

The book of Daniel is a prophetic book. Even though much of Daniel deals with how to live the christian life, most of Daniel is prophetic.

We know there is no prophecy for the church age, yet most of Daniel reveals the "signs of the times." Most of Daniels prophecies and visions were looking to the future.

For this reason many false prophets have tried to discredit the book of Daniel. However, Many of the prophecies in Daniel occur after his writing and death.

The Lord himself mentions Daniel. (ref. Matthew 24:15 Mark 13:14) He is also mentioned in Ezekial 14:14 14:20 28:3.

Daniel coincides and agrees with the book of Revelation, and is designed to be studied and read along with Revelation. This should show the Bible student the perfection of the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit shows his work in prophecy and history as we study the Scriptures comparatively.

Daniel gives most of his attention to the "times of the Gentiles," which really began with the captivity of Israel.

NOTE: We should at this time give a rule of Bible study which is given by Dr. M. R. DeHaan.

1. All Scripture has one primary interpretation.
2. All Scripture has several practical applications.
3. Most Scripture passages have a prophetic revelation.

DANIEL IS MOST INTERESTING IN SHOWING HOW..

1. God deals with the Nation of Israel
2. God deals with his own who do not serve him.
3. God deals with kings and rulers.
4. God uses the lost to judge the saved.
5. God uses and protects those who serve him.
6. God is true to his word.
7. God proves his faithfulness in revealing his word.

QUESTION: As we go through the book of Daniel, show passages that reveal the seven things above.

QUESTION: In Matthew 24:15 what does the Lord call Daniel? A PROPHET

DANIEL THE PROPHET

LESSON ONE cont.

Historically, Daniel begins around 600 B.C. with the first deportation of Israel during the captivity.

It is the account of Daniel the man of God, living in a foreign land, and serving God under adverse conditions.

It shows the protection of the saved, who defend their faith while living in a foreign land, that is generally ruled by the lost.

It also shows that the Lord will exalt those who serve him, even in face of danger and loss of life.

OUTLINE

We are not going to give an outline of Daniel, rather, we will just give a brief explanation of each chapter.

Chapter one .. An introduction. Showing the word of God fulfilled as prophesied in Jeremiah 25. We are also given dates in Daniel so there can be no mistake about fulfillment of prophecies.

It tells how Daniel and his friends kept their faith in a hostile land.

It gives the duration of Daniel in Babylon (1:21)

It shows how only God's word is truth (1:20)

Chapter two .. shows Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the interpretation of the dream, and the revelation that can only come from God.

Chapter three .. This is a type of the tribulation. It shows how God protects those who serve him.

Chapter four .. The humbling and restoration of Nebuchadnezzar.

Chapter five .. The abomination of Belshazzar and his punishment.

Chapter six .. Daniel's prophecy fulfilled in his own lifetime. The fall of Babylon and the rise of the Medes.

Chapter seven .. Daniel's vision which he saw during the reign of Babylon.

Chapter eight through the rest of Daniel is prophetic.

NOTE: IN JER 25:10, THE "BRIDEGROOM" IS CHRIST, AND THE "BRIDE" IS THE CHURCH. WHEN SOMEONE FALLS INTO FALSE RELIGION THEY CAN LOSE THE CONTACT WITH GOD, THE WORD, THE CHURCH, ETC. JESUS IS NOT OBLIGATED TO HEAR OR ANSWER THEIR PRAYERS, EVEN IF THEY ARE SAVED.

DANIEL.. A prophet (Matthew 24:15) A literal historic person (Ezekiel 14:20)
Daniel, along with his companions, are types of the christian who serve
and worship the Lord.

ISRAEL.. A type of the church. To be looked upon as examples of what not to
do. 1 Corinthians 10:11 Hebrews 3:7-11

BABYLON .. A type of the consequences of the christian living in sin. Acts 7:39-43
11 Kings 25:1-7

Babylon is also a type of false religion, and the christian falling into
false doctrine. This is also a type captivity. Jeremiah 5 & 6

Nebuchadnezzar .. A type of world ruler. Many claim he was a type of the antichrist.
However, personally, I do not think so. Nebuchadnezzar praised God,
the antichrist never will.

There are many more types in Daniel.. However we will look at those as we go
along.

NOTE: THE BIG PROBLEM OF THE TIME WAS THE WORSHIP
OF OTHER GODS- FALSE RELIGION.

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LESSON TWO HISTORY AND THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 17:7-13 And the angel said unto me, Why didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

vs. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not, and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

vs. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

vs. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

vs. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

vs. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, who have no kingdom as yet, but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

vs. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

We will begin our study of the book of Daniel in Revelation. In this portion of Scripture is an important history lesson.

The woman in verse 7 is Babylon and the beast is the antichrist. Babylon and the antichrist both had a beginning. Just as they had a beginning, they will have an ending.

Daniel has many things to say to us, yet, we must understand the history lessons of both Daniel and Revelation.

THE BEGINNING

SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 10:10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land Shinar.*

Genesis 10:11 Out of that land went forth.....

However, before they went out of that land, they built the foundation of the woman and the beast of Revelation.

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LESSON TWO cont.

In Genesis 10:8-10 we see that Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the Lord, and the beginning of his kingdom was Babel.

NOTE.. The real meaning is that Nimrod was a mighty hunter against the Lord!

Then in chapter eleven we have the account of man at Babel trying to build their way to heaven.

QUESTION: In what way was this contrary to what God told mankind to do? ref. Genesis 9:1 with Genesis 11:4

God scattered them abroad upon the earth and confounded their language. The Tower of Babel was constructed in the LAND OF SHINAR.

Then we read in Genesis 10:11, "out of that land went forth..."

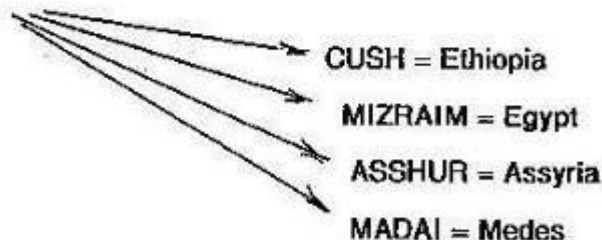
Before they went out of the land of Shinar, they banded together against God at the Tower of Babel. Then God confounded their language and scattered them abroad upon the earth.

Yet, the ideology of a one world government, (the beast) and a one world religion, (Babylon) was spread across the world.

In Genesis chapter ten we have the account of the spread of mankind and the nations. We are told where the people went and the nations they developed.

QUESTION: After God scattered man upon the earth, another interesting thing happened. According to Genesis 10:25 and Isaiah 51:10,15,16 what would that be?

BABEL IN THE LAND OF SHINAR
out of that land went



In Genesis 10:5 we are told that these are the , "Isles of the Gentiles." It should be translated, "the coasts or borders of the Gentile nations."

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LESSON THREE HISTORY AND THE WORD OF GOD

In Revelation 17:7-13 the apostle John was given a vision. He saw a beast that was, and is not, yet is.

We have given here a picture of the past, present, and future.

At the time of John's writing, the beast was, (past) is not, (present church age) and yet is. (future)

The beast is Satan and his ideology. He used mankind at the tower of Babel to establish a one world government and a one world religion. (he was)

God scattered them abroad upon the earth and changed their language so they could not understand one another. (He is not)

NOTE: After God scattered man and they dispersed upon the earth, he divided the earth with water. ref. Genesis 10:25 Isaiah 51:15

Man however, did not leave his ideology of a one world government and a one world religion behind at Babel. He took it with him into every land he inhabited. (yet is)

God has suppressed the beast, even though the idea still flourishes. ref. 1 John 2:18

The beast of Revelation had a beginning. It was antichrist in it's origin. It still is antichrist, even though it does not rule; God does.

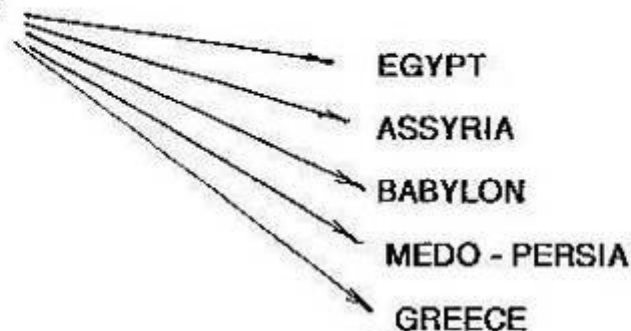
Someday a man will rule by and under the influence of Satan. This will be the complete manifestation of the beast. This will be the Antichrist. 1 John 2:18-23 4:3 11 John 7

In Revelation 17:9,10 we see the seven heads and seven mountains. The seven mountains are seven kings. (vs. 10)

In Revelation 13:1 the beast rose up out of the sea, (of humanity) having seven heads. These heads, we are told are seven kings. (vs. 10)

Five of them are fallen and one is and the other is not yet come.

FIVE ARE FALLEN:



ONE IS:



YET TO COME:



NOTE: Another theory concerning the antichrist is that he was because he suffered a wound and died, and came back to life.

This makes sense because that would make him the eighth. Personally, I believe he was, because he had a beginning.

NOTE: Some people think that Assyria reigned before Egypt. Even though Assyria was a ruling class nation, I believe Egypt ruled first, because of her mention in the Bible and Assyrias Mention in the Bible.

(ref. Isaiah 38 and 39 with 11 Kings 20:1-19 11 Chronicles 32:24-31)

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LESSON FOUR CHAPTER ONE

Daniel was the only Hebrew prophet we have any record of that prospered. He was 16 to 18 years old when he was taken captive.

Daniel was part of the first of three deportations which began around 604-605 B.C. (ref. Daniel 1:1)

This was all part of God's prophecy being fulfilled. (ref. 11 Kings 20:17-18 Isaiah 39 Jeremiah 23:11 29:10 22:11 11 Chronicles 36:8-23)

Jeremiah foretold that Israel would be in captivity 70 years. Daniel spent his entire life in the captivity. (ref. Daniel 1:6 and 21 Jeremiah 25:1-11)

QUESTION: From a Strongs Concordance, define the word eunich, and determine why it might seem important to have eunuchs serve in the palace.

OUR METHOD OF STUDY

We are going to use the method mentioned by Dr. M. R. DeHaan and others. We are going to use the three applications.

1. There is one primary application.
2. There could be several practical applications
3. There is often a prophetic implication.

DANIEL 1:1,2

THE PRIMARY APPLICATION..

In Isaiah 38,39 11 Kings 19,20 we have the account of Hezekiah who was sick unto death. When he requested his life be spared it was granted. Then Hezekiah allowed the kings of Babylon to view the precious things in the temple.

They were not allowed to enter the temple. Hezekiah dishonored God and the law and his people.

Therefore God, who had already given Hezekiah more years to live, brought a prophecy against Hezekiah's future generations.

As we read Daniel 1:1,2 we see the primary application is two fold. 1. God's prophecy always comes to pass. 2. The sins of the fathers may sometimes bring calamity on our children.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

As we apply these verses to our own life we may see that Gods word always comes to pass and we need to realize that if we sin, it may bring calamity on our children.

We also see in the primary application that God used Nebuchadnezzar as "his servant." (ref. Jeremiah 25:9 27:6)

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

The practical application is that God will often times use the lost to judge and condemn the saved who are not serving him, or christians who bring dishonor to God.

SINS OF THE FATHERS

When considering the sins of the fathers, we should not spend our entire lives worrying about some sin our father may have committed.

There are two things we need to consider. Saved and lost. When I put my trust in Christ, my sins are forgiven. If they are forgiven, they will not be remembered by God.

After I am saved however, I should live accordingly. If not, I may bring judgement upon my household.

EXAMPLE: A father or mother, living a worldly life, may bring a disease home to their family. The children may suffer from the result of that disease.

David's sin brought disaster upon his family. (ref. 11 Samuel 11 & 12)

In Isaiah 43:27 Isaiah said, " Thy first father hath sinned..." As in Adam all have sinned. In Christ there is forgiveness.

PROPHETICAL APPLICATION:

From this period of the history of Israel, Israel never regained themselves as a nation until 1948. We are still living under the times of the Gentiles which began with the captivity of Israel.

Even though Israel is now considered a nation, they are not "back in the land," completely. (ref. Deuteronomy 27:1 - 31:21)

QUESTION: Give an example of a practical application of a sin of the father that may affect the family.

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LESSON FIVE

DANIEL 1:1 1:21

PRIMARY INTERPRETATION:

Daniel and his friends were taken captive along with the rest of Israel. They were made eunuchs in the palace. (vs. 3)

Because of their wisdom they were chosen to serve. They already had wisdom, yet they were going to be taught the Chaldean learning and language. (vs. 4)

They were given three years and the best food in order to be favorable enough to serve the king. (vs. 5)

Daniel and his friends did not refuse to eat the kings meat, they requested to be allowed not to eat the kings meat. (vs. 8)

There were two reasons for this. First of all it was against the Old Testament dietary law, and second, it would be compromise and therefore obligation to the king.

Daniel and his friends did not hold animosity toward God and their fathers for their predicament. Instead they purposed in their heart to be faithful to their God, even in light of their circumstances. (vs. 8-16)

Because of their faithfulness, the Lord blessed them with health, wisdom, and favor in the land of their enemies. (vs. 17-21)

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Daniel did not blame others for his fate. Instead he purposed to make the most of his unhappy state. He still served his God and trusted in his God and would not do anything to compromise faith and God's faithfulness. (ref. Philippians 4:8-19 11 Corinthians 12:5-10 11 Corinthians 4:8-18)

Daniel and his friends did not rebel against the king of Babylon. Instead they served him to the best of their ability. However, their foremost service was to their God and his laws. We must remember that we are commanded to obey all principalities and powers, (ref. Romans 13:1-7 Titus 3:1)

Often times our government seems hostile and ungodly, and usually is, yet we should be examples to the government and represent our Lord.

The only time we have a right to disobey the people in power is when it contradicts our service to Christ. (To be discussed in a later class)

NOTE: Israel was captive in Egypt, yet God used Egypt for his glory. Daniel was captive in Babylon, yet God used Babylon for his glory. Paul was captive by Rome, yet God used Rome for his glory.

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LESSON FIVE cont.

PRIMARY INTERPRETATION:

These four Hebrew youths were confronted with extreme wealth and splendor. The city of Babylon and the palace were considered one of the wonders of the world. The palace alone would have been enough to tempt anyone.

They could have forgotten their law and tradition and been impressed with the glory of Babylon, but they were not. After all, being impressed with the world is what got Israel here in the first place.

WISDOM.... These four Hebrews were chosen because of their knowledge and wisdom and understanding science. They were to represent the king and only the best could represent the king.

Out of all the young Hebrews taken captive, is it not amazing the ones chosen, are the ones who are faithful to God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

As we go through our christian life, we will be tempted with the world. The lure of wealth and prominence and influence is magnetic. (ref. 1 Corinthians 10:1-15)

However, those who are not faithful to the Lord, may chose the world, but the world does not chose them.

The world will chose the ones who are not influenced by them. The Hebrews were chosen because of their knowledge and wisdom and understanding, and they were well favored.

In Daniel 1:4 they were chosen because of their knowledge. In Daniel 1:17 God increased their knowledge. In Daniel 1:18-21 they had more knowledge than all of the wise men of Babylon.

Throughout the Bible, especially Proverbs, God tells us how precious wisdom is. God will give us wisdom and increase our wisdom, if we represent him. (ref. 1 Corinthians 1:25 - 2:16)

The world will not accept losers. Those who serve Christ are winners.

PROPHETICAL IMPLICATION:

Babylon is a type of the coming 7 year tribulation, which is a fulfillment of 1 Samuel 8:1-22

QUESTION: Make a chronological chart showing the time of the first part of the deportation of Israel, (605 B.C.) the last part of the deportation of Israel, (586 B.C.) and using 11 Chronicles 36:20,21 and Jeremiah 25:9-11 show the time of Israel's return.

Daniel 2:1 - 2:30

THE PRIMARY INTERPRETATION

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him greatly. Somehow he knew there must have been a meaning. He called his wise men first to give the meaning of the dream. They could not give the meaning without first knowing the dream.

If the king had told them the dream, they would have told him anything he wanted to hear. Just like fortune tellers of today

Nebuchadnezzar probably knew the dream, he was just testing his wise men. (vs. 1-9) Nebuchadnezzar was smart. (vs. 8) If they knew the interpretation, they should know the dream. (vs.

His wise men assured him that only the "gods" could answer him and they did not dwell with flesh. (vs. 10,11)

Therefore the king realized he could not trust the counsel of his wise men, so he sought to destroy them all. (vs. 12,13)

Daniel requested the king for time, and he would show the king his dream, and the meaning of the dream.

Then Daniel went to the Lord in prayer. When the Lord answered his prayer, Daniel blessed and praised God for his mercy.

Then Daniel went in to the king and made known unto him the dream, and the interpretation, and the fact that it came from the one true God. (vs. 24-30)

In Daniel we see some very important things.

His motivation .. vs. 14- 16

His faith in his God .. vs. 16 - 18

His thankfulness to his God .. vs. 19 - 23

His witness .. vs. 28

His humility .. vs. 29-30

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LESSON SIX cont.

DANIEL 2:1 - 2:30

NOTE: Some believe Daniel 2:4 through 8:1 was originally written in Aramiac. This may be true, however, we are not going to dwell on that issue.

Daniel chapter two through the rest of Daniel deals mainly with the times of the Gentiles. When studied along with the rest of Bible prophecy, it gives the student of the Bible a clear picture of God's plan.

Daniel 2:1 - 2:30

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Nebuchadnezzar, like all kings are established by God. (vs. 2:21) It would seem hard for rulers to find someone they can trust and rely on. They make decisions for entire nations, and need advice they can trust. (vs. 2:1 - 13)

These sorcerers could not even trust in their own gods. (vs. 11) Therefore, they themselves could not be trusted. ref. 1 Kings 18:17 - 40

These so called wise men relied on demonology for their wisdom. God condemns any and all fortune-telling. ref. Isaiah 8:19-22 with Leviticus 19:31 20:6,27 Deuteronomy 18:10-12,20-22 also Exodus 7:.. 1 Sameul 28: .. Acts 19:18-20

Unlike the false gods of Babylon, the God of Daniel does intervene in the affairs of men. He is available to all those who seek him. Acts 17:22 - 31 Jeremiah 10:1 - 18

Often times in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would indwell men for various tasks. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit indwells every believer. Therefore, God not only dwells with men, he dwells in men. ref. 1 John 4:12 with John 6:56 14:16,17 1 Corinthians 3:16,17 6:19 11 Corinthians 6:16

Daniel was not afraid of what the king could do to him. Because he trusted in his God, he .. moved by faith (vs. 2:14-18) ref. Hebrews 11:6 with John 16:23,24 1 Timothy 2:5

As Daniel did, so we also need to remember, that even before we come to Christ with our requests, he hears and answers. We also need to acknowledge him as the mighty God he is. ref. Matthew 6:1 - 18

If we remain faithful and humble, God will reveal his word to us, not for our glory and benefit, but for God's glory, and the benefit of others.

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LESSON SEVEN

DANIEL 2:31 - 49

QUESTION: In Daniel 1:1,2 with Jeremiah 25:9 we see in the primary interpretation that God sent Nebuchadnezzar (his servant) to take Israel captive in fulfillment of Jeremiah 25:9. Give at least one practical application.

QUESTION: In Daniel 1:4,17,20 the primary interpretation is that Daniel and his friends, because of their faith and service to the Lord, were chosen to serve in the palace of the king, because of their superior wisdom. The Lord also increased their wisdom. Give at least one practical application.

QUESTION: Give a primary interpretation of Daniel 1:18 - 20

In Daniel 2:31 - 49 Daniel gave the interpretation of the king's dream. The reason for the dream in the first place was at least four fold.

1. To reveal the Word as it fits together. (prophecy upon prophecy)
2. To reveal the Word of God to the living. (ref. 1:30) The living refer to the children of God. ref. Matthew 22:31,32 John 11:25 John 6:33,35,47-58
3. To show Nebuchadnezzar how God uses his servants and how God imputes wisdom to his servants.
4. To reveal to Nebuchadnezzar his own thoughts. His thoughts troubled him because he was really considering the God of Israel.

THE DREAM

Daniel 2:31 - 35 Nebuchadnezzar saw a great beast. Its head was of gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of brass, its legs were of iron, and its feet were part of iron and part of clay.

Then a stone smote the feet and smashed them to pieces and they were no more. The stone then filled the whole earth.

THE INTERPRETATION

Daniel 2:36 - 45 we have the interpretation of the king's dream. The head of gold was none other than the king himself. His kingdom was Babylon. He was the king with power and strength because God gave him his kingdom.

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LESSON SEVEN cont.

Daniel 2:37,38 The head of gold is Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 2:39 The next two kingdoms. The silver and the brass. They would be the Medo-Persia empire under Darius and Cyrus. Then would be the Grecian empire under Alexander the Great.

Daniel 2:40-43 This is the fourth empire which is Rome. Rome had two legs and was the strongest of the kingdoms. Rome was divided into North and South kingdoms and finally fell.

However, the ideology of a one world empire has never ceased. Therefore, the beast stands on two feet, and the two feet represent the world during the seven year tribulation.

The foundation of the beast is the feet, yet historically, we began at the head of the beast, and the feet will be destroyed last.

WHY! BECAUSE the foundation of the beast, the ideology on which it stands, will be destroyed when Christ sets up his kingdom.

Daniel 2:44,45 Notice that God sets up his kingdom "In the days of these kings."

In the days of what kings? In the days of the kings of the feet of the beast, which are the ~~ten~~ toes.

The legs of the beast which Nebuchadnezzar saw are the empire of ancient Rome. Rome is history. The foundation of Babylon and Rome still exist. It will be revived once again under the Antichrist for a duration of seven years. This will be the feet and the ten toes of the beast of Daniel. The ten toes will be ten kingdoms and ten kings. (ref. Daniel 7:24 - 27 Revelation 17:7 - 18)

It is important to note that between the legs of Rome and the feet and toes, is the church age. Daniel and the Old Testament prophets could not see the church age.

QUESTION: Give a practical application of Daniel 2:46 - 49. Remember that Daniel was given a high position in the kingdom because he , "sat in the gate."

Along with your practical application include a brief answer concerning another man who sat in the gate in Genesis 19:1. In what way was this man different than Daniel?

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LESSON SEVEN

THE BEAST OF DANIEL 2:31 - 43

2:36-38 Nebuchadnezzar is the head of gold. the Babylonian empire.

Babylon was conquered by the Medo-Persia empire ...

2:39 The second and third kingdoms are the silver and brass and they are Medo-Persia and Greece.

Medo - Persia is the breast and arms of silver

Greece is the belly and thighs of brass.

2:40 - 45 In these verses are the fourth kingdom made up of the legs and feet of iron.

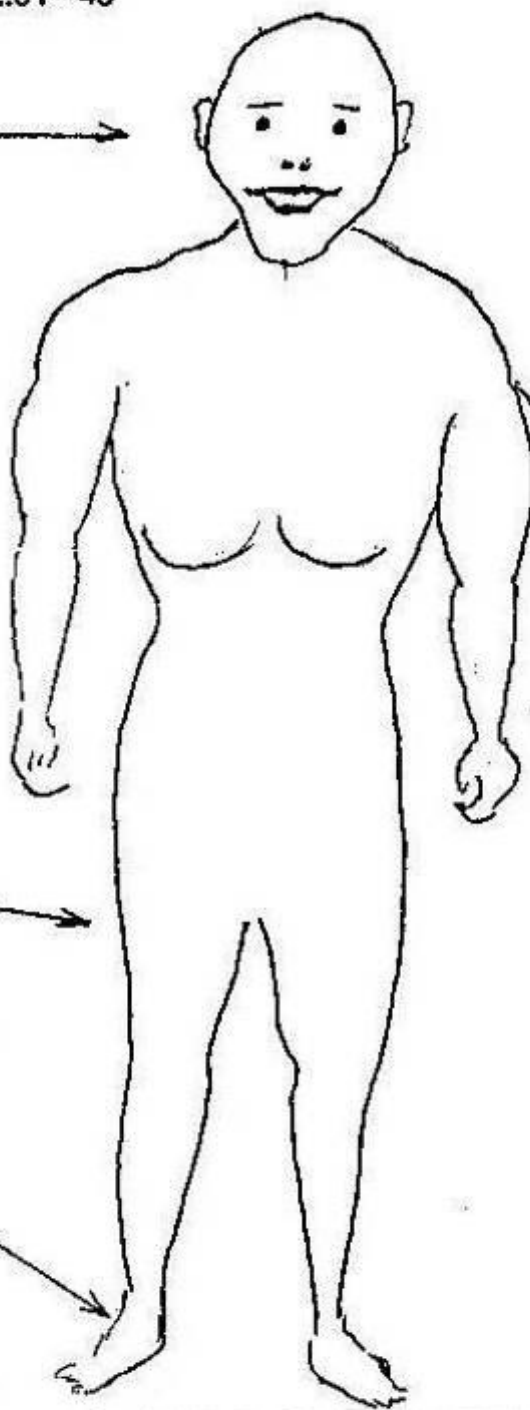
This is the Roman empire.

However, it must be noted that the fourth kingdom has feet made of iron and clay and do not adhere.

The feet and toes are made of iron and clay, where the feet are iron.

2:44 states that, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom..."

At least two thousand years separate the legs and feet of the beast.



THE BEASTS ARE IDEOLOGIES OF
MAN COMING INTO UNION AGAINST GOD; ONE WORLD
RELIGION, ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

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LESSON EIGHT

DANIEL 3:1 - 30

Review of Daniel 1 and 2

Israel was led into captivity and prophecy was fulfilled. There remained more of that prophecy to be fulfilled as they were to be captive for 70 years.

With Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar began the, "Times of the Gentiles." Basically, the Times of the Gentiles, is Gentile dominion and rule over the earth. (ref. Luke 21:24 Romans 11:25,26)

The Times of the Gentiles is the preparation for the tribulation in which the " king " of 1 Samuel 8:1 - 22 will be realized.

Israel is a type of the church in failure. Daniel and his friends were a type of the church who remained faithful.

Nebuchadnezzar is a type of the world rulers who magnify themselves above God. They do not acknowledge or realize God as the one who has the power to establish or destroy kingdoms and kings.
(History records the rise and fall of countless kingdoms)

Each and every kingdom is a type of the one world religious and political system, which had it's beginning at Babel, and will see it's fruit during the seven year tribulation.

As we live during the "Times of the Gentiles," the church will often go through trials and testings. We will be tempted by powers and prestige. This always leads to compromise on one hand, or steadfastness on the other.

The times of the Gentiles will run it's complete course during the seven year tribulation in the feet and ten toes of Daniel. (ref. Daniel 2:33,41,42,43)

At the end of that time, the " Times of the Gentiles " will come to an end and Christ will set up his kingdom. (ref. Daniel 2:34,35,44,45)

The things that took place in Daniel and the rest of the Old Testament, were written and recorded for many reasons. Three of those reasons are....

1. Our learning, a warning, and our admonition. (ref. 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 14 Hebrews 3:1 - 4:2)

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DANIEL 3:1 - 30

2. To show the truth and reality of the New Testament when compared to the Old Testament. (mystery) (ref. 1 Peter 1:8 - 13 Romans 16:24 - 27)
3. To reveal Christ as the God of the Old and New Testaments. (Galatians 3:8 Hebrews 4:2 8:1 - 5 Revelation 1:8,17,18)

Daniel 3:1 - 7

QUESTION: If a cubit is 18 inches, how high and how wide was the image Nebuchadnezzar had made?

QUESTION: In Daniel 2:44,45 how do we know the ten toes occur during some future event?

In Daniel 3:1-7 we see that Nebuchadnezzar made an image to himself and demanded that the image be worshipped.

NOTE: Apparently, the king took Daniels words to seriously. Since he was the head of gold, and God had set up as ruler, it went to his head.

The king demanded that everyone worship the image. This is a classic example of the one world religious and political system.

Daniels three friends however, refused to pay homage to the image, (vs. 8 - 18) and were cast into a fiery furnace. (vs. 19-25)

They were not harmed by the fire and were removed unharmed. (26,27)

Once again Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the God of Israel as the one true God. This is the second time. (vs. 29,30)

THE IMAGE

PRIMARY INT. Because of pride and arrogance, and fear of the true God, Nebuchadnezzar demanded an image be set up to him and that it be worshipped.

PRACTICAL APPL. Leaders of our day and historically, have in one way or another, demanded to be worshipped. Caesar, Hitler, and many more. Consider the coin and paper money with the likenesses of men on them.

THE PROPHETICAL IMPL. The image in Daniel is symbolic of the image the Antichrist will set up in Revelation 13.

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LESSON EIGHT cont.

DANIEL 3:1 - 30

Daniel 3:8 - 18 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego refused to bow to the image of the king. They knew the consequences might severe.

*NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar, like most people, asks the question, "who is your God," but do not really want to know. (ref. 11 Kings 18:29-37 19:10-13 19:32-37)

They were cast into the fiery furnace and we see among them a fourth person. This fourth person was unmistakably Christ. They were protected and delivered unharmed.

Nebuchadnezzar was forced to acknowledge the power of God in delivering these three men.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION

There are two classes of people God is protecting and delivering. The Jew and the church. He is working in the lives of those in different ways.

To the saved christian he says you will be persecuted for his name.. (ref. 1 Peter 4&5 1 Thessalonians 2:12-15 John 16:33

To the Jew he says he will bring them back into the land. They will suffer persecution in this age, and during the seven year tribulation they, along with the rest of the world, will suffer greatly.

To those who have trusted Christ as Savior, we are promised divine protection. We may lose our physical life, yet we will be delivered.

THE PROPHETICAL IMPLICATION

We must see the primary interpretation together with the prophetic implication of Daniel chapter three. The image of gold is a type of the image of Revelation 13. The three Hebrews represent the nation of Israel who endure the seven year tribulation.

Those who make it through the seven year tribulation will go into the kingdom of Christ alive, physically. However, they must be saved by faith in Christ.

The kingdom will be established with saved, born again, humanity. Those who are saved during the tribulation will enter the kingdom. (ref. Matthew 24:4-42 Mark 13:5-31 Luke 21:20-28 Romans 11:25-28 Matthew 25:31-46)

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DANIEL 3:8-30

The three men in the fiery furnace were jews who had decided to follow and obey the God of Israel.

In these verses we have the primary interpretation, the practical application, and the prophetic implication. The prophetic implication is important to understanding Bible prophecy.

Israel is Gods chosen nation of people. He is, and has been dealing with them throughout history. He is not through with Israel yet.

They were told they would be dispersed throughout the world and persecuted. This prophecy has been fulfilled and is still in affect. (ref. Deuteronomy 28&29)

They mixed the false gods of the nations around them with the worship of their real God and were led into captivity in Babylon. (ref. Joshua 24:15 11 Kings 17:41 1 Kings 18:21)

As they were led into Babylon, so began the "time of the Gentiles." They rejected a government of God, (1 Samuel 8) and so began a government of man, just as Israel wanted.

Israel will not be free until, "the times of the Gentiles," has run its course according to prophecy. (Luke 21:24)

Throughout Israel's history the gospel was preached. (ref. Galatians 3:8 Hebrews 4:2 Acts 10:34-43 13:27-40 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

This gospel was preached by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1-6) and by the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 9:35) and the disciples. (Matthew 10:5-7 11:1)

This gospel is the same gospel we preach today. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The difference however, is we preach a different dispensation. We preach the gospel of the church, the gospel preached then was the gospel of the kingdom.

NOTE: It is important to remember that the gospels were Old Testament events, not New Testament events. The gospels were the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. When Christ went to the cross and rose again, the Old Testament came to an end.

Once again the gospel of the kingdom will be preached. (ref. Matthew 24:14 26:13 Revelation 14:6)

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LESSON NINE

DANIEL 3:8-30

Only the saved will go into the kingdom. There will be no lost people go in to the kingdom. (ref. Matthew 24:36-42 25:40-46 Revelation 19:11-20:4)

Throughout the seven year tribulation the nation of Israel will suffer the final wrath of God. At the end of the seven years Israel will inherit the kingdom promised to them in the Old Testament.

Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 give us a picture of Israels final testing.

The fiery furnace is a prophetic picture of that event. The gospel of the kingdom will be preached again as it was during the ministry of Christ. This time Israel will accept Christ as their Savior, and will receive their king.

MATTHEW 24:1-14 is a picture of the first half of the seven year tribulation.

Vs. 6.. "the end is not yet." = the end of the tribulation

Vs. 9.. Israel will be delivered to be afflicted

Vs. 13.. Those endure to the end of the tribulation.. will be saved alive to go into the kingdom. This is not salvation of the soul, but physical deliverance

Vs. 14.. The gospel of the kingdom will be preached.

Vs. 15.. The abomination of desolation will occur at the middle of the tribulation. The antichrist will sit on the throne. (ref. Daniel 9:27 11:31 Mark 13:14 Luke 21:20 11 Thessalonians 2:4 Revelation 11:2 13:5-8)

Vs. 21.. When the antichrist sits on the throne the second half (great tribulation) will begin.

The tribulation will be a judgement of fire upon the earth. (ref. Isaiah 14:24-32 Isaiah 24&25 Revelation 6:12-17 Isaiah 9:8-21)

Just as the three Hebrews in Daniel chapter three were divinely protected and endured the fire, so also will a remnant of Israel survive the seven year tribulation and through divine protection enter into the kingdom.

As we see in Daniel 3:28,29 , "that they might not serve or worship any god, except their own God," and "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

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LESSON NINE

DANIEL 3:8-30

Just as the Lord Jesus Christ protected the three Hebrews from the fiery furnace, he will protect Israel from the wrath of the antichrist. (ref. Revelation 12:13-17)

Not every Jew will be saved to go into the kingdom. Only those who trust Christ as their Savior. It is the same in every dispensation. During the seven year tribulation the two witnesses testify for Christ. Because of that we have the 144,000 Jews who are saved. Because of that many will be saved. Some will lose their life, and some will be spared to go physically into the kingdom.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

King Nebuchadnezzar is a type of the antichrist only to a point. The antichrist, who will be indwelt by Satan, will never acknowledge God. As a matter of fact, Satan wants to be God, and will use the antichrist in order to attain that goal.

In Daniel we see that king Nebuchadnezzar has already acknowledged the God of Israel twice. (ref. Daniel 2:46-49 3:26-29)

Since Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were trusting in their Savior, they were no doubt witnessing for him in the palace. Nebuchadnezzar and the others in the palace had to hear the gospel. It was beginning to sink in.

Since the antichrist will not acknowledge God as God, he falls short of being like king Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar is simply a type of a world leader, who rules during the "times of the Gentiles."

In that respect he is a type of the antichrist who will rule during the seven year tribulation.

In Daniel 3:25 Nebuchadnezzar saw a fourth person who he described as looking like "The Son of God." (K.J.V.)

According to many the proper translation should be, "a son of the gods."

However, to the Bible student, we know it is "The Son of God." Jesus Christ the Lord.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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LESSON TEN

DANIEL 4:1 - 37

The Bible is prophecy. (11 Peter 1:19-21) It is given by inspiration of God. (11 Timothy 3:16,17)

The Old Testament gives the account of the first and second coming of Christ. Israel could not see the distinction of two separate comings.

What they did not see in the Old Testament was interval between the first and second coming, the church age and the rapture.

Therefore, they naturally mixed the two comings together, and when Christ told of his death they did not understand.

QUESTION: Find a place in the gospels where Christ told of his coming death, and a place in the Old Testament that told of his death. (sacrifice)

The Old Testament was given by and for the nation of Israel. The writers were Jews. As a matter of fact the New Testament may have been completely written by Jews. If Luke was a Jewish doctor living in Greece.

Often times the Word of God in Scripture is called "oracles." God tells us the oracles were given to Israel. (ref. Romans 3:1,2)

QUESTION: Read the following portions of Scripture and answer these questions..
Romans 3:1,2 Acts 7:38 Hebrews 5:12 1 Peter 4:11 11 Samuel 16:20-23

1. Should Israel have known Christ was their Messiah?
2. In this world of secular psychiatry, where does perfect counseling and ministering come from?

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S WORDS

In Daniel chapter four we have something a little different. We have the words of king Nebuchadnezzar recorded. This is the only place in the Bible where the words are written in the Chaldean language. (according to Bible scholars and translators)

In 4:1-3 we are given a picture of king Nebuchadnezzars salvation. (ref. signs and wonders.. Matthew 16:1-5)

Whether he was saved prior to this as he acknowledged God we do not know. However, it is certain he is saved in this portion of Scripture.

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LESSON TEN

DANIEL 4:1-37

In Daniel 4:4-7 we see that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him. None of his wise men could interpret the dream.

Finally, Daniel was called as usual. vs. 4:8

In 4:9-18 Nebuchadnezzar explains the dream to Daniel. He saw a large tree and it was important for the well-being of many. He saw a holy one come down from heaven and command the tree be cut down. Only was the stump and the roots were to remain. The tree was cast into the field until seven times passed. (7 yrs.)

In 4:19-27 Daniel gives the interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar was the tree. He would be cast out into the field to live like the animals for seven times. (yrs.)

In 4:28-37 We see the dream comes to fulfillment and the king is cast out to live like the animals. After the seven years he is again restored to the kingdom.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

In verse 4 we see that Nebuchadnezzar was at rest and flourishing. Because of his pride and arrogance Nebuchadnezzar did not acknowledge God or give him the credit for his kingdom. (ref. 4:28-31)

Our society does exactly the same thing the king did. We look around at the splendor of the world and say look what we can do. We are at rest and flourishing in our own little world. We are not thankful or grateful to Christ who has provided us with what we have.

In 4:8,9,18 We see that the king could not give up his idea of many gods.

When it was all over the king finally acknowledged Daniel's God as the one true God.

Had the king done so before, as he should have recognized Israel's God, he would not have endured the consequences of seven years of madness.

NOTE: The reason Nebuchadnezzar spent seven years living as an animal is because he lost his mind.

PRIDE, HUMILITY, AND SALVATION

Salvation is a matter of humbling ourselves before God. We acknowledge we cannot save ourselves, we are sinners, and only Christ has the power to forgive our sins.

Christ is the one who keeps us saved by his power and not ours. (ref. Luke 18:9-17 John 14:1-6)

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LESSON TEN

DANIEL 4:1-37

PRIDE, HUMILITY, AND SALVATION

When it was all over, the king acknowledged God and, like Job, he was not only restored, his excellency was added to.

Pride is one of the most damnable human attributes. (Proverbs 6:16-19 8:13 11:2 Isaiah 28:1 Psalms 10:2)

PROPHETIC IMPLICATIONS

Since Nebuchadnezzar was a Gentile, and a Gentile ruler, and the tree represents him, the prophetic implications represent Gentile rulership and dominion.

Also since the stump and the roots remained, we know that Nebuchadnezzar would regain his kingdom. We also know that the root of Babylon, which is the idea of a one world government and a one world religion will not be destroyed until during the seven year tribulation. (the times of the Gentiles.)

However, more importantly, when Christ establishes his kingdom, which is promised to the nation of Israel, it will also be inhabited by Gentile nations. These Gentiles will go into the kingdom saved. (Zechariah 2:11 Isaiah 11:5-10 Zechariah 14:16-21 Zechariah 8:20-23)

Even though the kingdom of Christ will be a perfect kingdom of righteousness, the root and the stump of tree of humanity will remain. For at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, man will once again rebel his authority. (Revelation 20:7-10)

TWO QUESTIONS

In Daniel 4:19 Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar the dream was to his enemies and those who hate him. Who are his enemies and why would they hate him?

In Daniel 4:25,32 who is the reference of "they?"

These questions will be answered next week. In the meantime, see if you can answer the questions.

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LESSON ELEVEN

DANIEL 5:1 - 30

Review of Daniel chapter four...

Nebuchadnezzar was a Gentile king. The dream pertains to gentile nations. (vs. 19) Daniel was astonished. (perplexed) He was troubled because of the consequences to fall upon the king and because he did not understand the prophetic implications as yet.

God gave Nebuchadnezzar his glory and honor, (5:18) yet he did not honor God until after the end of the seven years. (4:34) He honored and praised himself. (4:28 - 32)

QUESTION: Read the following verses and determine how they might apply to Nebuchadnezzar and to mankind today. 1 Samuel 2:30 Psalm 49:11,12 Matthew 15:8 John 5:41 - 44

QUESTION: In a Strongs Concordance look up and define the following words.

Enemies.. From Daniel 4:19

Watcher.. From Daniel 4:13,17,23 Note: go to the root word.

QUESTION: apply Psalm 49:11,12 and Psalm 107:39-43 to Daniel chapter four and Daniel 5:18-23 considering.. 1. The primary interpretation 2. The practical application 3. The prophetic implications.

Nebuchadnezzars enemies were everywhere and they were all Gentile nations who were envious of his glory and power. They probably included his own family and members of his staff and ministers.

The dream was a warning to his enemies. They (the watcher and the holy one) drove Nebuchadnezzar from his kingdom and finally restored him again. (vs. 4:35)

— NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM WAS TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD AND GIVE HIM THE GLORY. "THEY" ARE GOD, THE TRINITY.
DANIEL CHAPTER FIVE

Belshazzar the king.. (vs. 5:1) He was actually the second ruler in the kingdom. Nebuchadnezzar the king was his father. (5:2,11,18)

The son often ruled as the second in command in the kingdom. Therefore, there could be a third in command in special circumstances. (5:7,16)

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LESSON ELEVEN

DANIEL 5:1-30

In chapter five we see the end of the kingdom of Babylon, and the beginning of the reign of Media and Persia. Even this was according to prophecy. (ref. Daniel 2:39)

Babylons doom is foretold, both historically, and yet prophetically. (ref. Isaiah 21:1-10 47:- Jeremiah 25:12-17)

NOTES

Belshazzar was a lousy son, and a lousy king, and a lousy person in general.
He was proud... vs. 22,23
He defied the God of heaven... vs. 1,2,3,4,5,22,23
He was an unruly son and would not listen... vs. 10,11,22

At least three people were not present at the feast. King Nebuchadnezzar, his wife, the queen, and Daniel.

Because he was smug, he ignored the Medesians, who simply dried up the Euphrates River, which surrounded the city and they marched in on dry land. Therefore, Nebuchadnezzars enemies took Babylon.

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. Do not defy God.
2. God's word always comes to pass.
3. Read and heed the signs.
4. We really do reap what we sow.

DANIEL WAS PROSPEROUS BECAUSE HE SERVED GOD AND WOULD NOT GIVE IN TO THE UNGODLY. HE WAS STRONG WITH THE LORD AND GAVE GOD THE GLORY, NOT HIMSELF²⁷

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LESSON TWELVE

OUTLINE OF CHAPTER SIX

VS. 1-3 Daniel under Darius

Because of his spirit Daniel was "preferred" over all the other choice for a high position.

VS. 4-9 Daniel under opposition

Because of jealousy and envy Daniels opposition tried to find fault with Daniel. Since they could not, they attempted to use the Law of God against Daniel.

Today, and even more so in the future, man is trying to find fault with the Word of God. This is done to bring accusation against the christian and Christ, in order to bring God's word to naught. The religious leaders of Christ day found fault with him and his word. The news media today is trying to find fault with christians and christianity. (Matthew 10:24-42 Acts 4&5)

VS. 10 Daniels and dedication

Daniel was aware of the decree set forth and still went to the Lord in prayer of thankfulness. Christ gave thanks before he went to the cross and we are to give thanks even in face of trouble. (Matthew 26:26-29 Acts 28:15 Phil. 4:6 Col. 4:2)

VS. 11-18 Daniel under divine protection

In a world of opposition the Lord tells us to be joyous. To trust him for deliverance. He also tells us we may die instead. Either way he will deliver us. Very few christians suffer the lions den. However, we seem to think so.

VS. 19-23 Daniel under divine deliverance

As we see in vs.23 the reason for Daniel's deliverance was the fact that he believed in his God. Also in vs.24 the Lord will take care of our enemies and those who reject him. (ref. Romans 1&2)

There is nothing can hurt the child of God if he does not allow it. (Romans 8)

VS. 24 Daniel and divine judgement

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PROPHECY CHART (TEST)

In this chart show the approximate dates of the rise and fall of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. Also show the location of Daniel 2:33,34,35 2:41-45 explain why you placed these verses on your chart. Show the location of the Cross, the church, the rapture, the seven year tribulation, and the kingdom.

† - Church Age - Rapture

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LESSON 13

REVIEW OF CHAPTERS 1 - 6

Daniel was taken into captivity along with many others in Israel during the first deportation. (604 - 605 B.C.) He was a youth at the time. (13 - 16 yrs. old)

The captivity ended after 70 years, according to the prophet Jeremiah. (Jeremiah 25:11)

Israel was given their freedom, and even the blessings of, Darius the Median, and Cyrus the Persian. Ezra and Nehemiah record the return of Israel and the rebuilding of the walls and the temple of Jerusalem.

We do not know if Daniel returned with Jerusalem at that time, but he would have been eighty years old. We are also told that Daniel prospered under Darius and Cyrus, and he ruled with them in the first and at least the third year of their rule. (Daniel 1:21 9:1-2 6:28 10:1)

The first six chapters record the attitude of the faithful christian in light opposition. Daniel is the record of one of the few who remained faithful to the Word of God in Israel. (Dan. 1:3,4,8,9 6:10,22)

Because of his faithfulness, prayer life, and dedication, the God of Israel not only protected Daniel, he gave Daniel wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in his Word. God prospered Daniel in a hostile environment. (Daniel 1:20,21 2:48,49 5:29 6:28)

Daniel is an example of the testings, humiliation, humbling, and exaltation of the life of the faithful christian. Sometimes it is necessary for us to be brought low to a point of despair, in order to learn to trust in the faithful protection of God in Christ.

In Daniel chapters one through six we see the how the separated, dedicated, life of the believer, along with trials and testings, will lead to the rewards of chapters seven through twelve, which is a revealing of the Word of God.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Chapters seven through twelve is a series of visions and dreams Daniel had concerning the fate of Israel and future prophecy. As we study these portions of Scripture, it will be important to learn and understand the prophecy charts.

Daniel 7:1-3 In these first three verses we see that Daniel had a vision and he recorded it. There are three basic subjects we need to cover.

1. The four winds
2. The great sea
3. The four great beasts

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Daniel 7:2 The four winds. The four winds show the every where presence of God. The word omnipresence is a word describing one of the attributes of God. He is everywhere at all times.

It shows that all men, whether great or small, are under the influence of God. He sets up kings and he makes them fall. He gives life and he takes it away.

The four winds in 7:2 are four winds of heaven. They are symbolic of the breath of God. (Ezekial 37:8,9)

The wind, like God himself, cannot be seen, but his power, like the wind, may be visible at all times. Whatever the winds may do, they are at the will of God. (Psalm 135:7 147:18 148:8 Hosea 13:15 Matthew 24:31 Mark 13:27 Revelation 6:13 7:1)

The wind simply represents God's power as he fulfills his word, in his own time, in his own way. Man is not in control of prophecy and events.

Daniel 7:2 The great sea. Some Bible teachers believe the "great sea" is reference to the Mediterranean Sea. However, in many places, we see that water and the sea represent humanity. Even those who believe this is in reference to the Mediterranean sea, admit that it refers to humanity.

Whether it refers to the Mediterranean Sea or not, is really not that important. It means that God chooses men out of the mass of humanity to do his will. Daniel may have seen in his vision, a literal beast rise out of the sea, yet it would be meaningless, unless it had to do with God's prophecy. Humanity is referred to as (roaring like the sea Isaiah 5:29,30 The sand of the sea Isa. 10:21,22 Isaiah 17:12 48:18 57:20 Revelation 13:1 17:1,5)

Daniel 7:3 four great beasts. The four great beasts are four leaders who arise out of the sea of humanity. Daniel is given a vision of their description in 7:4-7. The vision Daniel saw is the same vision John saw in Revelation chapter thirteen. The difference is that Daniel saw the vision before it came to pass and John saw the vision after most of it had been fulfilled.

In Revelation 13:1 John saw one beast rise out of the sea. This one beast was the culmination of all the other beasts rolled into one. This one beast, is the antichrist of the seven year tribulation. This prophecy is also for the nation of Israel.

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LESSON 15

We have already seen in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, and in Daniel's dream, the rise and fall of four kingdoms. They are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The fourth kingdom is more or less in hibernation until the seven year tribulation comes into focus, and it will rise and rule under the antichrist.

These future kingdoms are described as ten toes in Daniel 2:33,34,35,40,41,42,43, and ten horns in Daniel 7:7,8,23,24. (Revelation 17:9-18)

We know that the ten toes, and the ten horns are yet future because in the days of these kings the Lord will set up his kingdom.

Daniel chapter eight

Before we begin chapter eight, we need to point out that from chapter two verse four through chapter seven verse 28 is originally written in Aramaic, or Chaldean.

Some of the words are the words of Nebuchadnezzar and are recorded and interpreted by Daniel through the Holy Spirit.

Personally, I do not know why God recorded this portion of the Old Testament in the Chaldean language. I can only speculate.

Since most of this prophecy was fulfilled before the time of Christ, and was fulfilled by Gentile nations, we can assume this prophecy was recorded in a Gentile language, for the benefit of the Gentiles. In other words, it would show the Gentile world the power of the Word of God.

Chapter eight verse one through chapter twelve verse thirteen is once again written in the Hebrew language.

THE VISION

WHEN: The third year of the reign of Belshazzar 8:1

WHERE: In the palace at Shushan, in the province of Elam, by the river Ulai 8:2

WHAT: Daniel saw a Ram with two horns. One was higher than the other, and it came up last. 8:3,4 The Ram, we are told, is Medo Persia. 8:20

After the Ram came a he goat. It began with one horn, and developed into four horns. 8:5-8 The he goat, we are told, is Greece. 8:21,22

QUESTION.. Concerning the ram.. We know it refers to Medo-Persia. Do a study on Medo Persia and determine why one horn would, " come up last, and be higher than the other."

QUESTION.. Concerning the he goat.. We know it refers to Greece. Do a study on the

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LESSON 15

THE LITTLE HORN

In Daniel 8:9-14 and Daniel 8:23-25 we have Daniels vision of a little horn. There have been many attempts to describe the little horn and who he might be.

We believe the Bible gives the answer as usual.

In verse 9 this little horn came out of one of the four horns. The great horn of the he goat, (Alexander the Great) was broken, and four horns came out of it. (vs. 8,22)

The little horn came out of one of the four horns. He "waxed great." He became powerful and prospered. He magnified himself. He desolated the temple. He promised peace and destroyed many.

Is this the antichrist of Revelation? The answer is no!! He is a type of the antichrist who will come.

In verse 8 the great horn (Alexander the Great) is broken, and four horns arise. These four horns are four men who divide the kingdom of Alexander into four parts. One of the four parts was Syria.

Out of Syria came a man by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes.

In verse 21 and 22 we see the "great horn," is the first king. He was Alexander. After he was broken, up rose four kings. But not in his power!!

Alexander the Great had nothing to do with the four kingdoms because he met an untimely death. His generals divided the kingdom into four parts.

In verse 23 we are told that this "little horn," arises in the latter time of their kingdom. Whose kingdom? The kingdom of the four kings. These four kings are part of the third world empire, which is the leopard in Daniel 7:6. (Notice the four wings and the four heads)

The description of this little horn is completely in line with the antichrist who is indwelt by Satan. He desecrates the temple by sacrificing a swine on the altar. He sets his sights against Israel and Jerusalem. (vs. 9)

In verse 14 we see that he prospers for 2,300 days. This is also a type of the seven year tribulation.

NOTE: Some Bible scholars believe verses 14 and 26 show that verse 14 should be translated "morning and evening," because there were two sacrifices every day.

Therefore, vs. 14 should indicate 1,150 days. This shows the abomination of desolation when the antichrist sets on the throne in the middle of the tribulation.

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REVIEW

In Daniel chapter seven, Daniel had a vision. He saw four beasts, which are four kings and four kingdoms. (Dan.7:17)

The lion was Babylon. The bear was Medo-Persia, and the leopard was Greece. These are the same as seen by John. (Revelation 13:1-3)

These are part of the seven kings of Rev. 17:9-13, and the same as the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel chapter two.

In Daniel chapter eight we are given a picture, or a type of the antichrist and the seven year tribulation.

We have the ram (8:3,4) which is the Medo-Persia empire. (8:20) Then we have the he-goat, (8:5-8) which is Greece. (8:21)

The kingdom of Greece is divided into four parts after the death of Alexander the Great. (8:22) These four parts are little kingdoms into the big kingdom.

Out of one of these kingdoms comes a little horn who is a dreadful man and a type of the antichrist who is to come. (8:9-14 8:23-26)

We know he is not the antichrist because he rises up out of the "latter time of their kingdom."

DANIEL CHAPTER NINE

Daniel 9:1-23 Daniel and the circle of faith.

THE PRIMARY INTERPRETATION

9:1 The first year of Darius.. (Daniel 7:5,17 8:3,20) Darius was the king of the Medians. He ruled one half of the kingdom. He was one of the horns.

9:2 Daniel studied the Word of God. He knew by reading the Word, events and times. He read the prophet Jeremiah concerning prophecy. (Jeremiah 25:1-14 29:8-14)

9:3,4 Daniel prayed and acknowledged the God of Israel. He prayed earnestly, diligently, honestly, and with dedication, he meant it.

9:5-9 Daniel acknowledged his sin and the sin of Israel. He realized that true righteousness comes from Christ. We cannot establish our own righteousness.

9:10-19 Daniel knew that God is faithful to his word. His prophetic words will come to pass. Israel had fulfilled Deuteronomy 28:15-68 and Leviticus 26:32-39. (Daniel 9:10-15)

9:20-23 Daniel's prayer was heard from the very beginning.

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LESSON 16 cont.

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Daniel 9:1-23 applying it to my life..

9:1 Daniel was still in captivity in Babylon. He would have been around eighty years old at the time. Therefore, no matter the time, events, or circumstances, we should still seek the Lord.

9:2 Daniel "understood by the books." Daniel was in what I call the circle of faith. He studied the books and because they prove themselves his faith was increased. There are two things we see here for the church, STUDY.. 11 Timothy 2:15 3:16,17 1 Peter 2:2 and INCREASE YOUR FAITH.. 1 John 5:13

The more we read and study the Word of God, the more our faith is increased and the more we "understand."

9:3,4 Daniel acknowledged the sovereignty of God. Also the trustworthiness of God in keeping his word. (ref. Matthew 6:1-18 instructions in prayer)

9:5-9 Daniel acknowledged his sin and inability to forgive his own sin and to establish his own righteousness. This should be part of our communion with Christ. (Matthew 6:12-15 Luke 18:13,14 1 John 1:8-2:2)

Even Paul the apostle acknowledged his sinful nature. (Romans 7:24)

Christ said, "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Only those who acknowledge their sin will Christ have communion with. Only those who acknowledge their sinful nature will be saved. The self righteous, who see their good works only, think they have no need of salvation. (Matthew 9:13 Mark 2:17 Luke 5:32)

9:10-19 Because Daniel read the books, and understood the books, he knew the fate of Israel. He knew from Jeremiah that 70 years were determined on Israel. He knew those 70 years were almost up. Yet he still prayed. He was aware that Israel had not obeyed the laws of God. They had polluted the land. Leviticus 25:8-24 They had not celebrated the year of the Jubilee.

The christian also, by the books, may have an understanding of the prophecies of God. Notice that Daniel said, "books." The Bible needs to be studied as a whole.

Notice also that Daniels prayer was answered. (Ezra 1:1-11) Cyrus, who reigned along with Darius, made a proclamation to restore Israel.

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LESSON 16 cont.

9:20 In these verses we see the angel Gabriel came to give Daniel wisdom and understanding. Angels are messengers of God. In the church age we are told the Holy Spirit reveals the Scriptures to God's people. Gabriel is a special angel who gave revelations to Israel. (Daniel 8:16 9:21 Luke 1:19-26)

Daniel knew God's word would be fulfilled, yet, he prayed for the matter. As christians we know Christ will return and we know the church will be taken home, yet we are to pray for the matter. (1 Thessalonians 4:18 5:11,23 Titus 2:12,13 Revelation 22:20)

In Matthew 6: we are told to pray for the kingdom to come and God's will to be done on earth.

NOTE: For our next lesson we should keep in mind that Israel was in their land 490 years before their captivity. 70×7 . Every 49 years Israel was to let their land set unused for one years. The year of Jubilee. 49 is 7×7 .

DANIEL THE PROPHET

LESSON 17

THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL

In Daniel 9:20-23 we see Daniels prayer being answered. He was given understanding and skill. Not only was Daniel given skill, so also every christian is given understanding and skill in the word of God, if they desire it.

In Daniel 9:24-27 God gives Daniel the answer to his prayer concerning Israel. Remember, Daniels prayer was concerning Israel, and their future restoration. (Dan. 9:3-19)

9:24 .. Seventy weeks are determined upon Israel and Jerusalem. A week is seven years. (ref. Genesis 29:27)

$70 \times 7 = 490$ years. Four hundred and ninety years were determined upon Israel and Jerusalem. At the end of these years, the following things would be accomplished.

1. finish the transgression
2. make an end of sin
3. reconciliation for iniquity
4. bring everlasting righteousness
5. seal up the vision and prophecy
6. anoint the most Holy

The beginning of the fulfillment of the 490 years would begin with the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah.

In the first year of the reign of Cyrus of Persia, is the commandment under Cyrus, to restore the temple in Jerusalem. This command came about the year 535-540 B.C.

Nehemiah was given permission to restore the walls of the city of Jerusalem by Artaxerxes around the year 445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1-8)

This is the approximate date of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem unto the Messiah.

NOTE: The amazing thing about this prophecy is the fact that we are given a starting date. We are told when the Messiah would come, and when he would be cut off.

NOTE: It is also interesting to note that Daniel confessed his sinfulness. That is what brought him into communion with his God. We must confess our shortcomings and our failures, if we are to have communion with God and Christ.

In verse 25 we a division of time. First of all we have seven weeks. ($7 \times 7 = 49$) That is 49 years. Then we have threescore and two weeks until the Messiah is cut off. ($62 \times 7 = 434$) That is 434 years.

$$49 + 434 = 483 \text{ years}$$

DANIEL THE PROPHET

LESSON 17 cont.

THE SEVENTY WEEKS OF DANIEL

History records that it took Nehemiah and his associates 49 years to restore the walls of Jerusalem. (even in troublous times)

From the time of the completion of the walls to the Cross of Calvary was another 434 years.

"But not for himself." Christ was nailed to the Cross, but not for himself. It was for the sin of mankind.

Daniel 9:26 .. Finally, the Romans destroyed the temple and the city. They were the people of the prince that shall come, the antichrist.

All of this prophecy has fulfilled to the letter, except for one week. (7 years) Seven years of the prophecy of Daniel remains to be fulfilled. It has been waiting for two thousand years.

Immediately following the rapture of the church, the antichrist will confirm the covenant with many. He will be accepted as the Messiah. (The white horse of Revelation 6:1-2)

In the middle of the week he will sit on the throne and claim to be God. (11 Thessalonians 2:4 Revelation 11:1,2 13:4-6)

This is called the abomination of desolation. (Matthew 24:15)

DANIEL THE PROPHET

LESSON EIGHTEEN

GLORIFIED CHRIST

NOTE: Daniel 9:27 proves there will be seven years of tribulation. It also proves the antichrist will confirm the covenant with Israel at the beginning of the seven years. In order to do that, they will have to accept him as their Messiah, even though he is not. It also proves he will sit on the throne in the middle of the seven years. He will be the king God warned Israel about in 1 Samuel chapter eight.

DANIEL 10:1-9

10:2 The three weeks in this verse should be weeks of days. It is not the same as the weeks of years in Daniel 9:24-27

10:4 The river Hiddekel is probably the Tigris river.

10:5,6 Daniel saw a glorified Christ. This is the same Christ who left his glory when he came to earth. John 17:1-26 (particularly 17:1,3,4,5,6,7,)

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BREASTPLATE

Daniel saw Christ wearing a breastplate about the loins. In Exodus 28:15-30, the priest wore a breastplate upon the upper part of his body. (Exodus 28:29) In Revelation 1:13 the apostle John saw Christ with a breastplate around his paps. (breast)

The reason is, in Daniel, Christ had not yet gone to the cross. He was girded about the loins. A good example would be a championship belt worn about the waist. In the Old Testament, the priest wore the breastplate when he went into the holy place. He wore it as an eternal testimony before the LORD.

It was symbolic of the sacrifice of Christ. It was a symbol of judgement. The death of Christ put all the judgement upon the man himself. When we trust Christ as Savior, the judgement of sin is waived.

Aaron was the high priest. When he went in before the LORD, it represented his offering as the priest. The priest was a type of Christ who is our priest. He goes in continually before the Lord as an advocate for us. (1 John 2:1,2)

Christ is our priest, therefore, there is no need for a priesthood or an intercessor. (Hebrews 4:14 - 10:30)

DANIEL THE PROPHET

LESSON FOURTEEN UNDERSTANDING HISTORY

NOTES: It is important to realize that most Old Testament prophecy deals with Israel. Even though the Gentile nations are involved, and God uses all mankind to accomplish his prophetic pronouncements, Israel is the thrust of most O.T. prophecy.

In Revelation 17:10 we are told, "there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is...." This is a historical picture of Gentile rulers, including, Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

However, Nebuchadnezzars dream, (Daniel 2) and Daniels dream, (Daniel 7) and John's vision, (Revelation 13) begin with Babylon.

The reason is, the "times of the Gentiles," begin with the captivity of Israel in Babylon, and end at the end of the seven year tribulation. (Revelation 11:1,2 Luke 21:24 Romans 11:25,26)

GREECE.. THE THIRD BEAST: The leopard in Daniel 7:6 is the same as the thighs of brass and the third kingdom of Nebuchadnezzars dream (Daniel 2:32,33) and the same as the leopard of John's vision. (Revelation 13:2) Greece ruled and Rome finally conquered and subdued the world. 335-200 B.C.? Rome gained power over a period of many years of battles.

MEDO-PERSIA.. THE SECOND BEAST: The bear in Daniel 7:5 is the same as the breast of silver in Nebuchadnezzars dream (Daniel 2:32,39) and the same as John's vision. (Revelation 13:2) Medo-Persia conquered Babylon and ruled until Greece. 540-335 B.C.

BABYLON.. THE FIRST BEAST: Daniel 7:2 is the same as Nebuchadnezzars head of gold (Dan.2:32,36,37,38) and the same as the lion in Revelation 13:2. Babylon .. ruled as a world power .. 650-530 B.C.

ROME.. THE FOURTH BEAST: This beast in Daniel 7:7 is un-named. Yet, it is the same as the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay in Nebuchadnezzars dream (Daniel 2:33,34,35,40-43) and the same as the fourth beast John saw in Revelation 13:2-.

This beast we will call the dragon. This beast has not yet been overcome. One might say he is just in hibernation. This beast will be revived and will rule the earth with the antichrist for seven short years. This beast is the ten toes Nebuchadnezzar saw, (Daniel 2:33,34,35,40,41,42,43) and the kings Daniel saw, (Daniel 7:7,8,23,24) and the same as John saw. (Revelation 17:10-13)

THE TEN TOES AND TEN HORNS: We know that the ten toes of Daniel 2:41-43 and the ten horns of Daniel 7:7,8 take place at the end of the seven year tribulation because Daniel 2:44 says, "in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom."

Also Daniel 2:9-27 tell us the ten horns shall be consumed and destroyed by Christ.

NOTE: Also notice that in Daniel 7:2 the four winds, "strove," and in Revelation 7:1 they, "should not blow."

NOTE: The fourth beast may not necessarily be Rome. It will be a revived manifestation of complete Gentile dominion over the whole earth. Since the governments of mankind are basically antichrist, God will give the world over to the antichrist mentality for a short time. During the seven year tribulation the Lord will remove his Holy Spirit for seven years.

The revealing of the ten toes during the tribulation, reveals the foundation of the world system manifested during the tribulation, even though it began milleniums ago.

th dispensation began with the call of
ham .. around 2000 B.C.

Oppression in Egypt 1550 - 1450 B.C.

Exodus out of Egypt around 1450 B.C.
Beginning of fifth dispensation .. the law

From exodus to captivity in
Babylon .. 600 B.C.

Return and rebuilding of Jerusalem, the temple
and the walls. around 540 - 535 B.C.

The last book of the Old Test.
complete around 400 B.C.

The tribulation of Israel
The restoration of Israel in kingdo

sixth dispensation
grace

n creation to the cross 4000 yrs. _____

From the last book in the Old Testament
to the Messiah 400 yrs. _____

MAP II.
THE WORLD
AS KNOWN TO THE
MESOPOTAMIAN NATIONS.
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