

A STUDY ON DANIEL

Jewish Terminology

TORAH The first five books of the Old Testament. The Jewish religion calls it the “law,” or, the “Torah Mosheh” the law of Moses. We call it the Pentateuch (Christ refers to it in Luke 24:44 John 5:46, 47)

TALMID The body Jewish ceremonial, civil, and traditional law.

MISHNA A collection of precepts which form the basis for the Talmud. They form what is called the “oral law,” which is supposed to be the unwritten law of Moses handed down through generations.

The Bible calls them commandments of men, traditions of men, and Jewish fables.

Commandments of men. Ref Matt. 15:7 Mark 7:7 Colossians 2:22 Titus 1:4

Traditions of men Ref. Gal. 1:14 Col. 2:8 1Pet. 1:18

Fables ef. Tim. 1:4 2Tim. 4:4 Titus 1:14 2Pet. 1:18

GEMARA Also a supplement to the Talmud.

ANTI-SEMITIC Literally means to be prejudice against Israelites (Jews.) However, anti-semitic sounds better because it includes all the descendants of Shem. (which is where the Semite comes from.) Therefore, it sounds like no one is pointing distinctive fingers. (ref. Genesis 11:10-26)

DIASPORA Dispersion. In this case the dispersion of Israel. This began with their captivity into Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar beginning around 600 B.C. They lost their lead, their identity as ‘nation, and many of their rights as a people. (ref. Deuteronomy 28,29,30 2Chronicles 36:10-21 Jeremiah 25:9)

They were held in captivity for 70 years, yet never returned to their glory as a nation. Finally, in 70 A.D. They were completely destroyed by the Roman army and their complete diaspora was fulfilled. (Matthew 24:2)

THEOCRACY A government which has God as their King and Ruler. None exists today. Israel once was a theocracy, however since their rebellion they gave up their rights to a theocracy until Christ sets up the kingdom. (see I Samuel 8:1-22)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES The Gentile rule over the entire earth. Began with the captivity of Israel under Nebuchadnezzar and will end with the establishment of the kingdom. (ref. Luke 21:24 Romans 11:25)

NOTE. Sonic think the times of the Gentiles and the fullness of the Gentiles are two different things. Personally, I believe the fullness of the Gentiles is the completion of the times of the Gentiles.

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The blessings and the curse

Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. They could have entered the Promised Land if they would have believed God (the Christian principle for joy and happiness).

They failed and that generation wandered for forty years until the next generation entered the land of Canaan. Joshua and Caleb were the only two who entered the Promised Land because they believed God.

Deuteronomy is a historical account of their failure and their warnings against future failure. In Deuteronomy we have the blessings pronounced if they obeyed God, and the curse pronounced if they did not (Deut. 28 & 29).

The command to the wandering generation - Deuteronomy 1:21

The failure - Deuteronomy 1:26, 27, 32 (other ref. I Corinthians 10:1-11 Hebrews 3:15-42)

The command to the next generation - Deuteronomy 28:1-29:29 30:19,20 31:27-29

Good verses to remember - Deut. 28:47,49 30:1 30:19,20 Joshua 1:2,8

Israel's king

Israel was a theocracy until 1 Samuel chapter eight. They told Samuel hey wanted a king over them "like the rest of the nations." The rest of the nations were ruled by men. Just sinful men.

NOTES ON SAMUEL:

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Israel has a future

There are no theocracy's today. Many of the Arab nations claim to have theocracy's, yet they are ruled by dictators and their god is not the God of the Bible,

In 1948 Israel became a nation. Some people use this as a claim to show the rapture is at hand. They say this is the "budding of the fig tree," (ref Matt. 24:32 21:29-31)

It may be, however, when Israel is back in their land, in the kingdom, it will be God who is behind it, not man. It will be complete. All Israel will be gathered into their land. (ref. Deuteronomy 30:1-10 Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Israel was given many chances to serve by faith. Like most of us, they failed. If we cannot see it, touch it, feel it, we do not believe it.

NOTES ON THE FINAL FAILURE:

THE REJECTION OF THE KING

THE KING THEY CHOSE

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History of Israel

Israel began with the call of Abraham. Genesis 12:1 25:8

Jacob the son of Isaac is renamed Israel. Genesis 32:1-32

The twelve sons of Jacob (Israel) who became the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel. Genesis 35:22-26

The story of Joseph, who is sold into slavery by his brothers. He found himself very prominent in Egypt under the Pharaoh..

When famine hit the land Joseph was prepared because of a warning from the Lord. His Father and entire family (Israel) went to Egypt to survive the famine. Genesis 37:1-50:26

Eventually, a new king arose in Egypt, and made slaves out of Israel, which became a very large group of people by this time. Exodus 1:1-14

God prepared Moses as the deliverer who led Israel out of Egypt. Exodus 2:1 - 14:30

For a Biblical account of the historical account of Israel see . . .Psalm 106 & 107 Ezekiel 36:1-38 Ezekiel 37:1-28 Acts 7:1-60

NOTE: Special attention should be made to Acts 7:43, 44 where God said he would lead Israel “beyond Babylon.” False religion is a type of captivity in Babylon. If we are not careful we will be like Israel is today and be carried “beyond Babylon.”

Israel and their religious problem. Isaiah 3:8-5 9:13-16 65: 1-5 & 12

Israel is an example to the New Testament church. 1Corinthians 10:1-14 Hebrews 3 & 4

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Babylon

There are two Babylons in the Bible that are important. One is Babylon the place, the other is Babylon the ideology. Babylon the place is a type of Babylon the ideology.

Babylon the ideology is false religion founded on works. It is idol worship. It is works righteousness. It is anything that leaves out faith in Christ alone for salvation. It is adding to the simple gospel of Christ.

It is a feel good religion. Unfortunately, we will go to hell with a good feeling until we get there. Then it will not feel good, but will be too late.

During the seven years of tribulation the Lord will put an end to the false religion of Babylon. (Rev.14:8; 16:19; 17:1-18)

Beginning of Babylon

Babylon began with Nimrod. He founded a kingdom in a place called Babel. (Genesis 10:9, 10)

Mankind banded together and built a kingdom. In this kingdom they built a tower aimed toward heaven.

In other words, "they were working their way to heaven." A works religion!

NOTE! Actually it was God who named it Babel because Babel means confusion. God has a sense of humor False religion is confusion and a lot of babbling Therefore, BABEL-ON.....

God was not happy with what man was doing and scattered man throughout the world and changed their languages. (Genesis 11:1-9)

Shinar

All of this took place in a land called Shinar. (Genesis 10:10, 11; 11:1, 2) When God scattered man upon the earth they went, "out of that land."

However, they took their ideology of false religion with them. Those who remained in that land never left their ideology. Shinar became Chaldea and Babylon. (Daniel 1:1, 2)

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The Background of Daniel

Israel was taken into captivity just as the Old Testament prophets had predicted. The curse of Deuteronomy chapters 28 and 29 had begun. This was the beginning of the “times of the Gentiles.”

Among the captives were four young men who were well favored by God Four young people out of an entire nation....?

Out of those four was one in particular by the name of Daniel. They were probably around sixteen or seventeen years old at the time.

Daniel the man

Mentioned by Christ in Matthew 24:15 (also Mark 13:14)

Listed in the same company with Job and Noah in Ezekiel 14:14, 20

Remained in captivity until Cyrus gave Israel permission to go back into their land Israel was held in captivity for seventy years. (ref. 2 Chronicles 36 with Ezra 1:1-4)

Therefore, this would make Daniel at least eighty years old.

In his book Daniel the Prophet by Dr. M. R. DeHaan he gives the three basic rules of Bible study that we use. They are. ...

All Scripture has one primary interpretation

All Scripture has a practical application

Most Scripture has a prophetic implication

In the first chapter of Daniel alone we see many concepts of this rule of Bible study. In the following we will give some of the applications of these rules.

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The Background of Daniel

Primary interpretation - Nebuchadnezzar took Israel captive into Babylon just as God planned and said he would do. God used Nebuchadnezzar just as he used Cyrus to send Israel back into their land after the captivity (Jeremiah 25:9 2 Chronicles 36:22, 23)

Practical application - God may use any one he chooses to accomplish his purpose. He may use the unsaved to deal with the saved. Cyrus and Nebuchadnezzar were not Jews but they honored and acknowledged God. If we, as Christians, make God look bad, he may use the world to destroy us.

Primary interpretation - Out of all the nation of Israel only four are mentioned in the book of Daniel as really serving God by faith. That is Daniel and his friends.

Practical application - Out of all the people who are saved and attend church, very few serve God by faith.

Primary interpretation - Daniel and his friends decided not to eat the king's food, or to defile themselves with the king's meat and wine. They would have lost their lives for their convictions. However God brought them into favor with certain people and they were able to prosper and serve their God. After three years they found favor and "stood before the king."

Practical application - It is easy to get caught up in the world. Satan will show us the kingdoms of the world and their beauty. There are many ways to defile ourselves with the world. If we, as Daniel did, stand through the test, (3 years in this case) we may also stand before kings.

Primary interpretation - Daniel and his friends were blessed with untold knowledge and wisdom. It came from their God. It was seen by the world and relied upon by the king.

Practical application - If the child of God, by faith in Christ, will continue to serve Christ by faith, he or she, whoever they are, may ask God for all wisdom.

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The Background of Daniel

Primary interpretation - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishal, and Azariah, stood before the king. The king found them ten times better than the wise men in all wisdom and knowledge. The knowledge of Daniel and his friends came from God. The knowledge of the astrologers and wise men of Babylon did not. The word wisdom is found 54 times in Proverbs. The word knowledge is found 42 times. The word understanding is found 54 times. There are fourteen Hebrew words translated into wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and etc, in Proverbs alone. That should cover a lot of brainpower.

Practical application - All of this knowledge and wisdom is available to the child of God. We may use this ability to serve Christ by faith. The knowledge acquired by a person of faith may be used to.

1. Prove the reality of the Bible.
2. Prove the existence of God.
3. Prove the creation.
4. Prove the reality of Christ (Historically and logically).
5. To make a living.
6. To teach the Bible.

And in many other ways.....

Primary interpretation - Daniel continued until King Cyrus.

Practical application - God told Israel if they obeyed his law and served by faith they would have a long and prosperous life. (Deut. 4:1 6:2-18, 25)
The Christian may remain on this earth for a long time if he or she serves by faith. This does not mean God will not take some home early. However, serving by faith and obeying the moral and righteous law of God is for our benefit.
In the long run it will reveal our God and our faith in our God to the world we live in.

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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

The chart shows the prophetic events of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. We have no idea how dreadful the image was, however it must have been awesome. It shows the future, which includes the conclusion of the "times of the Gentiles," which will end at the end of the seven year tribulation.

A. The times of the Gentiles, beginning with the captivity of Israel in Babylon as prophesied by Jeremiah. (Jeremiah 25) They would be in captivity for seventy years. (Jeremiah 25:12) The first deportation began around 600 B.C. (2 Chronicles 36:6) the second deportation took place around 587 B.C.

Christ mentioned the times of the Gentiles in Luke 21:24. He said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

NOTE: Paul mentions the "fullness of the Gentiles," in Romans 11:25. Dr. M.R. DeHaan and C. I. Scofield believe that is in reference to the rapture of the church. Personally, I do not think so. I believe the fullness of the Gentiles is the completion of the times of the Gentiles.

B. The head of gold is the kingdom of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

C. The breast and arms of silver refer to Medo-Persia under Cyrus and Darius.
Therefore, two arms.

D. The thighs of brass are in reference to Greece and Alexander the Great.

E. The two legs are Rome, which was divided and finally fell long after Israel was dispersed among all the nations.

F. Represents the church age which falls between the legs and feet.

G. The tens toes, which are yet future. In the meantime, we are living in the interim which is the dispensation of grace, or the church age.

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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

These four kingdoms at one time ruled the entire world. There is no one country that rules the entire world today, although many have tried.

They all came out of the land of Shinar. However, they took the ideology of a one world government mixed with a one world religion with them.
It is the antichrist ideology of a works righteousness. (see Romans 10:3)

The Bible refers to it as Babylon. (We will look at Babylon later.)

Rome was the last nation to rule the world with a mighty hand. She also had her gods mix a works righteousness with false gods and idol worship and you have the religion people who reject Christ are looking for.
The ideology of Rome and Babylon has not gone away. It still exists. It will soon become manifest during the seven year tribulation.

NOTE: The United States of America was originally founded on Christianity and the foundation of Jesus Christ the Lord. NOT ANY MORE

Any government will wrap there ideology around idols and false gods, but not Christianity.

THE TEN TOES

Revelation 17:7-17

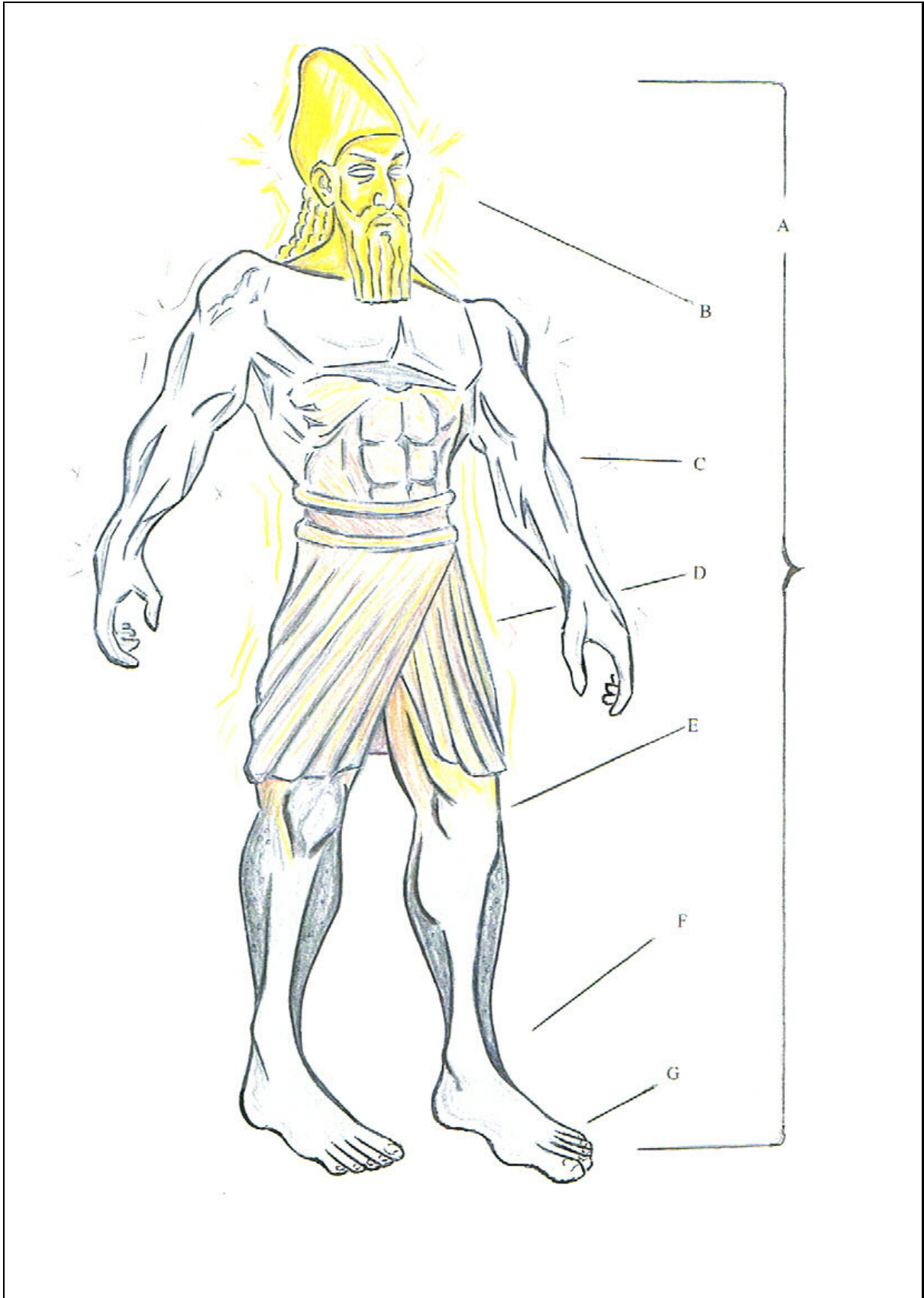
The ten kings will give their power and their strength to the Antichrist who rules the world during the seven year tribulation.

These ten kings of Revelation are the ten toes on the feet of the beast in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Almost nineteen hundred years have passed since Rome lost its world domination, but the ideology has not.

These ten kings will have absolutely no power over the Antichrist at all. They will be entirely under the will of Satan. Sounds' like politicians!!!

JACOB'S TROUBLE

The seven year tribulation has many names. One of them is "the time of Jacob's trouble.



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JACOB'S TROUBLE

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.

(ref also Romans 11:26)

The Word of God also uses the term, "that day," "the day of the Lord," and the "wrath of God," just to name a few.

(ref. Isa.13:9; Nah.1:2; Mark 3:7; Luke 3:7; Rom.2:5; Rev.6:17)

The Lord will have his day. He will judge the nations along with Israel. Those who have rejected the salvation provided by the Lord Jesus Christ 'will be judged. The anti-christ ideology, also called Babylon, will be destroyed.

(Matt. 24:4-31; Mark 13:5-23; Luke 21:8-28)

This period of time will last for seven years. (Daniel 9:24-27) At the end of the seven years the world will be judged.

The lost will be cast into the lake of fire.

The saved will be taken into the kingdom.

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BABYLON

The day of the Lord is coming soon. It is called the seven year tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, the wrath of God, etc.

It is a time when the Lord will judge the world that has rejected his Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

The world has followed religions and idols and false gods of all kinds, but they have rejected salvation by faith in Christ.

We see throughout the centuries that man will worship idols set up by the state, or government, but reject and deny the truth.

God calls this mixing of politics and religion Babylon. Actually, false religion, or a works religion of any kind is Babylon. However, in the book of Revelation, Babylon, the religious idea of a one world government of politics and religion, will come into remembrance before God. (Revelation 14:8 16:19 17:1-18)

At Babel man built a tower to heaven. They have been building their towers ever since.

The two Babylons

There are two distinct Babylons in the Bible. One is Babylon the place and the other is Babylon the ideology. Ancient Babylon, the place, does not exist. Babylon the ideology has always existed, and will exist until God destroys her during the "day of the Lord."

There is no need for speculation concerning the "MYSTERY BABYLON."

We are told that "she rides the beast?" "Sits upon many waters." "A great whore." All of these descriptions describe false religion. The beast she rides is Satan, and it will be manifest in the beast of Revelation, who will be Satan indwelling a man, who we call the Antichrist. (beast-Rev. 13:1-18, 17:7-18)

NOTE: Ironically, the ten kings and the beast they follow will destroy the harlot, who is called Babylon the Great, and they will destroy her. (Revelation 17:15-18)

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Chapter Three- Nebuchadnezzar's Image

The best way to study Daniel is by Dr. M.R. DeHaan's principle of Bible study. The primary interpretation, the practical application, and the prophetic implication.

The primary interpretation is God's care for the three young Hebrews. The practical application is God's care for his church, especially those who serve him. The prophetic implication is God's care for Israel as a nation. This then, is the basic outline of chapter three of Daniel.

There are many more applications we need to apply in Daniel

Daniel 3:1-7 Nebuchadnezzar built an image and demanded that every one worship it. This, of course, is the primary interpretation.

The practical application is that there are many things that get in the way of our Christian worship. The Bible states to worship God only. (Rev. 19:10 22:8, 9)

We do that through Jesus Christ the Lord. (John **12:44, 45** 14:6 1 Timothy **2:5**)

The prophetic implication is that the antichrist of Revelation will set up an image and demand it be worshipped. It is Babylon continuing. She has ridden the beast since the beginning and still does. It is a one world system of religion and politics mixed, but we leave out God.

Daniel 3:8-12 The three Hebrews were accused and charged.

The practical application is that if we live the Christian life there will always be accusations leveled against us. The entire book of Acts the church suffered persecution. (Revelation 12:10—11)

The prophetic implication is that Israel and all Christians will suffer persecution during the tribulation under the antichrist. (Not the church)

Daniel 3:13-19 As they were put on trial the three Hebrews were steadfast in their faith toward God. They refused to serve other gods.

The practical application is obvious. The Christian should serve God only. We should not bow down to images or religious articles. We serve by Faith alone.

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The prophetic implication is that anyone living during the tribulation will suffer persecution if they acknowledge their faith in Christ. (Revelation 6:9-11)

Daniel 3:20-28 Not only were the three young Hebrews protected in the fire, there was a fourth figure of a man walking in the midst of the fire. The fourth figure however, had a divine appearance.

The practical application is of course very simple. If we serve Christ by faith we will probably be persecuted but in the long run people should see Christ in our lives. They should see something that reveals our faith. (Romans 12 thru 16 Gal. **5:16** Eph. 4-6)

The Heart of Chapter Three

The heart of Daniel chapter three is the future of Israel, the prophetic implications. Three Hebrews alone were tried and tested. They refused to worship the image. During the seven year tribulation the antichrist, who is indwelt by Satan, will set up an image and demand it to be worshipped. (Revelation 13:11-18)

However the gospel will be preached by the two witnesses, (Rev 11:3-14) and the 144,000 Jews, (Rev. 7:4-9 14:1-5) and many will be saved. The kingdom will begin with saved people only. They will be persecuted by the antichrist. (Rev 12:10-17)

God says a "remnant" of Israel shall be saved. (Micah 2:12--- Zechariah 8:6-12 Romans 9:27 11:13 Revelation 11:13 12:17)

The three Hebrews represent the remnant and the persecution of those who have a testimony for Christ during the tribulation.

Nebuchadnezzar and the image represent a type of the antichrist and the beast of Revelation.

The fiery furnace represents the wrath of the seven year tribulation. Not all the saved will come out of the tribulation and enter the kingdom physically. Many will lose their lives.

Nebuchadnezzar promoted and honored the three young men. During the kingdom, the Gentiles will honor and promote Israel as the nation and children of God. The world will come to Jerusalem to worship the God of Israel

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Chapter Four / Nebuchadnezzar's Tree

Practical application

1. Pride and humility. Of the seven things God hates, pride is the foremost. (Ref. Proverbs 6:16-19) Christ referred to humility. (ref. Matt. 18:4 20:25-27) The problem with Satan was pride. (Isaiah 14:12-17 Ezekiel 28:11-19)
2. We must acknowledge God and his power, not ours. (Philippians 4:13 with Isaiah 40:29-31 Acts 6:8 Romans 16:18)
3. God uses whosoever He chooses to present His Word. (Romans 9:14-18)
4. God's Word always comes to pass. (Isaiah 40:8 42:9 45:19, 21, 23)
5. The Lord of Heaven rules over all kingdoms. He sets up and takes down. Psalm 2, 24, 59:13 103:19)

Prophetical implication

Nebuchadnezzar represents Gentile humanity and rule over the earth. When Christ comes for his church He will cut down the tree of Gentile rule over the earth. Nebuchadnezzar was mad for seven years. There will seven years of madness which is called the tribulation, or wrath of God. During that time man will acknowledge, but reject, God. (Ref. Revelation 6:12-17 16:8-16 9:4-6)

In the Old Testament the gospel was preached. (Ref. Galatians 3:8 Hebrews 4:2) When Christ was here He preached the gospel of the kingdom. (Ref. Matt. 10:7 11:5 Mark 1:15)

Today the gospel of the church age is preached. (Romans 1:16) During the tribulation the everlasting gospel will be preached. (Rev. 14:6)

Many people will be saved during the seven years, including Gentiles, who will go into the kingdom physically, and the stump of the tree will again grow. Those Gentiles will serve and acknowledge God in the millennium.

Babylon will be destroyed and those who reject the Word of God and His power today will be judged. (Ref. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 2 Timothy 3:1-9 4:1-3)

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Chapter Five The Fall Of

Babylon

In the first five chapters of Daniel we have a picture of the kingdoms of men and the kingdom of God, which intervenes in these kingdoms, even though man does not acknowledge that.

Israel lost their kingdom and was taken captive into Babylon according to the Word of God. (Jeremiah 25:- 2 Chronicles 36:1-23)

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon ruled his kingdom with pride and arrogance until the Lord of heaven humbled him. He finally acknowledged God and even wrote a divinely inspired chapter in the Bible.

Belshazzar, his son, who according to tradition became the second in command to Nebuchadnezzar, and the successor to the throne. In chapter five we see Belshazzar mock and defile the things of God.

He refused to acknowledge God, even though he knew he should. (Dan. 5:18-22) Like most of humanity, we do not acknowledge the supreme God who give life and breath, (see Acts 17:22-34 with Daniel 5:23)

Finally, in the last verse of the chapter we see Darius the Mede assuming the kingdom and the death of Belshazzar. All of this is according to the Word of God, and part of Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerning the prophecy of God is fulfilled.

The kingdom of gold under the Chaldeans is over, and the kingdom of silver, under Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian, has commenced.

Belshazzar mocked the holy things and paid a price. Because of his pride and refusal to humble himself and accept God (the gospel) he no doubt paid the eternal price of eternity in hell.

Daniel, who did not attend the king's drunken party, (5:13) and refused to accept the king's gifts, (5:17) prospered in the new kingdom under Darius.

The holy things that are mocked today are. 1. The nation of Israel 2. The Word of God. 3. The law of God 4. The gospel of Christ 5. The church.

The Belshazzars of the world will pay at the judgment of the nations. (tribulation)

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Some day the Babylons and the Belshazzars of this world will be judged; both at the end of the seven year tribulation and at the great white throne. They will be judged according to the Word of God. They will not be judged according to their good or bad works, but if they have accepted Christ as their Savior.

Grace and Works

Throughout the Old Testament God made covenants with his people Israel. There were two kinds of covenants. One was conditional, which is a type of our works. The law God gave was conditional. (Exodus 19:5) No one can be saved by the obeying the law. It was not designed to save anyone. (Galatians 2:16)

The other was unconditional. It is grace. There are no conditions on God's grace. It is free without any conditions.

Salvation is free without any conditions. The only thing we must do is believe in Christ as our Savior.

When we do we inherit the promises made to Abraham. (Galatians 3:6-29) Part of the promise made to Abraham was the redemption of Israel. Israel must inherit the Promised Land. It is a promise and there are no conditions.

However, not all Israel will go into the Promised Land. Only those who believe the gospel preached during the seven year tribulation will inherit the kingdom. That is why God used the term, "remnant." (Isaiah 1:9 Joel 2:32)

Today we are living in the church age. During this dispensation the church is being called out by the gospel.

There is a promise made to the church also, and that is eternal life. All of those in this dispensation have a home reserved in heaven. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

It is without condition to those who trust Christ as Savior.

The Church NOTES:

A STUDY ON DANIEL Chapter Six

Prayer and Faith

The most important words in Daniel chapter six (In the Bible) are found in verse 23. They are, "because he believed in his God." Daniel prayed to his God because he believed in his God.

Because he believed in his God, he served his God. (vs. 16, 20) Because he believed in and served his God by faith he was, "preferred above the presidents and princes." (vs. 3) Because he believed in and served his God he had an, "excellent spirit."

Daniel was a prayer warrior, (ref. Dan. 2:17-23 6:10 8:15 9:3-19 10:1-5)

The Christian and Prayer

Prayer and faith work together. We are told to ask in faith. (Matt. 21:22) We are told to ask petitions of the Father in the name of His Son Jesus Christ the Lord. (John 14:13,14 15:16)

We are told to pray without ceasing. (Luke 18:1 Ephesians 6:18 1 Thessalonians 5:17) The prayers of a

Christian are eternal. (Revelation 5:8 8:1-6)

, The Model Prayer

The model prayer for a Christian is found in Matthew chapter six. Many call it the "Lord's prayer." However, It should rightfully be called the disciples prayer. The outline of the disciples prayer is.....

1. Vs. 6:1 -9 The upward look
2. Vs. 6:10-12 The inward look
3. Vs. 6:13-15 The outward look

Prayer begins with acknowledging the one who we direct our prayers to (6:9)

We pray to God through Jesus Christ alone. We do not pray to influence others, or to put on a show of righteousness. (6:1-8)

Praying is simply talking to our Father in heaven. (6:4-8)

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Chapter Six Prayer and

Faith

Then we ask for God's will to be done in all things. "Thy will be done." Many ask for their own will to be done, not God's will.

We ask for our daily needs to met. This is only a logical request. If we have a God as big as he is, no request is to much. All things belong to him and no request is to big. We should never be afraid to ask any petition.

We should ask for forgiveness on a daily basis. In order to have fellowship with God it is necessary to have forgiveness daily. (Ref. 1 John 1:6-2:2)

Then, the most important thing is to believe that God answers prayer. Daniel prayed and believed in his God, who is also our God. (Daniel 6:23 Matt. 21:22)

Types in Daniel

Instead of the primary interpretation and the practical application in chapter six we will look at the various types, which is roughly the same thing.

The accusers - Daniel 6:4-15 These were the typical God haters of our society. They always have been, and always will be. They have their own personality.

1. They are envious of anyone who has faith in God (Christ) (ref Acts 7:9 13:45 17:5 with Matthew 27:18 Mark 15:10 Romans 1:29)

2. They created laws against God and those who believe in God. Today it is called separation of church and state. The antichrist will change laws in order to eliminate Christ from society. (Ref Daniel 7:25 Revelation 13:16-18)

3. They were sneaky and devious. (Ref. Galatians 2:4)

4. They will always gather together against Christ. (The World Council of Churches) Even though they do not like one another, and are jealous of one another, they will come together against Christ and his people. (Ref. Matthew 22:34 Acts 17:5)

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5. They are children of Satan (John 8:44 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 11:12-15) and do the work of Satan, who is the ultimate accuser. (Revelation 12:10,11)

6. They pretend to be one of us. They attend our churches. Yet, they are behind our backs attempting to ruin our Christian life, our testimony, and our church and family life. (2 Timothy 3:12,13 2 Peter 2:1-22)

The accused - Daniel 6:4-15 Satan is always out to destroy the testimony, happiness, and joy of the saved child of God. He uses his own to do his will. However, the Bible tells us how to be aware and overcome the troubles of this world.

1. We must be aware that Satan wants to destroy us. He wanted to destroy Peter, but Peter was not aware of it. (Luke 22:31)

Paul said he was not ignorant of Satan's devices. If we are, Satan has the advantage.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2. Be prepared. Since we know he is out to attack us we must be prepared. Preparation begins with prayer. Daniel prayed. Satan desired to sift Peter as wheat. (Lk. 22:31) but the Lord prayed for him.

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

The Lord prayed for Peter and he intercedes on our behalf also. That is why we are told to "Call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:2,4,13,17 Romans 10:13)

We also become prepared when we get into the Word of God and study. If we do not, we become "ignorant of his devices." Bible study and prayer prepares us for the battle of the Christian life. (Ephesians 6:10-20)

The used. In between the accuser and the accused are the used. That is those who are manipulated ignorantly. The used could be the Christian or the non Christian. In the case of Cyrus, he may have been a Christian, or very close. Nevertheless, because of a brief attack of pride, he became used. (Daniel 6:6-9)

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1. The used is anyone Satan uses in order to accomplish his evil goal. In this case he used pride against Cyrus in order to attack Daniel, the same way he used envy by the accusers.
2. The used are in the middle, and unaware they are being used. Sometimes they may be saved and sometimes they are not saved.

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Righteous - Unrighteous - Middle

The righteous are those who trust Christ as their Savior. No one else is righteous. If they think they are righteous, then they are self righteous, and in Biblical terms they are unrighteous.

The middle may be one who has trusted Christ and is a new Christian or an unlearned Christian. Satan loves to use the unlearned or backslidden Christian in order to attack other Christians.

The unrighteous, or self righteous will always attack the righteous because of envy.

Daniel - A type of the righteous who have trusted Christ. They continue to trust as they serve. Daniel prayed and expected an answer to his prayer because, "he believed in his God." (ref. Genesis 15:6 with Romans 4:3 and Hebrews 11- also John 3:15,16,36 6:35,40,47 with Romans 3:26 10:4)

Daniel had the right to "call upon the name of the Lord" because he believed in his God. (ref. Psalm 116:4,13,17 with Romans 10:12-14)

The accusers - A type of the lost who will persecute the child of God.

Cyrus - Probably saved, but was put in a position he regretted because he allowed others to influence his thinking

The Lions Den - A type of the Christian persecution. The only ones not affected by the lions den are those who do not act like Christians.

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Supplement to Chapter Six The Land

Scripture ref. Jeremiah ch. 32 and Revelation ch. 5

Throughout the centuries kings and kingdoms have tried to conquer and rule the world. The Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Chaldeans, the Medes, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, and present day empires.

Wars have been fought over the desire for land. Some want entire continents while others go to court over a squabble with a neighbor over one inch of land.

Young men and women who own no land have died in a battle because some ruler covets land.

Surveyors mark property lines and record their findings so people will not kill each other over land and property.

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke it is recorded that Satan took Christ on a high mountain and offered him the world if he would worship Satan

1000's have died on small islands like Guam, Iwo Jima, and beachheads like Normandy because some madman wants to covet land and rule the earth.

All of these men like Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, Cyrus, Alexander the Great, Napoleon, and etc., are now a pile of bones somewhere in the ground. Their eternal soul is either waiting for eternity in hell or eternity with Christ and the land they coveted remains behind to fought for by another.

Jesus Christ the Lord remains. He is the one who created the earth and all things that exist, (ref. Genesis 1:1 John 1:1-3.10 Colossians 1:16,17 Hebrews 1:2,3,10)

All of these men, past, present, and future, fail to realize that.....

1. The earth is the Lord's. Psalm 24:1
2. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. Psalm 115:16
3. He is the King of the earth. Psalm 47:2,7
4. He will sit on the throne of David and rule from Jerusalem. 2 Samuel 7:- Luke 1:32,33 Psalm 68:29

Christ Has Earned It

Even though He did not have to, Christ has earned His right to the earth. He shed His blood for His right to rule with His death on the Cross. God the Father gives Him the right to "inherit the earth." Psalm 2:8 37:9 Because He will inherit the earth, so will His "seed." Psalm 25:13 (all those who trust him as Savior)

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In Revelation chapter five John sees one sitting on a throne with a book. (scroll) No one is able to open or even look at the scroll. Then in verses 5:5 through 6:1 he sees the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who is called the Lamb of God take and open the seven sealed book.

In Jeremiah chapter 32 we see Jeremiah who is an Old Testament type of the New Testament Lion and Lamb. Following is an exposition of the type who Jeremiah represents.

1. Jeremiah was rejected and imprisoned by his kinsman for the his testimony concerning the Word of God. Jeremiah 32:2-4

Christ was rejected by his kinsman. John 1:11 Isaiah 53:3

2. The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah. Jeremiah 1:1,6 Christ is the Word of the Lord. John 1:1,2

3. One of Jeremiahs relatives came to him asking him to purchase a piece of land. According to Old Testament law Jeremiah had a right to purchase the land for his relative because....

A. He was a kinsman. Because he was a kinsman he held the right of "redemption," and the right of, "inheritance." Jeremiah 32:7,8

B. He had the money to pay the price. Jeremiah 32:9

C. He was willing. (because it was God's will) Jeremiah 32:9

D. It was legal, and binding, and sealed, and witnessed. (evidenced, deed) 32:10-14

E. It was prophetic. 32:14,15

Jesus Christ was, and is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 32 because ... He is a kinsman, He was willing, He could pay the price. (sinless) It is the Word of God. The Lamb is the Lion and will open the seals. When He does Jeremiah 32:15 will be fulfilled. The land belongs to Jesus Christ the Lord. (Joel 3:2)

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Chapter Six

In chapter six Daniel reveals a vision he had. This vision is the same as the vision of Nebuchadnezzar in chapter two and the vision of the Apostle John in Revelation chapter Thirteen.

It reveals the times of the Gentiles and the Babylonian system of government under the rule of the Gentile nations. It shows that no matter how hard they try mankind will never succeed in becoming a one world antichrist system of government.

Nimrod tried and failed at Babel. Satan will have one last fling during the seven year tribulation. He will indwell a man who is called the antichrist and will rule the world for seven years.

At the end of the seven years Christ will judge the world, and set up his kingdom which will last for ever.

Daniel 7:1-3 The four beasts represent four Gentile kingdoms who are ruled by four kings. They are not literal beasts, but are likened unto beasts.

The sea represents the sea of humanity. (ref. Isa.60:5 Matt.13:47 Luke 21:25 Rev. 13:1 Rev. 17:1&15)

The four winds represent the power and direction of God. He is the one who directs the affairs of men. (ref. Jer.49:36 with Ezek.37:9 Dan.8:8 11:4 Zech. 2:6 Matt,24:31 ML13:21 Rev. 7:1)

Daniel 7:4 The first beast is like a lion with eagles wings. This beast is the world empire of Babylon. (ref. Joel 1:6,7) It is the same as head of Gold seen by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 2:31,32,&38. It is also one of the four beasts seen by John in Revelation 13:2

Daniel 7:5 The second beast is like a bear and represents the Medo-Persian empire. It raised up on one side because Cyrus the Persian was the more powerful of the two. It ate much flesh which is symbolic of gaining fat, or acquiring more land, peoples, and power. It is the arms of silver as seen by Nebuchadnezzar in 2:32&39 and one of the beasts seen by John in Revelation 13:2.

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Daniel 7:6 The third beast, the leopard, represents Greece, and is the same as the thighs of brass as seen by Nebuchadnezzar, (Dan. 2:32&39) and by John In Revelation 13:2, This third beast which had four wings and four heads represent the four generals who took over Alexander's kingdom upon his death at the age of thirty three.

Daniel 7:7,8 The fourth beast represents Rome, which was probably the most powerful of all the kingdoms.

Since the first coming of Christ there has been no one kingdom dominate the world the way these first four have.

Someday however, the Roman empire (the ideology of all four past empires) will arise on the scene. It will be during the seven year tribulation.

The Ten Horns- The ten horns are ten kings and kingdoms who will arrive on the scene with the antichrist at the beginning of the tribulation. (Daniel 7:24 and the ten toes of Daniel 2:40-44 with Revelation 17:7,12,16)

The little horn of verse 8 is the antichrist and is the beast of Revelation 13:1-18 and 17:11,12,13,17. The ten horns give their authority to the beast. Rev.17:13,17.

THE COMING KING OF GLORY

Matthew 24:29,30 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The seven year tribulation is a time of judgment upon the earth. (ref Daniel 2:34,35&44 Daniel 7:9-12,22,26)

At the end of the tribulation will be the judgment of the nations and Christ will set up his kingdom.

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Daniel 7:9-12 At the end of the seven year tribulation Christ will judge the nations just before he sets up his kingdom. The following is a list of questions and answers concerning the judgment of the nations.

1. What term in the Bible designates judgment? The answer is fire, or flame, and wheels. Notice in verse nine the words "fiery flame," and, "wheels as burning fire." Then notice in verse ten, "the judgment was set."

NOTE!! This is the answer to the wheels mentioned in Ezekiel. They are not flying saucers as some ignorantly assume. Notice the word fire in Ezekiel 1:4 & 13.

2. How does Christ judge? He judges by the cross. The thousand year reign begins with those who are alive physically. They are saved by faith in Christ. They are Jew and Gentile.

Those who have not believed the gospel, which is preached during the tribulation, will be cast into the lake of fire.(ref. Matthew 24:39-42 25:34-46)

Those who have trusted Christ are taken into the kingdom. This is the first time the Bible records anyone being cast into the lake of fire. The next time it is recorded will be at the Great White Throne judgement.

3. Why does Christ judge at the end of the tribulation? Because it would be foolish to assume the righteous kingdom will begin with unrighteousness. If they followed and served the antichrist during the tribulation they have no right in the kingdom.

Daniel 7:13-14 Shows the future glory of the kingdom that everyone who has trusted Christ will share.

Daniel 7:15,16 Daniel's question...What does it all mean?

Daniel 7: 17...The four beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.

Daniel 17:18 Those who have trusted Christ will reign forever

Daniel 17:19-23 The fourth kingdom will be different (vs.23). It will be made up of four horns. (kings) They will be ruled by the "horn that had eyes." (vs.20)