

“The Book of Daniel”

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Daniel Chapter 1

Daniel covers from 605 B.C. to 530 B.C.. This would make Daniel about 90 at his death:

Daniel 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah...

Daniel 6:28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Chapter 1-6 Mainly History

Chapter 7-12 Mainly Prophecy

Main passages for prophecy are: Daniel, Revelation, Matthew ch. 24, II The. 2 and Zechariah ch. 9-14.

Robert Sargent gives the three dates of the "Babylonian Deportation of the Jews."

- 606 B.C. Jehoiakim was king of Judah. Daniel and 3 Hebrew children along with the vessels of the Temple were taken to Babylon. I Chr. 36:5-7; Daniel 1:1-2
- 597 B.C. Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah) was king. Here Ezekiel was carried off into captivity. I Kings 24:9-16; II Chr. 36:9-10
- 586 B.C. Zedekiah was the final king of Judah. The city of Jerusalem was completely destroyed at this time and the Temple was burned. II Kings 24:18-25:11

It is believed that Daniel was about 17 years of age when:

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

He Maintained his Testimony

Daniel 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Daniel & His Heart

Daniel was taken captive in a strange land. Although his station in life changed, his relationship with God did not change. One's relationship with God is *in the heart*.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...

"It was the crisis in his life, which was safely passed, otherwise we probably would never have heard of him again. God honored his loyalty by preparing in advance a way of deliverance." LARKIN

Daniel could have said: 1) I am a captive and I must obey; 2) I will avoid ridicule; 3) When in Babylon, do as the Babylonians do; 4) I will find favor with the king and then be able to help my brothers; 5) Go along to get along; or 6) The captivity will only last 70 years. SARGENT

God Blessed his Decision

Daniel 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Daniel 1:15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

Daniel 1:20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

It is never right to do wrong. There is no excuse for compromise. You need not be obnoxious when taking a stand for the Lord. Righteousness does not mean a 'holier than thou' attitude. We are to live separated lives. Persecution brings out the best in the best Christians. Purpose of heart is essential. We are to live for the next life and lay up treasures in heaven.

1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit and is needed.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, **temperance**: against such there is no law.

Daniel's decision at the age of 17 would mean that he was still serving God at 90.

1 Samuel 3:4 That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. (See also Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16)

Daniel's life lives on as a legacy due to his love for the Lord

Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

Daniel & the Kingdoms of the Future

Daniel (Ch 2, 7-8) lays out the future kingdoms of Babylon (current), Media-Persia, Greece, Rome, the Revived Roman Empire (10 kings), Antichrist and Christ's Kingdom. He (Ch 9) lays out the 70 week timetable for Israel. All was future at the time of his writing and the 7-year Tribulation is still future. He (Ch 11) also goes to great lengths to foretell of Antichrist. All this is prophecy as Daniel was alive when Ezekiel was alive. (625 – 570 B.C.)

Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Prophecy is the hand of God is in the glove of human events. Life is full of human choice and human free-will all within the plan of God.

- **God sets up rulers / kingdoms / authorities / 'big picture' events**

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Daniel 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Jeremiah 25:9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant**, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 27:6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of **Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant**; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him. (See Jer. 43:10)

Abraham / Israel / Calvary / Antichrist / Kingdom of God

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

- **Man responds to God individually from the heart**

Heart of man responds to God. The same sun that hardens clay, softens wax.

Romans 2:2 But we are sure that **the judgment of God is according to truth** against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**

Romans 2:5 But after **thy hardness and impenitent heart** treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Romans 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Romans 2:7 To **them** who by patient continuance in well doing **seek** for glory and honour and immortality, **eternal life**:

Romans 2:8-9 But unto **them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, **indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish**, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Romans 2:11 For **there is no respect of persons with God**.

Hebrews 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. (See Heb. 3:7-8, 4:7)

- **God Foreknows who will get saved**

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- **God will not violate the free-will of man. These verses are honest offers from Jehovah:**

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2 Chronicles 19:7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Colossians 3:25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

1 Peter 1:17 ...Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work

Ephesians 6:9 ...knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

Prophecy of Daniel Chapter 2

Daniel 2:29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, **what should come to pass hereafter**: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

Daniel 2:36-45

Head of Gold	Babylon - current & not prophetic	606 – 538 B.C.
Breast & Arms of Silver	Media-Persia	538 – 333 B.C.
Belly & Thighs of Brass	Greece	333 – 63 B.C.
Legs of Iron	Rome	63 B.C. – 476 A.D.
Feet of Iron & Clay	Revived Roman Empire	Trib. Period
Stone	Christ's Kingdom	Millennium + Eternity

Note

1. Media-Persia had great influence in becoming world power thru the Battle of Thermopylae. The 300 withstood the attacks and afforded the city-states time to unite.
2. After the death of Alexander the Great, Greece was divided into 4 sections by his 4 generals.
3. The 10 toes (Vs. 44) (Rev. 17:12) represent the 10 kings
4. Just as there is a gap between the 69th week of Daniel & the 70th week (of 2000+ years), so there is a gap between 2:40 and 2:41.

This gap is the "Times of the Gentiles."

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Hosea 3:4-5 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Kingdoms from *gold to iron & clay*. Things are getting worse and worse. Specific Gravity:

Gold 19.5 Silver 10.47 Brass 8 Iron 5 Clay 1.93

Man' view of kingdoms = Minerals (ch. 2) / God's view of kingdoms = Beasts (ch. 7)

Rome – legs are divided / Rome was divided in 364 A.D.

N.T. view of literal kingdom:

Matthew 6:9-10 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

1 Corinthians 15:23-28

“But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.”

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Revelation 2:25 But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

Daniel Chapter 3 & 4

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

This is a Bible principle. It is revealed in Dan. 3 & 4. The 3 Hebrew children humbled themselves and Neb exalted himself. This is practical for our life:

For Salvation

Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

An Attitude in Life

Luke 14:8-11 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Don't seek Greatness

Don't seek (Matt. 23:3-12) to be seen of men / honor of men/ positions & titles from men / seek to serve

Examples of this Principle

- **Three Hebrew children** humbled themselves – were exalted in trial

Daniel 3:17-18 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

God exalted them Dan. 3:19-27

- **Neb** exalted himself, was humbled

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?

God humbled him Dan. 4:31-37

Daniel Chapter 5

Text: Dan. 5:1-9 Handwriting on the Wall

The false security of Babylon – surrounded by a double wall 87 feet high and 350 feet thick at its base. On top of the wall, four chariots could ride side by side. It had 250 watchtowers each 100 feet above the wall. It had eight massive gates.

The river Euphrates flowed under the walls and right through the city. There was farmland within the city to provide food for several years.

Belshazzar – son – in line of Neb. He reigned co-regent with his father. Hence offer to Daniel in 5:7.

He was full of pride 5:20-22

It was drunkenness 5:2

It was an act of immorality 5:2

It was an act of defiance (blasphemy) against the true God – using vessels of Temple 5:3-4

It was an act of idolatry 5:4

Similar to Acts 12:21-23 King Herod

The handwriting on the wall – God is through with you. 5:5-6

It is too late to do anything about it (5:6).

Joel 3:13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Jeremiah 25:14-17 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:

Genesis 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that every* imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

The flood – came when Methuselah was to die – lived to be 969 years old. Longsuffering of God.

What does all this handwriting mean? 5:5

Wise men not know 5:8 / King afraid 5:9

Queen speaks up – “I have heard of Daniel 5:11-12 His testimony – will speak of later

Daniel brought in Dan. 5:13-16

His sermon 5:18-23 Fact of history in Babylon (Belshazzar will not live thru the night)

You knew all this 5:22c You shook your fist at God 5:23a Idolatry 5:23b

Aramaic words in 5:25 Numbered; Numbered; Weighed; Divisions

(Peres singular; Upharsin plural – U = and)

Daniel gives the interpretation of these words: 5:25-28

Your kingdom is done – finished – over. God may make a final call. 5:30-31

Mal. 1:4

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Likewise – if God be against us, we are done

Psalms 127:1-2 A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain. *It is vain* for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

History – the fall of Babylon – Oct. 13, 539 B.C.

The attacking Persian troops were divided into three companies. 1/3 were stationed where the Euphrates entered the city, under the wall; 1/3 where the river emerged from the city; and 1/3 retired upstream to a marshy basin formerly used to divert the river when the dikes inside the city were being repaired.

The Persians diverted the great river from its regular channel. On the very night of Belshazzar’s feast, the waiting detachments were able to enter the city under its walls. The river had gotten so shallow, they quickly took Babylon with a surprise attack.

No one is above the Lord – pride of Neb

No nation is above the Lord – pride of Babylon

The need for personal humility & need for humble leaders

Daniel 6:1-3

Daniel had an excellent spirit. He was considered one of three great men.

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Daniel

His preparation

Daniel 1:3-4 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

His heart

Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Trusted God in tight spot / Friend of God

Daniel 2:19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

His relationship with God

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

His testimony

Daniel 5:11-12 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers; Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

His fearlessness

Daniel 6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

He stood alone – again (1:8)

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

A Blessed Man

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Daniel 6:28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel – his name is recorded throughout all of history. Want to make your life count – do something for God / stand for God.

Name 3 of 12 spies in Numbers? Joshua & Caleb – all others are no names.

Ezekiel 14:14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

Contrast these two and their attitude toward money: Woman & Judas

SEE Matt. 26:6-15

Judas – name of infamy in bad way

Woman – listed in Word of God that will stand for ever!

Daniel in the Lion's Den 6:12-28

The Babylonian form of capital punishment was death by fire, the Medes and the Persians (who worshipped fire) used the den of lions.

Daniel was now about 90 years old

- **Contempt for Daniel**

Daniel 6:13 Then answered they and said before the king, **That Daniel**, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

Not everyone will like you / they did not like Daniel, for they did not like His God / Our 'righteousness' convicts this world of their own unrighteousness. We are to be Salt & Light

- **Daniel's Integrity**

The only flaw they could find was in his righteousness. See vs. 13d

Daniel lived a life of a clear conscience

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Those that hated him believed he would maintain his integrity

Daniel 6:13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

The King believed he would maintain his integrity

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God **whom thou servest continually**, he will deliver thee.

- **Impossible Situation**

Daniel 6:14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

Daniel 6:15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

His fate is sealed

Daniel 6:17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

- **Is God Able? Will God**

Daniel 6:20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, **is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?**

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

God can / Can God?

Psalms 78:19-22 Yea, they spake against God; they said, **Can God** furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; **can he** give bread also? **can he** provide flesh for his people? Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

It is never a matter of: can God / It is always a matter of: will God

This takes us back to:

Daniel 3:17-18 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Some say that the lions just were not hungry. Dan. 6:24!

God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths. Dan. 6:22

2 Kings 6:16-17 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

What one angel can do:

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

Isaiah 37:36 Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

- **New Decree Vs. 25-27**

Daniel 6:26-27 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

The testimony of Daniel is verified by the LIVING GOD working on his behalf. The living God is one of a kingdom that shall not be destroyed.

Both proud King Neb and King Darius testify of the greatness of God.

This decree brought 'religious toleration' to the Jews which paved the way for the events recorded in Esther, Ezra and Nehemiah. One man changed the course of history.

Ever think one church cannot do much?

5 loaves and 2 fishes fed thousands --- because they were given to God

Daniel changed a decree of the nation by his testimony. Never underestimate the impact we can have when we give that which we have to the LIVING GOD!

Prophecy of Daniel Chapter 7

Daniel had dreams and visions. His vision was of four beasts – four kingdoms.

4 Kingdoms 7:4-8

Christ's Kingdom 7:9-14

Interpretation of the Vision 7:15-27

Daniel Chapter 7 - Beasts

Lion with eagle's wings
 Bear
 Leopard
 Dreadful & Terrible Beast
 Ancient of Days

Daniel Chapter 2 – Minerals

Gold
 Silver
 Brass
 Iron; Iron & Clay
 Stone

Kingdom

Babylon
 Media-Persia
 Greece
 Rome; Revived Rome
 Christ's

The focus of Dan. 7:19-27 is on the Revived Roman Empire and the Antichrist that will rule it...and the final triumph of Christ over the Antichrist. Chapter 8 will further discuss this and the 2nd and 3rd beast.

Chapter 2 is man's viewpoint – kingdoms are minerals – great in splendor, power and wealth. Chapter 7 is God's view of kingdoms – vicious, brute beasts, using brute force to maintain power.

Daniel 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

- Lion with eagle's wings 7:4

Just as gold is "king of minerals," so the lion is king of beasts and the eagle is king of birds. "Babylon the Great --" Archeologists have discovered numerous 'winged lion' sphinxes from ancient Babylon.

- Bear 7:5

A bear kills with brute force and sheer strength. The Med-Persian armies were slow moving, but crushed their opposition. They had a standing army of 2 ½ million. 'Devour much flesh' refers to their expansion.

- Leopard – 4 wings; 4 heads 7:6

Alexander the Great noted for his swiftness in conquering – like a leopard. The four wings emphasize the speed and the four heads represent the 4-fold division after his death. Alexander the Great's four generals divided the kingdom into Thrace, Macedonia, Syria and Egypt.

- Dreadful & Terrible Beast 7:7-8, 7:19

The dreadful Roman empire is noted here. Note: the last semicolon of verse 7 is important. It represents the 'great parenthesis' of the present age and separates Rome of ancient times from the future Roman empire – of today.

The 10 Horns 7:7-8; 7:20-21

The 10 horns correspond with the 10 toes of Dan. 2:41-44. Dan. 7:8 (Antichrist) is still future!

Rev 12:3 ...a great red **dragon**, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Rev 13:1 ...a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns...

Rev 16:13 ...the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**.

Rev 17:7 ...the mystery of the **woman**, and of the **beast**...which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are **ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

In verses above it should be noted that in the Tribulation Period, Satan, Antichrist, the False Prophet, the Pope, and the 10-kings of the Revived Roman Empire will unite.

The Little Horn 7:8; 7:21-26

The Book of Daniel will go to great lengths to tell us of Antichrist. It will culminate in chapter 11.

Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

- Christ's Kingdom 7:9-14; 7:27 The Judgment is reserved for the Ancient of Days. Before Him:

Daniel 7:10 A **fiery stream** issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and **ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him**: the judgment was set, and the **books were opened**.

Revelation 20:11-12 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

He is victorious over Antichrist:

Daniel 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Final Victory & Authority:

Daniel 7:9 I beheld till **the thrones were cast down**, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

Much authority is in rebellion against God. Lucifer had a throne – but he rebelled and wanted to be like the Most High. (Isa. 14:13: "...I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...")

Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Those thrones were cast down. The final authority – throne of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Daniel 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 19:16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS

Daniel's Vision of Chapter 8

Isaiah prophesied of Christ / Daniel prophesied of Antichrist

Dan. 1:1 - 2:4 is written in Hebrew because it gives the account of the Fall of Jerusalem and the Captivity of Israel. From Dan. 2:4 – 7:28, the language is **Aramaic**, because that part of the Book relates to the Gentile World Powers. Chapter 8: 1 – 12:13 is also in **Hebrew** because it has direct reference to the **Jews, Jerusalem**, and the **Sanctuary** (Temple), and the terrible Roman Emperor (Antichrist) who will desecrate the Sanctuary and persecute the Jews. The purpose was to show Daniel what shall befall his People (the Jews) in the "Latter Days."

Overview of the Vision of Daniel

Ram vs. 3-4

He Goat vs. 5-8

Little Horn vs. 9-12

Meaning, Understand, Know vs. 15-19

Interpretation vs. 20-25

Ram – identified as Media-Persia in 8:20

Goat identified as Alexander the Great (Greece) in 8:21

Little Horn comes out of 1 of 4 generals of Greece in 8:8-9

This *Little Horn* will be near fulfillment of Antiochus Epiphanes and far fulfillment of Antichrist

Note: the vision was to be known – 8:15-19 (*understand* vs. 16-17; *make thee know* vs. 19)

Daniel knew that Babylon was the head of gold, but now he will understand the next two kingdoms.

- **This Vision will entail the Tribulation Period!**

Daniel 8:17 "...Understand, O son of man: **for at the time of the end shall be the vision.**"

Daniel 8:19 "...I will make thee know **what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.**"

Daniel 8:26 "...wherefore **shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.**"

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.** (Airplane & Jet traffic / Internet)

To understand this chapter, we must understand that it is for the "last days." Thus it is an unfulfilled prophecy for the end times. This means that the ten toes of chapter 2, the ten horns of chapter 7, the little horn of chapter 8, the 70th week of chapter 9, and the willful king of chapter 11:36-45 are all for the Tribulation Period.

The Ram – Media Persia

vs. 3-4, 20

Two horns – correspond with two-kingdom confederacy

One horn higher – corresponds with the bear of ch. 7 – raised up on one side. Persia was dominate.

Ram pushing – corresponds with three ribs in mouth of bear in ch. 7 – pushing westward (Babylon, Syria, Asia Minor), northward (Lydia, Armenia...), & southward (Palestine, Egypt, Arabia, Ethiopia).

The Goat – Greece (Alexander the Great)

vs. 5-8, 21-22

Came from the West – Greece is west of Media-Persia

Touched not the ground – corresponds with leopard of ch. 7 – as swift and mobile armies of Alexander

One notable horn between his eyes – verse 21 tells us that this is Alexander the Great
Fury and choler against the ram – shows extreme anger toward Persia because of earlier attacks upon
Greece by Perisans under Xeres I in 480 B.C..

Smashed & Stamped – speaks of wars that Greece had

Great horn broken and four horns came up – speak of division of Greece in to the four generals of
Alexander the Great:

Cassander took Macedonia
Seleucus took Syria

Lysimachus took Thrace
Ptolemy took Egypt

The emblem of Persia was a "**RAM.**" Coins have been discovered which display a "Ram's Head" on one
side, and a Ram recumbent on the other. In the Zendavesta, Ized Behram, the guardian spirit of Persia,
appears like a Ram, with cloven feet, and sharp-pointed horns. The national Emblem of Macedonia
(Greece) was a "**GOAT,**" and is found on the coins of that country, the ancient capital of which was
called **Aegae**, or the "**GOAT CITY,**" while the adjacent waters were called the Aegean, or "**GOAT-SEA.**"
Hence the son of Alexander the Great by Roxana was called Aegus, the "Son of a goat." LARKIN

The Little Horn – Antiochus Ephiphanes / Antichrist vs. 9-14, 23-25

These verses will speak of a near and a far fulfillment. Similar to "Elijah which was for to come," the
"abomination of desolation," and the willful king of Daniel chapter 11.

The *little horn* of ch. 7 comes out of Rome, while this *little horn* comes out of Greece.
He is located in the north (read verse 9) – hence it would be Syria

Antiochus Ephiphanes came from Syria and fulfilled this prophecy:

Grew great vs. 10 Magnified himself vs. 11 (epiphanies means 'great one')
Stopped the Jewish sacrifices – in 168 B.C. – offered sow in Holy of Holies in Temple
Vs. 9-12 may speak of Antiochus and/or Antichrist. Vs. 23-25 speak of Antichrist.

Daily Sacrifice taken away (vs. 11-14)

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the
prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

2 Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is
worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

After 2,300 days, the Temple worship will be restored. This seems to speak of the Millennial Temple of
Ezekiel chapters 41-43, and that the sacrifices will begin 1,040 days after end of the Tribulation Period.

Antichrist / the "End Time Little Horn" described in vs. 23-25

A King	Of Fierce Countenance	Understand Dark Sentences
Not of His Own Power (Satanic)	Destroy Wonderfully	Prosper
Attack God's People	Magnify Himself	Bring in Peace
Oppose the Prince of Princes	Broken without hand:	

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before
him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped
his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Daniel 9:1-4

The Timeframe 9:1-2

It is 538 B.C.. The 70 years of captivity are near a close. 70 years of visitation on Jerusalem from 606 – 536 B.C. and the Temple from 586-516 B.C.. Daniel has read:

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

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.

It will be only 2 years until the captivity is over (in 536 B.C.) and Jeremiah knows this. Cyrus was already king of Persia and God would fulfill this prophecy:

Isaiah 44:28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Prayer & The Covenant 9:3-4

Daniel 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments...

Feared God - Great & Dreadful...

Trusted God – Keep Covenant / Give Mercy

Covenant between Jehovah & Israel – thru Abraham, Isaac & Jacob...

The Rainbow shows us that God will deal with humans on the basis of a Covenant:

Genesis 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

Israel & Jehovah – Unconditional Covenant – still applicable for today

Covenant of Seed & Land

Genesis 13:15-17 For all **the land** which thou seest, **to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever**. And **I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth**: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through **the land** in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for **I will give it unto thee**.

Genesis 17:7-8 And I will establish **my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And **I will**

give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an **everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.

Davidic Covenant – Throne established for ever

2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Covenant of Salvation

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

To reject His Blood brings damnation

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the **blood of the covenant**, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:30-31 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for all:

1 John 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

2 Peter 2:1-2 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall **bring in damnable heresies**, even denying **the Lord that bought them**, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

Jehovah's Covenant with Israel is still for Today

July 31st @ 6 pm to Aug. 1st @ 6 pm -- the 9th of AV – a day of infamy in history of Israel.

Daniel 9:5-20

Prayer & The Confession

Notice the use of pronouns *we* and *us*.

Not once does Daniel:

Justify himself

Point to a privileged position with God

Point the finger at others

Bring up his own faithfulness to God

Protest that he is a victim in all this

Humility is needed (vs. 3)

Set my face = Time set aside / Fasting = self denial / Sackcloth = humility / Ashes = mourning

Pride is rooted in self:

- I am religious – Catholic; Baptist; Church Member; Baptized...

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

- I do good works – Give; Help people; Love...

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- I am a pastor, deacon, trustee, Sunday School teacher...

Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Philippians 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

Broken before God

Isaiah in Isa. 6 / Job in Job chapters 40-42 / David in Ps. 51

Unbroken – Lucifer in Isa 28 - - the 5 “I wills” / Judas unbroken

Weak = Strong / Weak in the Flesh = Strong in the Lord

Weak before God – qualified to be strong before men.

Conquered by God = broken / contrite heart. It is here that we see ourselves for what we truly are before God.

Psalms 34:18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Isaiah 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Issues of a Sinner / Saved Sinners

Sinned / Ignore plain teaching of Word of God / Rebelled / Sinned

Daniel 9:5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done **wickedly**, and have **rebelled**, even by **departing** from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

Daniel 9:6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:7 O Lord, righteousness **belongeth unto thee**, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near*, and *that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, **because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee**.

Daniel 9:8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, **because we have sinned against thee**.

Who God Is

Daniel 9:9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

His love gives mercy – motivated by love & compassion & on His terms.

God had warned of coming judgment – but Israel ignored His warnings

Daniel 9:12-14 And he hath **confirmed his words, which he spake against us**, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As ***it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us***: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

The problem is not with God – it is with their sin.

God had warned in Deut. 28-30. Israel ignored the plain teaching of God's Word. God sent Hosea, the broken-hearted prophet to Israel – they ignored him. Then God sent Jeremiah, the weeping prophet unto Judah, and they ignored his message. God did not owe this to them, but the Lord gives many warnings.

Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For **unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

1 Peter 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Who God is / Relationship between God & Israel Dan. 9 :16-19

Daniel 9:16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from **thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain:** because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, **Jerusalem** and **thy people** *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.

Daniel 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon **thy sanctuary** that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

Daniel 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the **city which is called by thy name:** for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

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.**

Jerusalem, People of God – Israel, Sanctuary – Temple... Jehovah in covenant relationship with Israel and Jerusalem is where the House of God sits.

One Day

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Ezekiel 48:35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures:* and the name of the city from *that day shall be,* The LORD *is* there.

Today – God deals with His people: Israel / Church of God (GBC) – House of God / Saved – people of God
Why doesn't God just do something with "those people"? They are not His children. God only chastens His own children.

Focus on your relationship with God

Worship God in spirit and in truth. You must be honest with God and your heart.

Do you think Daniel was a vile, wretched person (read Dan. 9:5-8)? Do you think you are godlier than Daniel? We must seek the face of God with an honest and open heart. Allow the Lord to conquer us and break our cold, crusty heart. It is only then that we can be bold toward others. A godly person is a broken-hearted person. Broken over his/her own sin.

Daniel 9:21-23 Gabriel

Daniel's prayer is interrupted – vs. 20-21

Only 3 spiritual beings with names that we know – Gabriel, Michael and Lucifer. In the book of Enoch we read of the names of the four great archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael.

Gabriel appeared as a *man*. Dan. 8:15-17, 9:21a, Gen. 19:15, Heb. 13:2

Gabriel could fly – vs. 21

He started his journey from heaven at the beginning of his prayer in vs. 23a and answered before prayer was done in vs. 23b. From presence of God to Daniel within time of one prayer!

Da 9:21 Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. Read Luke 1:18-38

Gabriel tells Daniel

Vs. 22c give thee skill and understanding

Vs. 23c understand the matter and consider the vision

Gabriel – Announcer of Good News

From the Scriptures, nothing more is known of him; he is mentioned only as bearing messages to Daniel, to Zacharias the father of John the Baptist, and to Mary.

The name Gabriel, as mentioned above, means "Hero of God;" and the word here translated "man" is the ordinary word for "man," *'ish*. It may be remarked that in Scripture angels are always "men."

Gabriel is the special messenger of good news. He comes to Daniel, and tells him of the restoration of Jerusalem; to Zacharias, and announces the birth of his son, and declares what his glorious office would consist in; to Mary of Nazareth, and foretells the nativity.

Angels may be used as a test of our kindness

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Angels are to minister to the saved

Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Help from without in time of physical difficulty – Jesus exhausted spiritually which affects the physical:

Luke 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Holy Ghost gives comfort from within / God gives grace within / Peace comes from within / Need for physical help from without – from angels. Angels help the afflicted, and defend those who are in danger.

MICHAEL - Defender in War

Michael, on the other hand, appears as the warrior of God. In *Daniel*, he wars with the enemies of the people of the Lord; in *Jude* and *Revelation*, he is the victorious antagonist of Satan the enemy.

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Daniel 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil...about the body of Moses...

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Our life consists of good news & warfare

Nehemiah 4:16-18 ...*that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows...*every one with one of his hands wrought in the work*, and with the *other hand held a weapon*...every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded.

Angels to help you in good things / angels there to help you in battle

1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

2 Corinthians 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Daniel 9:24-27 The 70th Week of Daniel

The Tribulation Period lasts exactly seven years or 2,520 days. This is known by a study of Daniel 9:24-27. The 70th week of Daniel is the Tribulation Period.

When Daniel refers to the word *weeks*, he is referring to a seven-year timeframe. The word in the Hebrew is the word 'shabuwa.'

The definition of this word is: "1. *period of seven days, week; of marriage feast. 2. heptad or seven of years.*"¹ This means that the seventy 'weeks' can be either seventy 'seven-day periods' or seventy 'seven-year periods.' The context will determine which one to use.

This principle of time measurement is not new. One day stood for a year in the following verse:

Numbers 14:34 "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."

And one-week meant one 'seven-year period' in these verses:

Genesis 29:27 "Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.²⁸ And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also."

This approach of seven-years for one-week will be applied to Daniel 9:24-27. The following is a word-for-word reading of the Scriptures except for the notes added by this author which are in parenthesis.

Daniel 9:24-27:

"Seventy weeks are determined

(70 weeks = 70 x 7's which totals 490 – in this case **490 years**)

upon thy people and upon thy holy city, (Israelites and Jerusalem)

to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins (For Israel – Rom. 11:26)

and to make reconciliation for iniquity (The sin of Israel's rejection of Messiah)

and to bring in everlasting righteousness (King Jesus reigns in righteousness)

and to seal up the vision and prophecy (End of need for vision & prophecy)

and to anoint the most Holy (Most Holy Place in Millennial Temple)

¹ Bible Works 4.0 Whittaker's Revised BDB Lexicon p. 988

Know therefore and understand, that from

the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem **unto**

the Messiah the Prince shall be

seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks (7+62 = 69 weeks or 69 x 7 = **483 years**)

the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off

(This has happened – thus 69 weeks have been already fulfilled),

but not for himself: and

the people (Rome) of the prince that shall come (Antichrist)

shall destroy the city and the sanctuary (Titus and Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.)

and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he (Antichrist)

shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week** (yet unfulfilled)

(**This is the last week – the 70th week** – one week of years = **7 years**)

and in the midst of the week (3 ½ year mark)

he (Antichrist)

shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease (in the Jewish Temple)

and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the

consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

Thus, the first sixty-nine weeks of Daniel have been fulfilled. The seventieth week of Daniel is unfulfilled. In the midst of the week (the 3 ½ year mark), he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease – as the Antichrist sits in the Temple as God (II The. 2:4).

It is imperative that one understands that this seven-year timeframe is yet future, as it is the Tribulation Period’s timeframe.

End time prophecy hinges on Israel. The 70th week of Daniel / the 7-year Tribulation Period has everything to do with Israel and their Temple.

Revelation 11:1-2 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months.

Daniel Chapter 10

This would be 534 B.C. (3rd year of Cyrus – Dan. 10:1) and Daniel would be about 90 years old.

The word *vision* is found 6 times in chapter 10 and 22 times in the book of Daniel.

Daniel 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

Daniel 10 is a prelude to the vision of the end time prophecy of chapter 11 and chapter 12 is a postlude.

In this chapter we will find the worst of the earth and the best of the earth.

The Worst of the Earth

This chapter unveils some of the warfare in the spirit world.

Daniel 10:2-3 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Daniel 10:12-13 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel is praying / Gabriel is on his way with the answer / Prince of Persia withstood Gabriel
Michael comes to his aid in this warfare and prayer is delivered

The kingdom of darkness

Matthew 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 12:24-30 But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Matthew 4:8-9 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Satan has an organized kingdom. He has the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece (Dan. 10:13, 10:20). Demons are assigned to countries, cities and individuals.

War in heaven A future war will cast Satan out of heaven during the Tribulation Period.

Revelation 12:7-9 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Earthly War

2 Kings 6:14-15 Therefore sent he thither **horses, and chariots**, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host **compassed the city both with horses and chariots**. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

Heavenly War

2 Kings 6:16-18 And he answered, Fear not: for **they that be with us are more than they that be with them**. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the **mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire** round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Your life on this earth is a war – the angelic beings are also involved in warfare. You need to fully realize what you are up against.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

The sooner you realize this, the better prepared you will be. The more fully you realize this, the wiser you will be in your responses in life. It is a war.

The Best of the Earth

Who is Daniel? He is a man greatly beloved!

Daniel 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Daniel 10:11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

Daniel 10:19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace *be* unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

He fasted – in this case he set aside certain foods and some acts of personal hygiene.

Daniel was touched three times

- 1) The first time, he stood vs. 10-11
- 2) The second time he spake vs. 16
- 3) The third time, he was strengthened vs. 18

If you are ever touched in a supernatural way – you will never be the same. The new birth is a supernatural work of God – never the same.

The Holy Spirit of God can ‘touch you’ and help you unlike any other being. Allow Him to help you. Daniel was totally whipped from entering into the spiritual realm.

Daniel 10:8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

Daniel 10:15-17 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

Spiritual work can be just that – work. Prayer, preaching, witnessing can all be work that can be draining physically.

Daniel:

Walked with God / Humble before God / Broken and Contrite

Served God in spite of the times of heathenism

Daniel 10 Spiritual Beings

Pre-incarnate Lord Jesus Christ

Daniel 10:5-6 ...a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

Revelation 1:13-16 ... *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

Gabriel

Daniel 10:16 And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me...

Isaiah 6:6-7 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips...

Daniel 10:18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

Demonic Beings

Daniel 10:13 But the **prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the **prince of Persia**: and when I am gone forth, lo, the **prince of Grecia** shall come.

Organized demonic activity over nations, cities and individuals

Nations, cities and individuals can

- Be receptive or reject the Lord
- Have demonic beings assigned to them
- Will give an account to God

America has been more receptive to the gospel than many other countries. Western civilization has been more receptive to the gospel than the East. There are cities and individuals that are more receptive than others.

Nations

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;**

Daniel 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

Matthew 25:31-34 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Zechariah 14:16-19 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Cities

Amos 1:3 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four...

Amos 1:6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Gaza...

Amos 1:8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod...

Amos 1:9 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four...

Amos 1:11 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four...

Amos 1:13 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four...

Luke 10:10-11 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Acts 13:50-51 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

Matthew 11:21-22 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be **more tolerable** for **Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment**, than for you.

Matthew 11:23-24 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Church planting is easier in some cities. Some cities have very little gospel.

Individuals

John 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

Acts 28:24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Mark 6:10-12 And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

Psalms 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

12 times in the N.T there is a reference to a person being *possessed with a devil(s)*.

Matt. 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils...

There will be different degrees of rewards in heaven and different degrees of punishment in hell:

1 Corinthians 15:41-42 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead...

Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Matt. 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the **greater damnation**.

Nations, cities and individuals can be receptive to the gospel or non-receptive

Demonic beings can influence and obtain a stronghold in a nation, city or individual.

The Church - A Supernatural Institution

The church is to be an influence to each city and influence the nation. The indwelling Holy Spirit causing us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth within the church is God's plan.

- Each Christian needs to be in a church.

Matthew 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Luke 14:34-35 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- Each city needs a good church.

Mark 1:38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only **he who now letteth will let**, until he be taken out of the way.

- Each church in a city needs to spread the gospel

Acts 5:28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

The church and the Christian are supernatural – to rise above things of this earth.

Our position in Christ is:

Ephesians 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he **raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places***, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Ephesians 2:5-6 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and **made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:**

Daniel 11:1-35

Daniel wrote these amazing prophecies which reach from 530 – 164 B.C., from Cambyses, King of Persia to the death of Antiochus Epiphanes, King of Syria and it also leaps to a prophecy to a time of the end when Antichrist appears.

The *Big Picture* is that God is giving these prophecies about Antichrist. The book of Daniel gives us some of the greatest details about Antichrist and Chapter 11 shows us the great lengths given to reveal him.

Daniel 11:1-2 Also I in the **first year of Darius** the Mede...Behold, there shall stand up **yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all**: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

Darius would be followed by four kings – Xerxes I (486-465 B.C.) was very wealthy. 100 + year gap between verse 2 and verse 3.

Daniel 11:3-4 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be **divided toward the four** winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

This is the rule of Alexander the Great. His kingdom was divided into his four generals. “Not to his posterity” – both of his sons were assassinated.

Kings of the North & Kings of the South Dan. 11:5-20

The kings of the north are the Seleucid dynasty which ruled Syria. The kings of the south are the Ptolemaic dynasty which ruled Egypt. The “glorious land” speaks of the “holy land.” The holy land is *sandwiched* between Syria and Egypt. The Jewish people suffered greatly due to the conflict between these two nations. The timeframe is about 150 years (323 – 175 B.C.)

Dan. 11:5 Ptolemy Lagi (Soter) of Egypt; Seleucus Nicator / he annexed Macedon and Thrace to Syria.

Dan. 11:6 250 B.C. Ptolemy Philadelphus of Egypt and Antiochus Theos of Syria agreed to make peace on the condition that Antiochus put away his former wife and her two sons and that he marry Berenice, the daughter of Ptolemy and any son be heir. They married, but when Ptolemy died, Antiochus took back his former wife. Berenice and her young son were poisoned and Callinicus, the son of Laodice was put on the throne as Seleucus II.

Dan. 11:7 *Her* refers to the murdered Berenice, and the one that shall stand up was her brother, Ptolemy Euergetes, who avenger her death. He invaded Seleucus Callinicus, killed Laodice, the wife of Antiochus Theos and seized the port of Antioch.

Dan. 11:8 Ptolemy III carried to Egypt 4,000 talents of gold, 40,000 talents of silver and 2,500 idols and idolatrous vessels.

Dan. 11:9 This may mean either Ptolemy Euergetes returned to Egypt or Seleucus returned to Syria.

Dan. 11:10 Unsure – seem to refer to an unsuccessful attack.

Dan. 11:11 Ptolemy Philopater of Egypt defeated Antiochus the Great in the Battle of Raphia in 217 B.C. *He* refers to Antiochus and *his* refers to Philopater.

Dan. 11:12 Philopater, had he pressed his victory, might have possessed the kingdom of Antiochus, but pride and licentious indulgence prevented him from doing this, and so he was not strengthened by his victory in Raphia.

Dan. 11:13 Antiochus entered an alliance with Phillip III of Maceon to partition Egypt between them, the Syrian king attacked Egypt with a large army and one result was Antiochus gained possession of Palestine.

Dan. 11:14 Tells of (1) discontent in Egypt following the death of Philopater and (2) rebel Jews, who sided with Antiochus hoping to gain something from him. The general of Ptolemy overthrew the nation of the Jews – their apostasy caused them to stumble.

Dan. 11:15 In 198 B.C., Antiochus defeated the Egyptians at Paneas as Scopas the Egyptian general fled to Sidon, one of Egypt’s strongest fortified cities. Antiochus laid siege to this city and compelled the Egyptians to surrender.

Dan. 11:16 *Him* refers to Ptolemy and *his* refers to Antiochus whose victory was complete.

Dan. 11:17 Antiochus gathered his forces to invade Epypt, but the Egyptians had obtained interference of the Romans which led Antiochus to change his policy. He gave to Ptolemy a matrimonial alliance that would, for the time at least, secure the neutrality or the friendship of the Egyptians. The daughter of women - The reference here is undoubtedly to his own daughter, Cleopatra.

Dan. 11:18 Antiochus took possession of Macedon (Philip) and Thrace. The Romans insisted he get out of Philip’s former dominion. He refused, but a *prince*, Scipio of Rome resisted him and turned the reproach back on the Syrian’s head.

Dan. 11:19 Antiochus fled from fort to fort on his way back to Antioch. A heavy tax was imposed upon him by the Romans, but the inhabitants slew him and all his forces.

Dan. 11:20 Seleucus IV, Philopater somehow found the taxes imposed upon his father, and sent his treasurer to plunder the Temple at Jerusalem. A tradition says Heliodorus poisoned Seleucus who suddenly disappeared.

Copied from Elliott "on the Apocalypse," iv. 123:

B.C.	The Ptolemies	B.C.	The Seleucidae
323	Ptolemy Soter, son of Ptolemy Lagus, governor of Egypt.	323	Seleucus Nicator, governor of Babylon
		312	Seleucus Nicator recovers Babylon, and the Era of the Seleucidae begins
306	Ptolemy Soter takes title king of Egypt		
284	Ptolemy Philadelphus.		
		280	Antiochus Soter
		261	Antiochus Theus
246	Ptolemy Euergetes	246	Seleucus Callinicus
		226	Seleucus Ceraunus
		225	Antiochus the Great

221	Ptolemy Philopator		
204	Ptolemy Epiphanes		
		187	Seleucus Philopator
180	Ptolemy Philometor		
		175	Antiochus Epiphanes

"After this, fourteen mere Syrian kings reigned, in reigns of short and uncertain power, until Syria was occupied and formed into a Roman province under Pompey, at which time the era of the Seleucidae properly ends; and six more Egyptian princes, to the death of Ptolemy Auletes, who dying 51 B.C., left his kingdom and children to Roman guardianship - one of these children being the 'Cleopatra' so famous in the histories of Caesar and Anthony."

- **Prophecies of Antiochus Epiphanes Dan. 11:21-31**

Dan. 11:21 This vile person was referred to by the Jews as Antiochus *Epimanes* – meaning *madman*. He was not the literal heir to the throne, but obtained it via intrigue and political favor.

Dan. 11:23 He shall work deceitfully. A covenant between Syrian and Egypt was made, but he ignored this agreement.

Dan. 11:25-29 His attack on Egypt.

Dan. 11:30-31 His indignation toward the Jews

"In the spring of B. C. 168, Antiochus again led his troops to Egypt in order to subjugate the two brothers, Ptolemy Philometer and Ptolemy Physcon. But the same success no longer awaited him, for the Ptolemies had appealed to Rome. Along the well-known route the Syrian King passed, no one daring to arrest his progress, until he was within four miles of Alexandria. A Roman fleet lay at anchor in the bay, and presently Antiochus was met by Popilius Laenas, who put into his hand a missive from the Roman Senate commanding him to leave the friends of the Roman people unmolested, and to be content with his own Kingdom. Having read it, Antiochus remarked that he would call his advisers and consult with them as to what was to be done. Whereupon Popilius drew a circle around him in the sand with his staff, and said—"Before you step out of that circle give such an answer as I may report to the Senate." The King was cowed, and replied—"If it so please the Senate, we will depart."

Antiochus then withdrew his army from Egypt and vented his fury upon the Jews of the "Glorious Land," in the fearful massacres, persecutions, and pollutions of the Temple, described in the first chapter of the first Book of Maccabees. In doing this he repaired the massive walls and towers of the Citadel of David, and garrisoned them with Syrian soldiers. He commanded that all his subjects should be one people, with one religion, and with the same laws. And, in order to enforce this upon the Jews, their Sanctuary was profaned, the offerings and sacrifices prohibited, and an "**Idol-Altar**" built over the "Altar of Jehovah," upon which swine's flesh was sacrificed, presumably to an Image placed over it. This was the "**Abomination that maketh desolate,**" in the text – a type of a future event." Clarence Larkin

- **Prophecies of Antichrist in Dan. 11:36-45 and the Following Verses:**

Daniel 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another **little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a **mouth speaking great things**.

Daniel 7:20-21 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a **mouth that spake very great things**, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;**

Daniel 7:24-26 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And he shall **speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and think to **change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

Daniel 8:9-12 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which **waxed exceeding great**, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*. And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he **magnified himself** even to the prince of the host, and **by him the daily sacrifice was taken away**, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

Daniel 8:23-25 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a **king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences**, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but **not by his own power**: and he shall **destroy wonderfully**, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall **destroy the mighty and the holy people**. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall **magnify himself in his heart**, and **by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also **stand up against the Prince of princes**; but he shall **be broken without hand**.

Daniel 9:26-27 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of **the prince that shall come** shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 10:14 Now I am come to **make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days...**

Daniel 11:36-37 And the **king shall do according to his will**; and he **shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god**, and shall **speak marvellous things against the God of gods**, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. **Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women**, nor regard any god: for **he shall magnify himself above all**.

Daniel 11:36-45

The Willful King – Antichrist

Daniel 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself...

Daniel 9:26-27 ...the prince that shall come...And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease...

Daniel 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall **thy people in the latter days**: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days.

Dan. 11:1-35 gives prophecy from Darius to Antiochus Epiphanes and then *springboards* to the end days prophecy of Antichrist. Now 11:36-45 describes this end time personage. He has been described in Daniel (see last week's notes) and is also described in *Revelation*:

Revelation 13:1-5 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, *Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?* And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

Daniel 11:36 And the **king shall do according to his will**; and he shall **exalt himself**, and **magnify himself above every god**, and shall **speak marvellous things against the God** of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. Jesus humbled himself. Jesus magnified God, the Father. Jesus never spake against God. Antichrist is like his father, the devil. Satan was willful, exalted himself, magnified himself and speaks against God....

We learn from this that we can be Christ-like in our actions or Satan-like.

Daniel 11:37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. (This would indicate that he is a Jew)

Not regarding the desire of women... "The phrase is in itself ambiguous, and may either mean what they desire, that is, what is agreeable to them, or what they commonly seek, and for which they would

plead; or it may mean his own desire - that is, that he would not be restrained by the desire of women, by any regard for women, for honorable matrimony.” (BARNES)

Hence, this may mean that 1) he is celibate or as Larkin says, 2) the desire of Jewish women to be the mother of the Messiah, and we must not forget that to the Jews the Messiah has not yet come, then he will not regard **the Son**, and the Bible says:

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that **denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.

Daniel 11:38 But in his estate **shall he honour the God of forces: and a god** whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

Honor the God of forces! (Forces – a fortified place)

Revelation 13:2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the **dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.**

Shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones... earthly riches are important to the worldly people. Notice Rome:

Revelation 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

Real wealth / true riches are given by God AFTER death at the Bema Seat / reward seat:

1 Cor. 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation **gold, silver, precious stones**, wood, hay, stubble;

Revelation 3:17-18 Because **thou sayest, I am rich**, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that **thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked**: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Satanic religion is always ruling over, money and lust

Daniel 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and **he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.**

Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? **who is able to make war with him?**

2 Peter 2:1,2&14 But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even **denying the Lord that bought them...** And through **covetousness** shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you:

whose...damnation slumbereth not... Having **eyes full of adultery**, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children...

Antichrist at war with King of the South – Egypt

Daniel 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

It would seem that this is near end of the Tribulation Period.

Daniel 11:41-43 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.

Verses 42-43, where it says that the "King of the North" shall treat the "King of the South" as an enemy and shall spoil Egypt . What verse 40 means is, that at the "Time of the End," the "King of the South" shall push at him (the Wilful King): and the King of the North (the Wilful King) shall come against him (the King of the South). That is, the "King of the North" will return the attack of the "King of the South." (LARKIN)

His End

Daniel 11:44-45 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet **he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.**

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

"None shall help him." How opposite is this to the believer.

Psalms 121:1 A Song of degrees. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Psalms 46:1 To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Daniel Chapter 12

The Great Tribulation Period – None Like It

➤ **Daniel 12:1** And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

- Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people

Michael, the archangel, stands up for Israel. (Dan. 10:13, 10:21, Jude 1:9, Rev. 12:7)

- There shall be a time of trouble (See Rev. chapters 6-18)

Jeremiah 30:6-7 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the **time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.

Isaiah 13:6-8 Howl ye; for the **day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a **destruction** from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: **pangs and sorrows** shall take hold of them; they shall be **in pain as a woman that travaileth**: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them, **as travail upon a woman with child**; and they shall not escape.

Creation has *birth pangs* until the birth of its regeneration:

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Romans 8:23 And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Present day earthquakes, hurricanes, shaking of earth... is caused by the unsaved earth having pangs in the end times.

- Such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mark 13:19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! for **that day is great, so that none is like it**: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

- At that time thy people shall be delivered

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon **thy people** and upon thy holy city...

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of **Jacob's** trouble; but **he shall be saved out of it**.

Noah was "saved out" of the judgment of God. Even so, Israel will be saved *thru* the wrath of God.

Luke 17:26-27 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

Hosea 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Amos 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Zechariah 12:8-10 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

Romans 11:26 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:

Zechariah 13:9 And I will bring the third part **through the fire**, and will **refine them** as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: **I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.**

Malachi 3:2-3 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Obadiah 1:17-21 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the **house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble**, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken *it*. And *they of* the south

shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead... And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Jordan is Edom, Ammon & Moab and Judah is Israel. Edom is Esau and will be destroyed.

Jeremiah 48:41 Keriath is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the mighty men's hearts in **Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.**

Jeremiah 49:22 ...shall the heart of the mighty men of **Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.**

Jeremiah 49:2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the **Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap**, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

The Two Resurrections

- **Daniel 12:2** And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Rewards in Heaven

- **Daniel 12:3** And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

They that be wise: Noah, Abraham, Daniel, Maccabees, N.T. missions of church planters...

1 Corinthians 15:41-42 ...for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

- **Daniel 12:4** But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even to the time of the end*: many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased.**

Daniel 10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall **thy people in the latter days...**

“Until 1900, human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today, on average, human knowledge is doubling every 13 months. The build out of the “internet of things” will lead to knowledge doubling every 12 hours.”

<http://www.industrytap.com/knowledge-doubling-every-12-months-soon-to-be-every-12-hours/3950>

The “Great Tribulation” period is the last half & it is 3 ½ years

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as **was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

Daniel 12:6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

Daniel 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that ***it shall be for a time, times, and an half***; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, ***all these things shall be finished.***

How long? Time, times and an half = 1260 days

Revelation 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

What happens the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation (1,260 Days / 42 Months)

Jerusalem is trodden down	Rev. 11:1-2	Antichrist sits in Temple as God	2 The. 2:4, Dan. 9:27
Israel goes into hiding	Rev. 12:6, 12:14	Antichrist rules as the Beast	Rev. 13:5
Mark of Beast is Impemented	Rev. 13:16-18	144,000 are in heaven	Rev. 14:1-5
Angels Preach	Rev. 14:6-11		

Questions to the timing

Daniel 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, ***what shall be the end of these things?***

Answer

Daniel 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

The 1,290 Days – the wise in the end times will know:

Daniel 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; **but the wise shall understand.**

The 1,335 Days – Blessed if you make it to this time 75 days after the end of the Tribulation Period.

The wise will know. Some things are unknown now, known later and some things we will never know.

Colossians 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*: Which **are a shadow of things to come**; but the body *is* of Christ.

Passover / Unleavened Bread / Firstfruits / Pentecost / Trumpets / Day of Atonement / Tabernacles
If the first 4 feasts were fulfilled prophetically, then the last 3 feasts will also be fulfilled prophetically.

Hence, Trumpets will be a regathering of Israel on the very day of the Feast of Trumpets. Israel will get saved on the very Day of Atonement and Jesus Christ will land on earth and tabernacle with man on the exact day of the Feasts of Tabernacles.

“As the four spring feasts were fulfilled literally and right on the actual feast day in connection with Christ's first coming, these three fall feasts, it is believed by many, will likewise be fulfilled literally in connection to the Lord's second coming.” <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jewish-feasts.html>

1) “Passover ([Leviticus 23:5](#)) – Jesus was crucified on the day of preparation for the Passover at the same hour that the lambs were being slaughtered for the Passover meal that evening ([John 19:14](#)).

2) Unleavened Bread ([Leviticus 23:6](#)) – Pointed to the Messiah's sinless life (as leaven is a picture of sin in the Bible), making Him the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus' body was in the grave during the first days of this feast, like a kernel of wheat planted and waiting to burst forth as the bread of life.

3) First Fruits ([Leviticus 23:10](#)) – Pointed to the Messiah's resurrection as the first fruits of the righteous. Jesus was resurrected on this very day, as Paul refers to him in as the "first fruits from the dead."

4) Weeks or Pentecost ([Leviticus 23:16](#)) – Occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and pointed to the great harvest of souls and the gift of the Holy Spirit for both Jew and Gentile, who would be brought into the kingdom of God during the Church Age (see [Acts 2](#)). The Church was actually established on this day when God poured out His Holy Spirit and 3,000 Jews responded to Peter's great sermon and his first proclamation of the gospel.

5) Trumpets ([Leviticus 23:24](#)) – Many believe this points to the Rapture of the Church when the Messiah Jesus will appear in the heavens as He comes for His bride, the Church. The Rapture is always associated in Scripture with the blowing of a loud trumpet. **(EDITOR NOTE: This is for the regathering of Israel, not the Rapture of the saved)**

6) Day of Atonement ([Leviticus 23:27](#)) – Many believe this prophetically points to the day of the Second Coming of Jesus when He will return to earth. That will be the Day of Atonement for the Jewish remnant when they "look upon Him whom they have pierced," repent of their sins, and receive Him as their Messiah ([Zechariah 12:10](#) and [Romans 11:1-6, 25-36](#)).

7) Tabernacles or Booths ([Leviticus 23:34](#)) – Many scholars believe that this feast day points to the Lord's promise that He will once again “tabernacle” with His people when He returns to reign over all the world ([Micah 4:1-7](#)).” <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jewish-feasts.html>