

REVIEW:**Daniel**

- Daniel is the author, Jews are the recipients
- Daniel means “God has judged” or “God is my judge”
- Captured and taken to Babylon in the first deportation in 605B.C. (teenager)

Daniel Outline

Chapters 1 (*Personal History of Daniel*)

Chapters 2-7 (*Prophetic history of the Gentiles during The Times of the Gentiles*)

Chapters 8-12 (*Prophetic history of Israel during The Times of the Gentiles*)

The Times of the Gentiles began at the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and continues today until the Millennial kingdom is established

		<i>Daniel's Vision</i>	
<i>Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (ch.2)</i>		<i>Chapter 7</i>	<i>Chapter 8</i>
Head of Gold	Babylon	Lion	
Breast & Arms of Silver	Medo-Persian	Bear	Ram
Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Greece	Leopard	Goat
Legs of Iron	Rome	Beast	
Feet of Iron & Clay	Revived Rome	10 Horns	
Stone	Millennial Kingdom	Son of Man	

Daniel 8:18-26 (*Angel's interpretation of Vision*)

¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹ He said, “Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation (*God's final wrath*), for it refers to the **appointed time of the end** (*looking all the way to the end of the Tribulation*). ²⁰ As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king (*Alexander the Great*). ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation (*Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, Ptolemy*), but not with his power. ²³ And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face (*Antiochus IV Epiphanes but foreshadowing the final Antichrist*), one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power (*Satanic influence*); and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵ By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes (*the Lord God*), and he shall be broken—but by no human hand (*by Jesus himself*). ²⁶ The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.”

Daniel 9:24-27 (*Daniel's Seventy Weeks*) - New American Standard

- 24 "Seventy ^aweeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*.
- 25 "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a ^adecree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until ^bMessiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
- 26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
- 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of ^aabominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

"Weeks" - שבועות (*šā·bû^a*) - sevens

- Best interpreted as a time of seven years
- 10:2-3 - "weeks" is Hebrew שבועות (*šā·bû^a*) יום (*yôm*) = "weeks of days"

How long is a year? 360 days

Genesis 7:11, 8:3-4 - flood lasted 5 months or 150 days

Revelation 12:6, 14, 13:5 - 1260 days = 3½ years = 42 months

- All indicate the Biblical calendar of a 30 day month

24 "Seventy ^aweeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city

- 70 x 7 = 490 total years have been determined for the Jews & Jerusalem

Six Decrees to be fulfilled within the Seventy "Sevens":

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| To finish the transgression | } | Negative - dealing with sin |
| To make an end of sin | | |
| To make atonement for iniquity | } | Positive - dealing with holiness |
| To bring in everlasting righteousness | | |
| To seal up vision and prophecy | | |
| To anoint the most holy place | | |

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- Four decrees issued by Persians kings regarding Jerusalem (only one was specific to rebuild Jerusalem)
- Artaxerxes to Nehemiah to go build the city and the wall (Nehemiah 2:1-8)
 - In the month of Nisan, the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes
 - Nehemiah asked to go to the city of his fathers and rebuild it
 - Issue date considered 1st of the month if not stated (Jewish month Nisan)

Nisan 1, 445 B.C. -> **March 14, 445 B.C.**

Seven "sevens" -> $7 \times 7 = 49$ years
 Sixty-two "sevens" -> $62 \times 7 = 434$ years
 483 years
 $\times 360 \text{ days/year}$
173,880 days

March 14, 445 B.C. -> 173,880 days -> April 6, 32 A.D.

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on **this day** the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you (*prophecy of destruction in 70 A.D.*), because you did not know **the time of your visitation.**”

26 “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

1. “Messiah will be cut off and have nothing”
 - Crucifixion at the end of the week in 32 A.D.
2. Jerusalem destroyed
 - “Prince of the people to come”
 - NOT the Messiah (prince of verse 25)
 - Prince of Revived Roman Empire (little horn in 7:8)

“even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”

- Prophecy of the rest of human history until the end
- There will be war, not peace
- Desolations are determined - God's providence has decreed it

- 27** “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of ^aabominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Timing

- There is a prophetical gap between the 69th & 70th “seven”
- We are currently in that time period now and await the future tribulation for the fulfillment of the 70th “seven”

“He will make a firm covenant with the many for one week”

- Antichrist (“*prince of the people to come*” vs 26) will establish covenant with Jews for seven years
- This is the final seven years of Revelation called the Great Tribulation

“but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering;”

- Half way through (3½ years), he will break the covenant and force an end to sacrifices and offerings

“and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate,”

- At the 3½ year point, the Antichrist will set himself up as god in the temple (2 Thessalonians 2:4, Revelation 13:8) performing the abomination of desolations
- Similar to Antiochus Epiphanes in 8:13

“even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

- God has sovereignly decreed the destruction of this antichrist
- Fits with Ancient of Days judging the little horn in 7:11-12

Daniel 10:1 (*Daniel's Fourth & Final Vision*)

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia (536 B.C.) a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

Daniel had a vision and started praying for an explanation

- He fasted for three weeks

Daniel 10:11-14 (*Gabriel coming to Daniel for the interpretation*)

¹¹ And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God (*three weeks earlier*), your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia (*demon overseeing Persia*) withstood me

twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes (*archangel*) , came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, ¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the **latter days** (*Reaches to Tribulation*). For the vision is for days yet to come.”

Gabriel came immediately to give Daniel the interpretation to his vision in chapter 9

- Gabriel was sent again for this vision but was captured by the demonic prince of Persia to prevent him from getting the message to Daniel
- Michael, the archangel, showed up to free Gabriel
- Gabriel quickly explains the vision to Daniel because he has to get back to help Michael because the demonic prince of Greece is coming over to help in the battle

Gabriel says this vision is what will happen to the Jews in the latter days (soon and far away)

Daniel 11:1-20 detail Medo-Persian and Greek history from c. 530 B.C. to c 176 B.C. in incredible detail and accuracy

Daniel 11:21-35 describe the rule of Antiochus IV Epiphanes from 175-163 B.C.

- He gets as much information as all the other ones previous combined
- He is the predecessor and pre-cursor to the final Antichrist

Daniel 11:29-35 (*Antiochus IV Epiphanes -> characteristics of future Antichrist*)

²⁹ “At the time appointed he (*Antiochus IV Epiphanes*) shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. ³⁰ For ships of Kittim (*“western coastlands” i.e. Rome*) shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant (*took wrath out on Jews & Jerusalem*). He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ Forces (*22,000 soldiers invaded & plundered Jerusalem slaughtering countless people along the way*) from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate (*sacrificed a pig on the altar & set up a statue of Zeus*). ³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant (*apostates were deceived*), but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action (*faithful Jews fought back*). ³³ And the wise among the people (*start of the Maccabean Revolt led by Judas Maccabeus in 166 B.C.*) shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. ³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white (*purpose of the persecution is to purify the faithful*), until the **time of the end**, (*transition phrase pointing to the end of the tribulation*) for it still awaits the appointed time.

Daniel 11:36-39 (*future Antichrist similar Antiochus*)

³⁶ “And the king shall do as he wills (*aka “the willful king”*). He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods (*2 Thess. 2:4, Daniel 7:25*). He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished (*final judgment and wrath of God*); for what is decreed shall be done. ³⁷ He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god (*secular and atheistic*), for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these (*fixated upon wealth and power*). A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. ³⁹ He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god (*Satan*). Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price (*pays off allies*).

Daniel 7:25

²⁵ He shall speak words against the Most High,
and shall wear out the saints of the Most High,
and shall think to change the times and the law;
and they shall be given into his hand
for a **time, times, and half a time**.

Revelation 13:1-8 (*Beast = Antichrist*)

13 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and **blasphemous** names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear’s, and its mouth was like a lion’s mouth (*same beasts of Daniel 7 vision*). And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?”

⁵ And the beast was given a mouth **uttering haughty and blasphemous words**, and it was allowed to exercise authority for **forty-two months**. (*Daniel 7:25, 9:27, 12:7, Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6, 13:5*) ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter **blasphemies against God**, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

Daniel 11:40-45 (*Antichrist’s battles during the Tribulation*)

⁴⁰ “**At the time of the end**, the king of the south (*Egypt/African Coalition - not the Ptolemy earlier in the chapter*) shall attack him, but the king of the north (*possibly Russia - not the Seleucids from earlier*) shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. ⁴¹ He shall come into the glorious land (*Israel*). And tens of thousands

shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites. ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train. ⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. ⁴⁵ And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain (*Jerusalem*). Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him (*wrath of God at the second coming*).

The Time of the End

12 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble (*“Jacob’s Trouble” - Jeremiah 30:7, Matthew 24:21*), such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book (*“all Israel shall be saved” - Romans 11:26*). ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life (*part of “first resurrection” - Revelation 20:4-6*), and some to shame and everlasting contempt (*“second death” - Revelation 20:11-15, John 5:28-29*). ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever (*Matthew 13:43*). 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.” (*When the end comes, people will be reading Daniel and Revelation together, discerning what is happening*)

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a **time, times, and half a time**, (*42 months, 1260 days of Antichrist’s reign of terror - Daniel 7:25, 9:27, 12:7, Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6, 13:5*) and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” ⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up (*midpoint of Tribulation - breaking of the covenant with Israel Daniel 9:27*), there shall be 1,290 days (*1260 days + 30 extra days, possibly for judgment of the nations*). ¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days (*1290 days + 45 extra days, possibly setting up the Millennial kingdom*). ¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest (*Daniel will die soon*) and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.” (*Daniel will participate in the “first resurrection” and take part in the Millennial Reign of His Lord & Savior*)

Ptolemies Kings of the North		Seleucids Kings of the South	
Daniel 11:5	Ptolemy I Soter (323–285 B.C.)	Daniel 11:5	Seleucus I Nicator (312–281 B.C.) Antiochus I Soter (281–262)
11:6	Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285–246)	11:6	Antiochus II Theos (262–246)
11:7–8	Ptolemy III Euergetes (246–221)	11:7–9	Seleucus II Callinicus (246–227)
		11:10	Seleucus III Soter (227–223)
		11:10–11, 13, 15–19	Antiochus III the Great (223–187)
11:11–12, 14–15	Ptolemy IV Philopator (221–204)		
11:17	Ptolemy V Epiphanes (204–181)		
		11:20	Seleucus IV Philopater (187–176)
11:25	Ptolemy VI Philometer (181–145)	11:21–32	Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175–163)

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