THE GOD OF HEAVEN

Chapter 4

INTRODUCTION: This is a good season to study and understand the sovereignty of God! When all is said and done... our God reigns! Kingdoms rise and fall, empires rise and fall... but God’s kingdom endures forever. Even King Nebuchadnezzar declared it over and over. He understood powerful kingdoms, and in the end, knew who reigns over all. Daniel 4 is an amazing study of how the known king of the world, the kind of all men, was humbled and brought back to power again. This is the only chapter in the Bible by a Gentile king!

I. GOD OF _____ – Most amazing declaration by a Gentile king!

Daniel 4:2-3 ***“I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. ‘How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.”***

A. A Dream and Vision – Again Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. Called Daniel for he said, “In Daniel is the Spirit of the Holy God” v- 8

B. Danger of Pride. Tree of Pride... great height, see all over the world, beautiful leaves and fruit, provided food for all, shade for all the beasts, birds lived in its branches.

1. Watcher are from heaven. (was this an angel?) - Heaven is the source of all truth!

2. Watchers enforce decrees... ***“And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will..”*** Daniel 4:17

II. GOD OF THE _____

A. God preserves the roots in the earth. ***“Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field... till seven times pass over him.”*** Daniel 4:23

B. God raises up a new growth... “Seven” is the number of completion.

Daniel 4:27 ***“Your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules”***

- Seven churches of Revelation! Shall walk out the fulfill all Christ’s authority on earth.

- Seven Spirits of God around the throne and in our lives.

- Seventh day God rested from all His labor... said it is Holy to the Lord.

- Seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls fulfill all judgment on the wicked.
- At the end of 7 years of tribulation is deliverance of planet earth into a new day – Millennium!

III. GOD OF _____

Daniel 4:34 “And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever.”

A. God restored... His mind, His kingdom (and it's glory), His honor and splendor, His counselors & excellent majesty.

B. Nebuchadnezzar confirmed... God is king of heaven and earth, center of truth, justice... and brings down the proud.

James 1:2 – 3 “**My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.**”

James 4:7 “**Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**”

THE KING OF FEAST, FEAR & FAILURE

Chapter 5

INTRODUCTION: God had given a great revelation of the kingdom of God to Nebuchadnezzar. Somehow his son Belshazzar never got the message. Pride took hold of him and in his arrogance he held a great feast to his gods of gold, silver and precious stones. His pride would end the greatness of the Babylonian empire. Even though he knew what his father had gone through in humiliation and restoration, it didn't connect with Belshazzar. This is the account of his downfall.

I. BELSHAZZAR'S

A. Demonstration of his greatness

Daniel 5:1 “**Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.**”

Proverbs 34:4 “**It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink.**” God says too much wine will lead to foolishness.

B. Defamation of God's vessels

Psa. 105:15 **Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.”**

Daniel 5:2 “**While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.**”

Psa. 105:15 **Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm.”**

II. BELSHAZZAR'S

A. Awesome revelation (God didn't speak to him in dreams, but demonstration of power)

Hand Of God! Daniel 5:5 “**In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.**” Romans 3:18 “**There is no fear of God before their eyes.**”

B. Amazing interpretation

MENE – “God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it

TEKEL - "You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting."

PERES - "Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

III. BELSHAZZAR'S _____

A. Suddenness of destruction

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

B. Surety of transition

Daniel 5:31 ***"And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.."***

THE FALL OF BABYLON IS ALSO A PART OF THE END-TIME PROPHETIC MESSAGE.

Rev. 17-18

What is the prophetic Babylon? - The end time religious system out of Rome that will join up with the anti-christ.

1. She sits on seven mountains. "The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits" Rev. 17:9

2. She causes spiritual fornication or false worship on earth. ***"Mystery Babylon Mother of Harlots."*** Rev. 17:5

3. She is wealthy and affects leaders of nations. ***"Merchandise of gold, silver, precious stones.."*** Rev. 17:12

4. She is destroyed in one hour. ***"Babylon is fallen, is fallen and become dwelling of demons."*** Rev. 18:2

This is in fulfillment of the great image of Nebuchadnezzar. Babylon was the head of God, The breast of silver and two arms are the Medes and Persians. The second great empire.

THE LIONS DEN

Chapter 6

INTRODUCTION: The Medes & Persians have now captured Babylon and Belshazzar was slain. Darius had been appointed by Cyrus the king to rule over Babylon for a season. This would end with Cyrus returning the Jews back to Jerusalem and rebuilding the city. Darius appointed 120 regional leaders to rule over Babylon with Daniel the chief of the 3 rulers. This caused great jealousy and led to an unfortunate new law playing on the ego of king Darius. The punishment for breaking the law was the lion's den.

I. THE EVIL _____

Psalms 37:12 ***"The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth."***

I Peter 5:8 ***"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."***

Major plots in the Bible: Haman against Esther, Saul against David, Pharisees against Jesus, Jews against Paul.

A. The Accusation

B. The Administration of the Law of the Medes & Persians

II. THE DEADY _____ – Place to apply faith.... **“So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.”** v - 23

A. Place of destruction.. **“Thou has prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies”**

Your place of destruction becomes your place of empowerment! That which Satan means for evil God turns to good! Genesis 50:20 (Joseph before his brethren) **“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”**

Psalms 5:12 **“For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.”**

Destruction for the enemy.... Haman hung in his own gallows... v – 24 “And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.”

B. Place of deliverance

1. King Darius fast – He didn’t eat, didn’t sleep... went early in the morning
2. King Darius faith... v- 20 **“Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”**
3. King Darius favor to Daniel...

III. THE AWESOME _____

A. The Decree of Darius v – 26 **“I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.”**

B. The prosperity of Daniel v – 27 **“So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian..”**

KINGDOM DECLARATION: V- 28 “For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”

THE FOUR BEASTS

Chapter 7

INTRODUCTION: Daniel interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter 2. There the four empires of the future were exposed through this dream. The great image when from Babylonian, the head of gold, to Medo-Persian, the arms of silver, Greece the thighs of bronze, to the 10 feet of iron and clay, which was the Roman empire. Here in Daniel 7, God gives a more detailed explanation of especially leading up the revelation of the anti-christ. Here the fourth empire is fierce, almost indescribable. The little horn rises... the anti-christ.

I. THE FOUR BEASTS _____

A. Who are the four beasts?

1. The Lion with eagle’s wings – Babylonian empire - Nebuchadnezzar – wings plucked

(humiliation)

2. The Bear – Persian armies were sometimes over 1 million soldiers. One shoulder above the other.

3. The Leopard – Grecian under Alexander the Great. Swift, destructive. Died at 35 years of age. His four generals took over the world. (the four wings)

4. The Fourth (Revived Roman Empire) But this was different. Daniel was overwhelmed with the vision.

II. THE THRONE OF GOD _____ – God interrupted Daniel’s horrible vision with throne vision!

A. The Ancient of Days is seated

- A legal decision is about to be made at the throne room. Two times mentioned in chapter 7:9 ***“I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated.”***

7:26 ***“But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.”***

B. The Son of Man is coming.

- Jesus receives the everlasting final kingdom from the Ancient of Days

- Jesus receives all the peoples, nations and languages....

III. THE VISION _____

A. Daniel asked for further revelation about the “little horn” that came out of the fourth beast. But this was different. Daniel was overwhelmed with the vision.

“and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.” V – 7 (Out of this beast would come the anti-christ)

“The Little Horn” – The anti-christ will be the most vicious ruler known to men. (trace his history)

- First of the horsemen of Rev. 6 “White horse” conquers peacefully. Red horse “War)

- Kills three of the 10 heads of governments – 3 horns destroyed

- Rev. 12 “Satan is cast out of heaven” enters into the anti-christ. Causes **abomination of**

desolation.

- Creates a mark 666 for all of mankind – dominion over the marketplace

- Raises up the “False Prophet” – out of the land (probably the Pope)

- Given authority to persecute the bride for a season.. Why? Daniel 11:32-35 (strengthen her – purify her – Prepare her for ruler ship) Remember Job was twice blessed after trials! (Joseph in prison)

B. Daniel kept the matter in his heart. God has sealed up the vision until the time of the end!

The Anti-christ

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, and every kind of wicked

deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”

2 Thessalonians 2:7–10

“As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.”

2 Thessalonians 2:1–4

“For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.”

Matthew 24:24

“Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived; and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. “

Revelation 13:11–1

Names used by the anti-christ. Little horn of Daniel 8, king of the North, Beast of Revelation 19, Lawless one, Dragon, Serpent, man of sin, son of perdition, son of morning, accuser, angel of the bottomless pit.

A distinction is made between Satan, the Beast and the false prophet. Revelation reveals the destiny of all three. Satan indwells the Beast, false prophet makes all worship beast, all three are cast into hell.

Revelation 19:20-21 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had worked the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulphur.

RAM & GOAT VISION OF DANIEL

Chapter 8

INTRODUCTION: Daniel continues receiving the great vision that began in chapter 7. Here he sees a ram with a large horn and a goat with two horns. What is the interpretation of Daniel's vision. He said it would be closed until the end. But we now have prophetic eyes to see this great vision open up to our revelation. Shushan is located today in the West and East-west of modern Iran or ancient Persia. 230 miles east of Babylon. The two beasts propel us into the future.

I. THE TWO _____ – MEDES & PERSIANS

- A. The ram – powerful and expansive. Persian kings held control over much of the world.
- B. The he goat – kingdom of Greece. City states collection. Athens, Sparta, etc.
 - He touched not the ground (swiftness to conquer) Alexander the Great
 - He was tutored by great men, like Aristotle.
 - The Ram attacked the goat. History tells us the massive battles of Alexander.
v-7 Battles: Granicus River, Battle of Issus, Battle of Gaugamela. He goat prevailed.
33 years old Alexander died. Four top generals took over.
 - Cassander – took over Macedonia and Greece
 - Lysimachus – Are known today as Turkey
 - Seleucus – Syria to India
 - Ptolemy – Egypt and parts of North Africa

II. THE _____ – HIS DESCRIPTION

- A. Rise of the anti-christ out of one of the four empires. Leader from Turkey or Egypt?
- B. The anti-christ will seek to destroy Israel and the people of God. But God's people will prevail.
Daniel 12:3 ***“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”***
- C. The desecration of the Temple, abomination of desolation and final time-line
 - 1. Temple in place – daily sacrifices opposed
 - 2. Abomination of desolation - setting up his image
 - 3. Time-line – 6 years and 4 months. (how does it relate to ch. 7 - 3 ½ years)

Jesus spoke of this in Matthew 24:15 ***“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.”***

III. THE ANGEL _____ – VISION SAID 3 TIMES “IT’S ABOUT THE END”

- A. Who are the four beasts or kingdoms of the future that come out of the beast?
 - 1. England – “The Lion”
 - 2. America – “The wings of Eagle” or the eagle itself
 - 3. Russia – “The Bear”
 - 4. Germany – “The leopard” known as the most fierce tank of Germany.
- B. How does the anti-christ conquer and destroy?

DANIEL’S SEVENTY WEEKS

Chapter 9 (Part A)

INTRODUCTION: Daniel chapter 9 holds one of the most powerful verses in the Bible concerning God's plan for the ages. Daniel 9:27 holds the key to understanding Jesus reference in Matthew 24:15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, whoever understanding this scripture. The abomination of desolations reveals the plan of the anti-christ to defile the rebuilt 3rd temple in Israel. It unlocks the last 3 ½ years of the Great Tribulation period that finishes the times of the Gentiles and completes the age we now live in.

I. DANIEL'S PRAYER OF _____

A. Daniel's prophetic understanding. 70 years would be fulfilled on God's people Israel and they would return to the land. Jeremiah 29:10 "For thus says the Lord: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

B. Daniel's prayer of repentance. Daniel takes full responsibility for the former actions of the fathers, Israel who acted in disobedience.

II. DANIEL'S _____ BY GABRIEL

A. Brought Daniel a Father's Blessing. Daniel 9:23b "and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved"

B. Brought Daniel Prophetic understanding. Daniel 9:23a "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand."

C. Gabriel brought Zachariah revelation and understanding. Luke 1:19 "And the angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings."

D. Gabriel brought Mary revelation and understanding. Luke 1:30-33 "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

III. DANIEL'S REVELATION OF _____

A. Purpose of the 70 weeks. Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy."

B. Timing of the 70 weeks. Begin with the command to rebuild Jerusalem (Nehemiah 1)

1. Artaxerxes made this declaration in 444 BC

2. 69 weeks. a prophetic week is 7 years – Jewish lunar year is 360 days

Prophecy is broken down into two segments: 49 years (time it took to rebuild Jerusalem)

- 62 weeks for "Messiah to be cut off" $62 \times 7 = 434$ ($434 - 400 = 34$) Time of Christ's death.

AMAZING REVELATION BY GABRIEL.... TO DANIEL. There is still one week of unfulfilled prophecy...." See in next study how that week is yet future... and includes amazing prophecy!

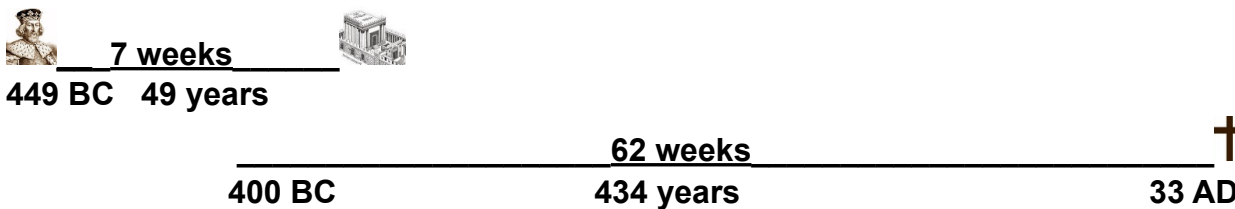
TIME LINE
Chapter 9 (Part B)
 Verses 25-27

1. A week to Israel is either 7 days or 7 years. Daniel's prophetic weeks are 7 year weeks (7 years).
2. So 70 weeks would be $70 \times 7 = 490$ years. V 24 "Are determined upon Israel-God's people & the city Jerusalem" Gabriel's word: *Finish transgression, make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, bring in everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy.*

BREAK IT DOWN

490 YEARS

God's determined End-Time Plan with Israel (70 weeks of 7 years = 490 years)



In 33 AD Israel rejected her Messiah so "times of the Gentiles" began of approximately 2,000 years. Luke 21:24 "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled." 70 AD

1 week
 7 years

FIRST 7 WEEKS or 49 years Starts with command to rebuild Jerusalem & temple Daniel 9:25 "Know therefore and understand,, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem, until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the streets shall be build again, and the wall, even in troubled times."

1. Artaxerxes gave command in 449 BC to Nehemiah to rebuild walls and temple.
2. Jerusalem and temple were finished in 400 BC
3. AD/BC year is not counted. So Messiah was cut off in 33 AD

SECOND 62 WEEKS or 434 years Starts at the end of Jerusalem's restoration and ends with the cutting off of the Messiah or (crucifixion of Jesus Christ – The Messiah) Daniel 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined."

THIRD IS 1 WEEK or 7 years of the tribulation (last 3 ½ years is great tribulation) Daniel 9:27: *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to the sacrifice and offering And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate."*

70th Week of Daniel

Anti-Christ Covenant	Abomination of Desolation	Great Tribulation
Time-line	ending of the "Times of the Gentiles"	
1948 Israel nation	1967 Jerusalem is recovered (6 day war)	Now – Temple rebuilt ?

DANIEL'S LAST VISION
Chapters 10

INTRODUCTION: Daniel is now in his mid-eighties and completing his mission in life. He receives his last and final vision in Daniel 10-12. These three chapters work together. This is in the 3rd year Cyrus, the time is the Passover and he begins fasting and praying 2 weeks before the Passover week. This 21 day fast brings a powerful response from heaven in answer to his fasting & prayers. Today's study is this final visitation by what we refer to as a Christophany or pre-existent appearance of Jesus Christ Himself. We gain a greater understanding of the war in the heavenlies between Michael's angelic hosts and the host of satan.

I. THE FINAL _____

- A. The setting of the vision – by the River Tigris on the twenty-fourth day of first month
- B. The passion of Daniel – ate not food, didn't bath, set himself aside to hear God's voice
- C. The timing of the vision – a long appointed time (God was giving him revelation of end of days)
- D. The appearance of Jesus Himself – Old Testament Christophany
- E. Daniel was left alone - Most great men of God received greatness in their "alone" time with God
Daniel 10:7 ***"And I, Daniel alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great terror fell upon them."***
- F. Daniel was again affirmed. "You are greatly beloved"
- G. Daniel's prayer activated heaven...Daniel 10:12 ***"Then he said to me, 'Do not fear Daniel, for the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words'".***
- H. Daniel is recommissioned, v – 19 ***"You are greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong."***

II. THE FINAL _____

- A. Of the delay of prayer – God heard on the first day, but warfare in heavens prevented answer
- B. Of the war in the heavenlies.

1. Princes are over areas of the world ***“Persia, indeed the prince of Greece will come”***
v -20
2. Michael’s hosts are battling over nations. Jesus was promised the nations by the Father

Psalms 2:8 ***“Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.”***

Eph. 6:12 ***“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”***

III. THE FINAL _____

- A. Jesus ultimately wins the battle when He returns: Daniel 7:13 – 14 ***“Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”***
- B. Jesus turns over the kingdom to His saints, Old and New Testament. Daniel 7:27 “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.”
- C. Daniel’s final promise. Daniel 12:13 ***“But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”***

THE FINAL GENERATION

Chapter 11

INTRODUCTION: Jesus said this is the central event of evil of all mankind. The apex of satanic blasphemy. The generation of the “abomination of desolation” will also trigger the greatest move of God’s redemption. Jesus said this was the key to prophetic understanding in Matthew 24:15 ***“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, whoever reads let him understand.”*** This will be the generation that shall witness the times of the end.

I. _____ UNDERSTANDING

- A. History of Medes & Persians
- B. History of Greece

II. _____ UNDERSTANDING “When you see it” (that unlocks the future)

Called **THE** abomination – thousand times more evil than any other act (Mark & image of beast)

A. At the ***“abomination of desolation”*** several things will happen:

1. People ***“that know their God”*** will be strong and carry out great exploits
2. Those that understand “will instruct many”. There will be a hunger like never before.
 - Distress of nations
 - People persecuted by sword, flame, captivity & plundering
 - Many will join them by “intrigue”. The world will watch us and be intrigues by our victory.

B. Purpose of the persecution. ***“And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.”***

C. Both Paul & John understand the anti-christ’s coming.

III. _____ **UNDERSTANDING** V 30 -

A. Angel gives trends of what will happen with that generation:

1. Idol to antichrist will be established in the sanctuary
2. People will do great exploits – power of God demonstrated
3. Revelation knowledge will abound with believers seeking God’s end-time plan
4. Some people will fall – Martyrs (beyond any time in history – but don’t be confused)
5. People of God will be aided (His “Christ’s” love will abound, be demonstrated) Acts 12 – James was put prison and died, Peter walked out... But both greatly loved by Christ.

B. Trends of the anti-christ: v 36 - 39

1. Do his own will
2. Magnify himself as God or above God.
3. Speak blasphemies against God
4. Prosper for a season
5. No desire for women
6. Worship military force
7. His idol worship empowers him to take other armies, divide territories
8. He shall plant his tents in Israel between the sea (Mediterranean) and the holy mountain.
9. He shall come to an end.... And no one will help him.

DANIEL’S FINAL VISION

Chapter 12

INTRODUCTION: The antichrist has now risen to power in Daniel 10 and Daniel 12 describes in more detail the powerful affect he is having in the final 3 ½ years called the “great tribulation”. The Gentile nations are coming to a closure and God is dealing especially with the nation of Israel. She has now built the 3rd temple and is practicing the ceremonial law of sacrifices not knowing that the Messiah has already come. But she will be awakened in a moment through persecution in the middle of the tribulation.

I. **TIME OF** _____

A. Time of Michael’s activation. ***“At that time Michael shall stand up”***

B. Time of deliverance. V – 1 ***“And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”***

C. Time of evangelism. ***“Those who are wise shall shine like the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”*** V – 3

II. **TIME OF** _____ -

A. Many shall be saved. ***“Many shall be purified, made white and refined.....the wise shall understand.”***

Revelation 7:9 ***“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could***

number, of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."

Revelation 7:14 **"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb..."**

B. Wickedness shall increase. "And the wicked shall do wickedly". What are the major sins of the end-times? Four SINS: murders, sorceries, Sexual immorality, Thefts, idolatry, lies.

III. TIME OF _____ – Showing God's timeline at the end of the tribulation.

A. Daniel's 70th week. Divided into two sections. Tribulation and Great Tribulation.

- 1 week prophetically is 7 years. The abomination of desolation happens in middle of week:

What happens the first 3 ½ years? Covenant made by antichrist with Israel and the world.

1. Temple is rebuilt

2. Builds world-wide coalition of nations (carries out global agenda) one religion, one

economy.

- Mark of the beast to "Buy and Sell"

- Rise of the false prophet who causes the world to worship the beast.

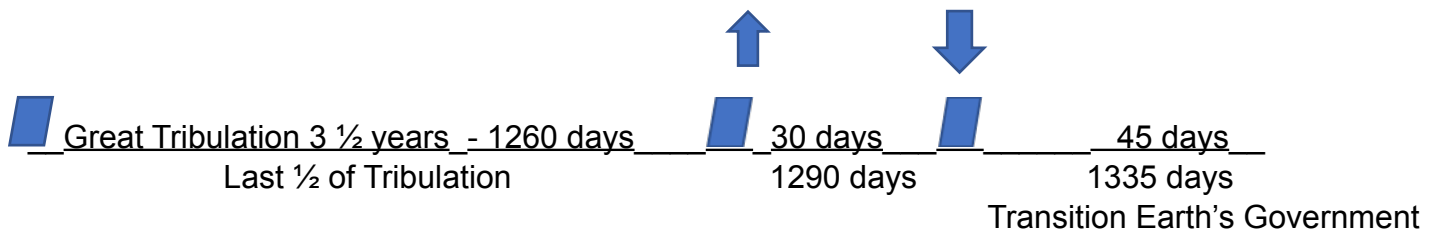
What happens the last 3 ½ years? **"Time, Times and half a Time"** Daniel 12:7

- Breaking of the covenant with Israel – Israel flees to the mountains

- Satan cast out of heaven – indwells and empowers the antichrist

- World war breaks out

- Great awakening and revival world-wide Rev. 7:9



Church is raptured at 1260 days... the antichrist continues for 30 more days of desolation on earth (most intense time in earth's history Rev. days to judge nations and appoint saints to reign.

BOOK OF DANIEL

Review of Entire Book

INTRODUCTION: The two most powerful prophetic books in the Bible are Daniel & Revelation. This study will show you how they complement one another. Daniel was told to seal up the book of prophecy... Jesus was handed the sealed book to open in Revelation. Daniel is a man of beginning... John a man of fulfilling. We will see how these two great men of God help us understand the times of the Gentiles, the Jews, and most of all the end-times.

I. DANIEL A MAN OF CONVICTIONS – JOHN A MAN OF REVELATIONS

A. Integrity is longevity... Daniel reigned through 4 kings & two kingdoms

- Daniel reigned with a spirit of **excellence** *“Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine...”* 1:8

- John reigned with a spirit of intimacy – John understood the “Love of God”

B. Integrity is clarity – *“You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free”*

- John saw with his spirit man. *“I John was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day”* 1:10

- Daniel’s night vision. 2:19 *“Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.”*

Mark 4:11 *“And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God.”*

II. DANIEL HAD FIRST VISIONS – JOHN HAD FINAL VISIONS

A. Daniel – Revelation of all coming Gentile Kingdoms – Babylon, Media-Persian, Greek, Roman, Kingdom

- Nebuchadnezzar’s image (Chapter 2)

- Nebuchadnezzar’s vision of great tree: became proud, humbled by God, declared God of heaven

- Daniel’s vision of the four beasts and the throne of God – (chapter 7)

- Gabriel’s image of goat and ram

- Pictures of the antichrist – ram’s “little horn”, Fourth great beast, Beast out of sea

B. John – Revelation of 10 nations (also tied in with 10 toes of image & 10 crowns on beast out of the sea of Revelation, final Babylonian Empire and Kingdom of God (Millennium))

III. DANIEL & JOHN’S TIMELINE (END OF DAYS)

70 Weeks = 490 years

Restore and build Jerusalem 7 weeks = 49 years

62 weeks from building of Jerusalem to cutting off Messiah = 434 (total of 62 + 7 = 69 weeks)

Church age for approximately 2,000 years then Daniel’s 70th week (7 year tribulation period)

Abomination of Desolation is key starting point for the time of Great Tribulation

Book of Daniel

Abomination of desolation	1260	1290	1335
	Rapture of Bride	End of Abomination	Start of Millennium

Book of Revelation

Abomination of desolation - Satan cast out - Great tribulation (3 ½ years)	Armageddon (The End)
7 Seals	7 Trumpets
	7 Bowls

RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

Romans 11:23 – 27 *“And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be*

saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”

I. GOD’S PROMISE OF ISRAEL’S RETURN

Romans 11:25 – 27 **“For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved,¹ as it is written. ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.’”**

Zechariah 12:10 **“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”**

A. Fullness of the Gentiles – Jews and Gentiles shall join hands at the end of this age in “One New Man” Thus becoming the unified bride of Christ to rule with Christ.

B. Deliverer will come out of Zion. The true Messiah will be recognized by Israel in a day!

II. GOD’S TIMING OF ISRAEL’S RETURN

A. Is September 23rd, 2017 the time of Israel’s awakening to the true Messiah?

B. Following the awakening of Israel the great dragon, Satan, attacks Israel... she flees into the wilderness for safety. The nations who are open to her protection (sheep nations) will protect her.

III. GOD’S REVELATION IN THE HEAVENS

We must know the basic understandings of astronomy (not Astrology)

- Biblical Astronomy – go back in time what the wise men saw from Babylon

Job 38:31-33 **“Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzarot¹ in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?”**

The Majii would have understood the 12 constellations. Satan has hijacked these for his purpose....

Two constellations you need to know about. Leo (Ari) represents the royal tribe of Judah, Betulah (Virgo) the woman. Planets also are important.. called wandering stars

Isaiah 7:14 **“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”** spoken to house of David.. tribe of Judah... a sign.

Historical meaning of the wandering stars or planets..

1. Ari – Regulus “King Star”

2. Jupiter (largest) “the King Planet” “Zedek” Righteousness king

3. Saturn – Satan (always associated)

4. Venus – Bright Star – Jesus is called “Bright and morning star) Revelation 22:16

5. Mercury & Mars - Represent messengers of achangels.

Set location Babylon – (-2) no area between AC & BC Set date -2/8/1

Highlight Venus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwDmLTcaNlw>

SIGNS OF THE TIMES End-Times Prophetic Events

INTRODUCTION: We are living in interesting times. Jesus said, ***“and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times”***. (Mathew 16:3) A key to the end of this age is learning how to discern the signs of the times. Today we are looking at three major signs the bible talks about. Jesus also said, ***“Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”*** (Luke 21:28) We have two major movements today. First is the movement toward one world government, one world leader, and the coming of the antichrist and the great tribulation. The second is the shaking God speaks about in Hebrews 12:27-28 that will bring a great revival on earth. God raising up a victorious bride in the midst of tribulation. Revelation talks about ‘ENDURING’ to the end many times. One who hears the voice of the Holy Spirit and follows Him. The bride will walk in divine protection, peace and power.

I. Beginning of sorrows. Luke 21:7 – 10

A. Earth in turmoil as a woman having birth pangs. Romans 8:22 ***“For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”*** Earthquakes, floods, fires, hurricanes, tornados

B. Nations in conflict. Wars, famines, pestilences in many places.

Three major battles during tribulation:

- **WWIII**. Mideast blow up. (four angels loosed at river Euphrates. **Revelation 9**

Surrounding the conflict of four nations - Turkey, Syria, Iraq & Iran. 1/3 of mankind dies in battle.

- **Armageddon** – Final battle in valley of Megiddo. Final battle of the ages. At the return of Christ with His bride. The supper of God found in Revelation

- **Gog & Magog** – Could this be the battle at the end of the Millennium? Revelation 20:8 ***“and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”***

II. Beginning of Signs in the heavens. Go to Stellarium web site. www.stellarium.com

- You can actually trace all three of these events in the heavens through this site (Stellarium traces the movements of all constellations, stars and planets through the past and future)

A. Sign of the woman giving birth - Virgo with Jupiter

Revelation 12:1-7 ***“Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. ² Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”***

B. Sign of the dragon C. Sign of Satan cast out of heaven.

III. Final Sign of the Coming of Christ with His bride I Thessalonians 4:16-17

Three views of the Rapture. (all agree that the second coming is at the end of the tribulation)

A. Pre rapture of the church - We will be taken from this earth and totally escape the tribulation

B. Mid rapture of the church – We will be taken in middle of the tribulation

C. Post rapture of the church – We will participate in the final revival, restoration of Israel and be taken up in the final days of the tribulation (before the final 7 bowls are released) Some will die as martyrs