

## Daniel 7

1. In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

- 14 years prior to Babylon's Fall to Medes/Persians
- Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

2. Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

- 4 winds of heaven – denotes war, strife and judgment
- Great Sea – Mediterranean Sea

3. "And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.

- Coincides with King Nebuchadnezzar dream in Daniel 2 – head of gold-Babylon, arms and chest of silver-Medes and Persians, belly and thighs of bronze-Greece, legs of iron and feet partly of iron and clay-Romans Empire.

4. "The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

- The winged lion is a representative of Babylon. It was on all the artwork and was the symbol for the Babylonian Empire. **(605 BC – 539 BC: 66 yrs)**

-The Wings being plucked off represented the kingdom being taken from King Nebuchadnezzar and the lion standing on its feet and given a heart of man represents him humbling himself and glorifying God in doing so, his reasoning returned back to him. (Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream)

5. "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

- The Bear represents the Medo-Persian Empires who were under Darius the Mede (Political) and Cyrus the Persian (Military type of leader) the Military who joined forces to overthrow Babylon. Like a bear, the Medes and Persians were stupid and tactless, but they were strong. When they waged a war, they needed little strategy; they just pushed with the power of sheer numbers in their enormous army, which ranged from a hundred thousand up to a million. (Against Greece – one million was mobilized – half for war and half for support) (2 horns in Ch 8)

- Raised up on one side showed supremacy to one side – the Persia was built later than Media and eventually defeated the Medes

- 3 Ribs in it's mouth: The three most dominant countries that they conquered: Babylon, Lydia and Egypt
- Devour much flesh – God's judgment on the neighboring countries – Bal Worshipers.
- (539 BC – 331 BC: 208 yrs)** Cyrus prophesies: (Isaiah 44:28-45; 45:4)

6. "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. **(331 BC – 168 BC)**

- **Greece – Alexander the Great** – Conquered Medo-Persia and gained control of much of the world. He was the greatest conqueror the world had ever seen, occupying a vast territory in a short amount of time. Alexander rose from Macedonia in Europe and conquered large portions of Asia and Africa, sweeping like a storm all the way to the borders of India. (Ch 8)
- 4 Wings – Swiftness of Alexander's conquer ring of the world
- Died at the age of 33. Legend has it that after his conquest of Medo-Persia that he set beside the Indus River and wept because there was no more land to conquer. History tells us the he died of Alcoholism.
- 4 Heads – Represented his four generals: Lysimachus, Cassander, Seleucus, and Ptolemy. After Alexander's death the empire was divided up between the four. Thrace and Bithynia went to Lysimachus; Macedonia and Greece to Cassander; Syria and Babylon to Seleucus, and Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia to Ptolemy.

7. "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. (Dan 2 – the ten toes of King Nebuchadnezzar)

- Rome: 168 BC – 476 AD

8. "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. **(Ref: Verse 25)**

- The fourth beast is the Roman Empire, which succeeded Greece and brought the whole world under its control. (Lasted until 476 A.D.) The Roman Empire started out a small village on the River Tiber in Italy; it began to extend its territory through wars with its neighbors in the fourth century B.C. By the second century B.C. it had conquered Spain and Carthage. Then it continued to further its conquests adding Macedonia, Greece, and Asia Minor (Turkey) to its dominions.

Eventually Syria and Jerusalem fell to Rome, as well as the European lands which today makeup Great Britain, France, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany.

- 10 horns represent 10 kingdoms that will rise out of the revised Roman Empire. 2600 years ago Daniel prophesied accurately that 10 kingdoms would rise out of the former territory of Rome – The European Economic Community – currently 15 with 20 more countries coming on board with the European Constitution or the United Europe

- The little horn will arise out of these countries and he will only rule over 10 of them. He will subdue 3 of them and eventually bringing all 10 under his control

- He will not subdue them by force; he will subdue them by deception and flattery words. - The White Horse Revelation 6:1 – Antichrist revealed. **Notice:** He has no arrows.

- When ten countries in the former Roman Empire are unified politically, economically, and militarily, a supreme leader will arise and conquer three countries. After he accomplishes this, he will subdue the remaining countries, bring all of Europe under his feet.

- Revelations 11 & 13: Antichrist

9. "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire;

10. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

- Thousands, thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: The Church – the bride that was raptured up at His coming. (1 Thes 4:16-18; 2 Thes 2:6-7, John 14:8; Romans 5)

- This judgment signifies the one that will take place shortly after the Tribulation Jesus prophesied. Matthew 24:21-34

- Revelation 19: Judgment after Armageddon. Christ will descend with the Heavenly Army and take captive the Antichrist and his false prophets, judge them and cast the into the lake of fire burning with fire and brimstone.

11. "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame.

- Great White Throne Judgment: Revelation 20:10: And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

12. "As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

- The other beasts of the ten kingdoms will be stripped of their authority but allowed to live for a period of time until the kingdom of one thousand years begins. Then they will be judged and cast into hell where they will remain for a thousand years.

- Revelation 20:11-15: Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

13. "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

14. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

- Revelation 20:11-15. The Great White Throne Judgment

15. "I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

- The book was closed to Daniel but not to us. It has been appointed for us to know and understand.

- The beast is Rome. The ten horns signify the ten kingdoms that will rise out of the former territory of Rome at the end of the world. The little horn signifies the Antichrist. The Antichrist will first unify the three kingdoms, then he will expand his dominion over the other seven kingdoms.

16. "I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17. "Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. (Daniel 2)

18. "But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever."

- Revelation 20:11-. After the Great White Throne Judgment

19. "Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;

20. "and about the ten horns that were on its head, and about the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21. "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

22. "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

23. "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.

24. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings.

25. He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

- The saints refer to the two groups who were not prepared when Jesus descends from Heaven: The Jew and the Christians

- The war is the last 3 ½ years of Tribulation that we see the Antichrist making war against the saints in Revelation 11 & 13

- Time – A.D. – Anno Domini which means: in the year of the Lord. He would be upset when he hears it read in this manner. He will try to change times where A.D. would be removed.

- Law – He will change law in order to put himself at the center of law and he will institute a new era. Once this is done, the Jewish people will be delivered into the hand of the antichrist for a time, times, and half a time or 3 ½ years and they will go through Tribulation. (Revelation 11 and 13) (Matthew 24:15 – Abomination of Desolation)

26. 'But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever.

27. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

- We see this in Revelation 19, 20 and 21

28. "This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart."

## **Daniel 8**

### **Ram with Two Horns**

1. In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me to me, Daniel after the one that appeared to me the first time.

2. I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

3. Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4. I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no beast could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.

- Ram with 2 horns: Medo-Persian empire. When the kings would go out for battle they would take off the crowns on their heads, and put on a helmet that looked like ram horns.

- Higher Horn: Media came to power first and Persia came to power later and eventually conquered the Media Empire.

- The Medo-Persian Empire was located in the East between Egypt and Asia. It expanded its territory by conquering Greece westward, Babylon northward, and Egypt southward. (V 4)

5. And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

6. Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7. And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

8. Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

- The Male Goat – Greek Empire; Little Horn: Alexander the Great

- Revenge on the Persians for their invasion of Greece

- Alexander's army swiftly advanced and defeated the large army of Persia at the Granicus River in 334 B.C.

- A year and half later in November 333 B.C., Persia again raised an army and fought with Greece at Issus by the northern tip of the Mediterranean Sea. Alexander once again defeated the Persians.

- In October 331 B.C., two years later, Greece and Persia had a final showdown at Guagamela near Ninevah, Alexander destroyed the Persian Empire once and for all.

- 4 notable ones: Represented his four generals: Lysimachus, Cassander, Seleucus, and Ptolemy. After Alexander's death the empire was divided up between the four. Thrace and Bithynia went to Lysimachus; Macedonia and Greece to Cassander; Syria and Babylon to Seleucus, and Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia to Ptolemy.

9. And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10. And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.

11. He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

12. Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered.

-Little Horn: Is different than the one we see in Ch 7:8. The Little Horn has been fulfilled historically.

- Out of the 4 kingdoms were divided between the 4 generals of Alexander, Syria and Egypt were constantly engaged in hostile actions.

- When Egypt came up to fight Syria, Israel was trampled underfoot. And when Syria went down to fight Egypt, Israel was also trampled down.

-The description that follows in Daniel's account fits a king of Syria perfectly named Antiochus Epiphanes who was the eighth in the Seleucus dynasty (175-164 B.C.)

- On one of the expeditions against Egypt, Antiochus subdued Jerusalem. He set himself up against God and cruelly trampled Israel underfoot. The "host" – the Jews whom he cast down and defeated.

- Antiochus Epiphanes murdered several of the political and religious leaders of Israel, including the high priest Onias III, the religious star of the Jews in that day.

- He set himself up to be as great as God.

- He forbade the daily sacrifice in the temple

- He desecrated the sanctuary with an altar offered to the Greek deity he worshiped

- He sacrificed swine's blood on this altar, in the Holy Temple which was an abomination to the Jews. (Mosaic Law)

- He abolished the Mosaic Law, he forbade circumcision and imposed a pagan lifestyle upon them. Anyone who refused to obey him or rebelled against him was put to death.

- These events parallel what will come to pass in the last days; the rise of the Antichrist in the Tribulation and his conquest and cruel treatment to Israel. History will repeat itself. The Antichrist will break down the altar in the sanctuary, setting up in its place his own idol. He will force the

Jews to worship the idol and will take away the daily sacrifice that is offered morning and evening. He will abolish the law of Moses, imposing a pagan lifestyle to the Jews.

13. Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?"

14. And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

- The persecution of the Jews began in 171 B.C. and lasted until Antiochus died on an expedition to Media in 164 B.C. As soon as he died, Israel was released from Syrian bondage
- The number of days from Antiochus's conquest of Israel to his death was exactly 2,300 days (171 B.C. – 164 B.C.)
- The Antichrist will arise (7:25) to destroy Israel for a time, times, and halve a time.

15. Now it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

16. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision." (voice of water – the spirit of God)

17. So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."

18. Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

19. And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

20. "The ram which you saw, having the two horns they are the kings of Media and Persia.

21. "And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

22. "As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

23. "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.

24. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.

25. "Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human hand.



- Antiochus Epiphanes was a type of the Antichrist – what is said here in Daniel 8 can be applied to the Antichrist who is to come.
- Antichrist Features: Will be stern. The President of the United Europe will be a hard man, hard enough to control Europe and sway the world. He will manipulate ten countries of Europe as he wishes, because of his political ability.
- He will become very strong.
- The Antichrist will enter a seven-year peace treaty with Israel. Help them rebuild the temple on the top of Mount Moriah. After Satan is thrown out of Heaven by Michael the Archangel, he will enter his body, he will break this treaty and begin an assault on the Jews, Christians and anyone who rebels against him all along proclaiming that he is Christ.

26. "And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future."

27. And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king's business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.

- The vision that Daniel had pertained to the Church Age. This same age that Noel 2:28-29 prophesied over when God's Spirit would be poured out on all men (Acts 2)
- Matthew 24:32-33: "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. "So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the very doors.
- Israel became a nation in 1948.
- Before long the ten countries of Europe will be united and one ruler will come out of them. Right now there are 15 plus nations and 22 are trying to get into the EU, when the time is right, there will be only ten. He will conclude (antichrist) the seven-year treaty with Israel. The church age and the time of the Gentiles will end and then will start the time when God gives the final exhortation to the Jewish nation.

1. Daniel 9: 1-2: (Jermeiah 25:1-10)

- a. 70 years captivity
- b. God would punish Babylon
- c. Why? Repeatedly broke the sabbaths
  1. Work 6 days and rest on the 7<sup>th</sup>
  2. Free a fellow Isralite slave after 6 years ( 7<sup>th</sup> year go free)
  3. Plow a field six years and then let it rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> year
- d. The Sabbaths were created for rest.

2. Daniel 9:3-4: Daniel read the promise of God. It didn't come to pass until he began to pray the promises. If he would have never found the promises and began to pray them into existence, they would not have happened.

3. Daniel 9:5-6: (Romans 3:10,23) Daniel took the sins of all the Jews and began to confess and bear them and cry out for mercy and grace. He began to repent for the transgression that the Jewish people have committed against God. He cried out from his heart.

4. Daniel 9:7-15: Daniel was ashamed. He knew they deserted God and they deserved what they got. He didn't try to make excuses.

5. Daniel 9:16-19: (Isaiah 55:1-2)

- a. Ministering Spirits (Genesis 28:12; Hebrews 1:14)
- b. Sent to bring comfort/ messages from God

6. Daniel 9:24-27:

- a. 7 days in a week:  $7 \times 70 = 490$  days
  - b. Judgement on the days read Numbers 14:34:
  - c. For every day you spied out the land and brought a bad report, you shall bear you guilt 1 year for each day – 40 years.
  - d. Thus 490 days = 490 years
  - e. 69 weeks from the decree to rebuild and restore Jerusalem until the time of Messiah.
  - f. Last week is the great tribulation: 7 years. Completes the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel
  - g. Seventy weeks or 490 years are determined for the period from the return of the Jews from captivity to the millennial kingdom which will be started when Jesus Christ returns to the world.
  - h. When was the commandment given to restore Israel.
    - 1. Ezra 1:1-4: Answer to Daniels prayer. (Isaiah 45 – prophesied Cyrus as a tool of God)
    - 2. 20<sup>th</sup> year of King Artaxertes – Month of Nisan
    - 3. Current calendar date: March 14, 445 B.C. (Neh 1 & 2)
  - i. Daniel Prophecy -said there will be 7 weeks and 62 weeks from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the anointed one. Hebrews work for week translated to “seven”
    - 1.  $(7 \text{ years} \times 7) = (62 \text{ years} \times 7) = 483 \text{ years}$
    - 2. 62 weeks represent 434 years. 434 years after Jerusalem was rebuilt,
- Jesus entered the city riding on a donkey where a large crowd gathered to welcome Him as a king. This day is called Palm Sunday.
- (Jewish Calendar is 360 days. Leap year every 4 years)
3. If we had 7 weeks and 62 weeks this is 483 years to March 14, 445 B.C. (the month of Nisan, the twentieth year of King

Artaxerxes), taking into account the necessary adjustments for the differences in calendars, we get April 6, A.D. 32

4. After 62 weeks, anointed one will be cut off – Daniel prophesied the Lord's Crucifixion. He bore our wickedness, vileness, despair and our curse. He died on the cross by His own free will.

j. Daniel 9:26: A.D. 70. First 69 weeks fulfilled Jerusalem being restored and rebuilt – the first 7 weeks. Took Ezra 49 years to rebuild the temple. 62 weeks after the Anointed one Jesus Christ appeared and was cut off.

k. Daniel 9:27: Single week – 7 days, one year for each transgression – 7 years. Tribulation

1. Roman empire is no longer existing. So who is this? (antichrist Ch 7 and 8, Revelation 7 and 13)

2. Age of the toes Daniel 2 and the ten horns in Daniel 7:7

3. The last week could only be put in motion after Israel became a nation May 15, 1948.

4. Middle of the week. After the first 3 ½ years of Tribulation period. (same as Revelation 14)

5. This must take place in order for Israel to come to Jesus Christ.

7. Matthew 25:1-13 – we now live at the end of this age – must be ready.

### **Daniel 10**

1. In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

2. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.

3. I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

- Daniel was approximately 86 years old during this time frame. He may have been too weak to do a full fast and that could have been the reason for the partial fast.

- Approximately 3 years before, Nehemiah and Ezra lead the Jews back to their home land to restore the nation of Israel (rebuild the temple and the wall at Jerusalem)

- Daniel could have been grieving and fasting because he had repeatedly been given bad news concerning the rebuilding of the temple due to the interference and false accusations of the countries neighboring Judah (Ezra and Nehemiah)

4. Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

5. I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

6. His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8. Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.

9. Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. (Abraham, Peter James and John, Mountain of Transfiguration, John in Revelation)

-Description sounds like Jesus, sounds like the description of Jesus in Revelation 1 by John, if it were Jesus, He could have come quickly penetrating the encampment of Satan and the demonic influence that was hovering over Persia.

- Why was Daniel the only one to see the vision? He cried out to God for repentance in Daniel 9 and he was fasting and praying for Israel

10. Then, suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12. Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

- The first day that Daniel set his mind to gain understanding and to humble himself to God for the Israel and himself, God heard his prayer.

13. "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

14. "Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come." (200 – 400 years later)

15. When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

16. And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

17. "For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

18. Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

19. And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20. Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

21. "But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

- King of Persia was a human being living on the earth. So how was it possible for the angel to be detained for 21 days?

- There is always a struggle between Satan's demons and the angels of God. We must look at rulers such as Kim II Sung of North Korea, he was notorious for his cruelty and wickedness. He died in 1994 but his son Kim-II Jung took over and is just as cruel, but behind them lurks a demonic influence that is encamped in the air. (Hitler Mousaline, Sadaam Hussain)

- Your object is to fight the devil in faith by praying and fasting to bring down those things that oppose God.

- Result of Russia: The largest Communist Nation brought down.

- Result of S. Korea: Why N. Korea hasn't been able to invade S. Korea is because of the Praying and Fasting.

- Tucson: Drugs, Gangs, Prostitution, Violence, Deceit will only come down by Praying and Fasting

## **Daniel 11**

1. "Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.)

2. "And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.

3. "Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4. "And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these.

- What is the first thing that happened when the Medes & Persian took control of Babylon? Tried to destroy all the captive Jews in its border (instituted Idol Worship to destroy all those who would not bow down.

- 3 more kings and the 4th

  - 1. Cambyses (529-522 BC),

- 2. Pseudo-Smerdis (522-521 BC),
- 3. Darius I Hypstaspes (521-486 BC),
- 4. Xerxes I (486-465 BC) – during his reign, Persia reached it's highest glory. He set out against Greece in 480 BC and was defeated.

(Xerxes was also called Ahasuerus and he also appeared in the book of Esther)

- The Mighty King: Alexander the Great (Chapters 7 & 8) When he died his kingdom was divided into 4 kingdoms: Thrace and Bithynia – General Lysimachus; Macedonia and Greece – General Cassander; Syria and Babylon – General Seleucus; Egypt, Palestine, and Arabia – General Ptolemy

5. "Then the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; and he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion.

6. "And at the end of some years they shall join forces, for the daughter of the king of the South shall go to the king of the North to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the power of her authority, and neither he nor his authority shall stand; but she shall be given up, with those who brought her, and with him who begot her, and with him who strengthened her in those times.

- Egypt and Syria were at constant war with each other.
- King of the South (Egypt) – Ptolemy Soter I, ruled Egypt from 323-285 BC
- King of the North (Syria) – Seleucus Nicator I, ruled 312-281 BC
- Seleucus Nicator I was driven out of Syria by Antigonus who ruled Babylon. He sought refuge with Ptolemy Soter of Egypt. Aided by Egypt, he defeated Antigonus and became the king of Syria ruling from Asia Minor to India.
- His kingdom later became stronger than Egypt, opening up a door to a war that lasted for the following 150 years.

(V6) In order to establish diplomatic ties with the king of the North (Syria), Ptolemy II Philadelphus, king of the South (Egypt – 285-246 BC) wanted to marry his daughter Berenice to Antiochus II Theos of Syria (261-246 BC). Antiochus II had married before and already had a wife. Ptolemy pressured Antiochus until he finally divorced his wife Laodice against his own will to take Berenice, princess of Egypt, as his new wife. After his father in law died of illness, Antiochus brought Laodice back to the place. (Woman's Scorn)

- Laodice had been waiting bitterly, watching for the opportunity to take revenge. As soon as she was brought back into the palace, she murdered Antiochus, Berenice, and their son, Antiochus III. Then she conspired to

make her own son ascend to the throne of Syria so she could rule the kingdom through him.

7. "But from a branch of her roots one shall arise in his place, who shall come with an army, enter the fortress of the king of the North, and deal with them and prevail.

8. "And he shall also carry their gods captive to Egypt, with their princes and their precious articles of silver and gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the North.

9. "Then the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

10. "However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

11. "And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy.

12. "When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

13. "For the king of the North will return and muster a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment.

14. "And in those times many shall rise up against the king of the South; also certain violent men of your people shall exalt themselves in fulfillment of the vision, but they shall fall.

15. "So the king of the North shall come and build a siege mound, and take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not withstand him. Even his choice troops shall have no strength to resist.

(v9)- Brother of Berenice – princess who married Antiochus – ascended to the throne of the Egyptian kingdom. He became Ptolemy III Eurgetes (246-221 BC). Out of revenge for his sister, he raised an army and made an expedition against Seleucus II Callinicus (246-226 BC) of Syria – the son of Laodice but was defeated.

(v10) – When Seleucus II Callinicus of Syria failed in his expedition against Egypt, he fell sick and died of an illness. His sons succeeded in the task. His first son, Seleucus II (226-233BC) made several expeditions against Egypt, he failed and died young. He was followed by his young brother, Antiochus III (223 – 187 BC) who defeated Egypt and took the Egyptian-held regions as far as the border of Gaza. (300 years after Daniel received the prophecy)

(v11-12) Ptolemy Philopater (221-203 BC) of Egypt who lost his territories to Antiochus III, waged war against him in 217 BC with an army of 70,000 in the battle of Laphia and crushed Antiochus. When this happened, Antiochus hid in the desert where he was almost taken captive. If the king of Egypt who had defeated Antiochus III had gone to Syria sweeping everything in his way, he could have conquered the

kingdom. He killed tens of thousands of enemy soldiers, he was filled with pride and ceased pursuing the enemy.

(13) Antiochus III (Syria), escaped death, bitter and seeking revenge prepared to make another expedition against Egypt, but did not get the opportunity. Him and his wife died with no apparent cause in 203 BC. He left his kingdom to their only son, Ptolemy V Epiphanes, he was only a child. Syria invaded Egypt several times, like the flow of a tide that comes upon beach.

(14) Israel was subject to Egypt. General Scopas was defending Jerusalem and showed much favoritism to the Jews helping them to refurbish the temple and other ways. When Syria invaded Egypt many of the Jews stood with Syria against Egypt to help push them from their country. This act branded Israel a robber and ungrateful nations. Egyptian army of Scopas retreated to the city of Sidon, which was known as the strongest fortress in the world. The Syrian army laid siege against the city and in 198 BC Scopas surrendered.

16. "But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and no one shall stand against him. He shall stand in the Glorious Land with destruction in his power.

17. "He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to destroy it; but she shall not stand with him, or be for him.

18. "After this he shall turn his face to the coastlands, and shall take many. But a ruler shall bring the reproach against them to an end; and with the reproach removed, he shall turn back on him.

19. "Then he shall turn his face toward the fortress of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20. "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

- Syria brought to trial the Jews who rebelled. At this time Rome was making their advance and Antiochus III perceived the danger of Rome, determined to make peace with Egypt.

- (17) In order to carry out his plan, he gave his beautiful daughter, Cleopatra in marriage to the seven year old King Ptolemy V Epiphanes of Egypt in 192 BC. He hoped to get control of the Egyptian throne through the marriage. Cleopatra sided with Ptolemy against her father and Antiochus plan to make peace with Egypt failed.

- (v18) Antiochus gave up Egypt and met with a Roman envoy that was traveling eastward to Lysimachus. The envoy proposed to Antiochus that he should surrender and pay tribute to Rome. Antiochus responded by "Asia has no interest in Rome, no will she obey the command of Rome. In doing so, Rome waited for the opportunity to take revenge.



- (19) Antiochus made expeditions westward but they all came to failure. They were defeated badly by a Roman army in 189 BC. (He was later assassinated while trying to plunder a temple in the province of Elymais)  
(v20) After Antiochus III died, Seleucus IV Philopater succeeded to the throne. He surrendered to Rome and paid tribute to Rome of several thousand talents every year. When he had trouble getting the money, he began to tax his own people. He sent a man named Heliodorus to be tax collector for the Jewish nation. He was to seize the funds from the temple treasury in Jerusalem, but he died without a cause.

**Antiochus Epiphanes: V21-35: A type of the Antichrist to come**  
(Same Little Horn in Ch 8:9-14;23-25)

21. "And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

- Seleucus IV Philopater died unexpectedly, he left 2 sons behind. The first Demetrius, was being held in Rome as a hostage, and his second, Seleucus was still a young boy.

- Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC) their uncle, heard the news and he returned from Athens under the pretense of becoming his nephew's agent. After he returned he hired a man by the name of Andronicus to kill his young nephew. After this happened, he put Andronicus to death on the charge of his nephew's murder and he himself took the throne.

22. "With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

23. "And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.

24. "He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time.

- Antiochus Epiphanes struck Egypt with a mighty army in 170 BC and crushed its forces between Gaza and the Nile Delta which today is called Rasbaron. He murdered Onias, the high priest (prince of the covenant)

-(v23) Antiochus Epiphanes routed Egypt and ended the conflict in that nation. The competition for the throne broke out in Egypt between his two nephews, the sons of Cleopatra. Antiochus Epiphanes helped Ptolemy Philometor to become king with a stipulation that Egypt would become subject to him in return. In doing so, Antiochus consolidated the power.

- (v24) After winning the hearts of the followers through deceit, Antiochus mobilized an army and made another expedition to Egypt to attack his nephew. Egypt resisted, but several attacks were made by Syria

25. "He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise plans against him.

26. "Yes, those who eat of the portion of his delicacies shall destroy him; his army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

27. "Both these kings' hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time.

28. "While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land

29. "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.

30. "For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage. So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31. "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.

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

33. "And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

34. "Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.

35. "And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purge them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

- (168 BC - . (Egypt under the regency of Rome – 168 BC) – Outside of Alexandria, the Syrian king was confronted with the Roman envoy Gaius Popilius who gave him command "Now choose before you come out of this circle, whether you will evacuate Egypt or attack her".

- Epiphanes withdrew full of anger. On his way home, he stopped and took out his vengeance on Jerusalem.

-He destroyed the temple, suspended daily sacrificed, set up an altar to Zeus Olympius, he ordered a sow to be sacrificed under the winged image. He destroyed all those who would not bow down to the image (Ch 8)

36. "Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

37. "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall magnify himself above them all.

38. "But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.

39. "Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.

- (v36) Description of the Antichrist who is to come.

- he will do as he pleases, he will exalt himself above all, he will oppose the Lord God, and prosper for seven years.

- Antiochus Epiphanes is the type of the Antichrist to come.

- Antiochus did the same thing (v39)

40. "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through.

41. "He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

42. "He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43. "He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels.

44. "But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

45. "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

- Antichrist will gain power as he rules over Europe for the first 3 ½ years, then he will face rebellion in Africa when the Tribulation passes into its second 3 ½ years

- Once this takes place, the Antichrist will make his headquarters in Jerusalem

- (vs 44-45) When he is about to strike Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, he will be startled by the (v44-45) the alarming news, the Euphrates Rive has dried up and the vast army of the Asian people, led by China is invading his country (Rev 16:12 – SIXTH BOWL)

- while advancing to the southwest, this army will encounter the Antichrist and his army in the valley of Jehoshaphat. The battle of Armageddon. . At the very moment when the Antichrist destroys Israel and is engaged in the war with the army from the east, he will place his

headquarters between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea (the seas) on Mount Zion (God's beautiful Holy Mountain his end will come. Countless numbers will come with Jesus Christ riding on the cloud of Glory (Revelation 19:11-20) After overcoming the Antichrist, the age of Jesus Christ and His saints will begin.

## **Daniel 12**

We have discussed how the 7 Year Tribulation is divided into two parts, each 3 ½ years long. When the second part of the tribulation come, Michael the archangel will arise and lead god's people to the fortress of Petra in Jordan.

1. "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

Revelation 12:13-14: Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

2. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

- The great resurrection - After Christ ascends to earth after the last 3 ½ years of the 7 year Tribulation. Those who are beheaded during the Tribulation, especially the Jews, will arise to receive everlasting life.

- Before this takes place, remember with the archangel blows the trumpet, those who rest in the earth will be caught up into Heaven and those who are alive will meet them in the air.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17:** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord

- Those who rise at this point, at the end of the Tribulation, will be the martyrs who will be killed by the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation.

- All the sinners who have opposed Christ will be killed by the sword that proceeds from His mouth shut up for one thousand years. Then the dead, great and small, will rise to stand trial before the great white throne. As soon as they are judged they will be thrown into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Rev 20:11)

(V3) Those who have insight: 1 John 2:16: For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world.

- Lead many to righteous: They are today's pastors, teachers, missionaries, home cell leaders, elders, deacons, and ordinary Christians engaged in the preaching and propagating of the Gospel.

4. "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

- Shut up for us – the end time generation.

5. Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood two others, one on this riverbank and the other on that riverbank.

6. And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long shall the fulfillment of these wonders be?"

7. Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.

- last 3 ½ year tribulation.

8. Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?"

9. And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10. "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

- Those who accept Jesus Christ will see all the prophecies that came to pass and believe on His name and will be made white as snow, and salvation belongs to those who believe. But for those that do not believe the Gospel and count it off as fairy tales, they will not be able to see what they don't believe. Hell is awaiting them.

11. "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12. "Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13. "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

(11) Days – from the days that the Antichrist is revealed and he sets himself up in the temple will be 1290. Jewish calendar: 360 days = 3 ½ years – 1260 days. 30 days for Jesus to clean up after the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:11-21 – two edged sword – judgment)

(12) 45 days brings it to 1335 days. 45 days will be what it takes to judge the nations.

Matthew 25:31-46: Judgment of the Goat nations and the Sheep nations.

After the judgment, the millennial kingdom will begin on this earth.