

## ***Outline of Daniel 7-12***

*For a quick look at the structure of the entire book of Daniel see the end of this outline.*

### **I. OUTLINE OF DANIEL 7**

- A. Daniel's first vision: Four beasts symbolizing four world empires (7:1-14)
  - 1. Introduction (7:1-3)
  - 2. The first three beasts (7:4-6)
    - a. First beast: Babylonian Empire (626–539 BC) – Iraq (7:4)
    - b. Second beast: Persian Empire (539–331 BC) – Iran (7:5)
    - c. Third beast: Greek Empire (331–146 BC) – Greece (7:6)
  - 3. Fourth beast: Antichrist's empire foreshadowed by the Roman Empire (7:7-8)
    - a. Roman Empire's western and eastern divisions (146 BC–1453 AD) (7:7a)
    - b. Antichrist's empire with a 10-king confederation (7:7-8)
  - 4. God's leadership in the end times (7:9-14)
    - a. God enthroned in majesty (7:9-10)
    - b. Destruction of the Antichrist (7:11-12)
    - c. Jesus' heavenly coronation as King over all nations (7:13-14)
- B. An angel's interpretation of the vision (7:15-28)
  - 1. Interpretation (Part 1): Victory is assured (7:15-18)
    - a. Daniel's response to the vision (7:15)
    - b. Daniel's first question (7:16)
    - c. Interpretation of the four beasts (7:17)
    - d. The saints as world rulers (7:18)
  - 2. Interpretation (Part 2): Prepared to rule through martyrdom (7:19-22)
    - a. Daniel's second question: (7:19-20)
    - b. Antichrist permitted to kill the saints (7:21)
    - c. God suddenly reverses all things (7:22)
  - 3. Interpretation (Part 3): The fourth beast, 10 horns, and the little horn (7:23-27)
    - a. The fourth beast (7:23)
    - b. The 10 horns (10 kings) (7:24a)
    - c. The little horn (Antichrist) (7:24b-25)
    - d. The destruction of the Antichrist (7:26)
    - e. God's kingdom forever ruled by the saints (7:27)
  - 4. Daniel's response (7:28)

## **II. OUTLINE OF DANIEL 8**

- A. The setting of Daniel's second vision (8:1-2)
- B. Daniel's vision (8:3-14)
  - 1. Persia and Greece set the stage (8:3-8)
    - a. Persia symbolized as a ram with two horns (8:3-4)
    - b. Greece symbolized as a goat with a notable horn: Alexander the Great (8:5-8)
  - 2. The little horn as the Antichrist, foreshadowed by Antiochus (8:9-14)
    - a. The activity of the little horn (8:10-12)
    - b. How long the defilement and persecution continues (8:13-14)
- C. Gabriel appeared to Daniel to explain and expand the vision (8:15-25)
  - 1. The vision pertains to the end times (8:15-19)
  - 2. Gabriel's explanation of the symbols (8:20-22)
  - 3. The Antichrist's personality and power (8:23-25)
- D. The importance of the vision (8:26-27)

## **III. OUTLINE OF DANIEL 9**

- A. Daniel's intercessory prayer (9:1-19)
  - 1. The setting of the vision (9:1-2)
  - 2. Daniel set his heart to seek God (9:3)
  - 3. Daniel's intercessory prayer (9:4-19)
- B. Gabriel visited Daniel (9:20-23)
- C. The 70-weeks prophecy (9:24-27)
  - 1. Israel's salvation and restoration: six glorious promises (9:24)
  - 2. Events *during* the 69 weeks (9:25): Messiah came after Jerusalem was restored
  - 3. Events *after* the 69 weeks (9:26): Messiah was killed and Jerusalem was destroyed
  - 4. Events *during* the 70th week (9:27): the Antichrist, his covenant, and the Great Tribulation

## **IV. OUTLINE OF DANIEL 10-12**

- A. Daniel's angelic encounter (10:1-11:1)
  - 1. Context of the fourth vision (10:1-3)
  - 2. The description of the mighty angel (10:4-6)
  - 3. The angel's impact on Daniel (10:7-9)
  - 4. The angel's conflict related to Daniel's prayer (10:10-14)
  - 5. Daniel was given divine strength (10:15-19)
  - 6. The angel's continued conflict (10:20-11:1)

- B. Daniel's fourth vision (11:2-12:3)
  - 1. Future events related to Persia (11:2)
  - 2. Future events related to Greece (11:3-4)
  - 3. Future events related to conflict between Egypt and Syria (11:5-20)
  - 4. Future events related to Antichrist (11:21-45)
    - a. Antiochus IV foreshadows Antichrist (11:21-35)
    - b. The Antichrist's religious attitudes (11:36-39)
    - c. The Antichrist's military activities (11:40-45)
  - 5. Israel's deliverance and the resurrection (12:1-3)
- C. Details about the Great Tribulation (12:4-13)
  - 1. The command to seal the vision (12:4)
  - 2. The length of the Great Tribulation (12:5-7)
  - 3. The purpose of the Great Tribulation (12:8-10)
  - 4. Transitional days after the Great Tribulation (12:11-12)
  - 5. Encouragement to Daniel (12:13)

## **QUICK LOOK AT DANIEL 1-12**

*The first section is historical* (Dan. 1-6): Highlights six episodes in Daniel's life.

*Daniel 1:* Dedication of youth, refuses to compromise, embraces a fasted lifestyle in Babylon

*Daniel 2:* Nebuchadnezzar's first dream – receiving the word of Lord in crisis

*Daniel 3:* Being faithful witnesses (Rev. 13), deliverance from the fiery furnace

*Daniel 4:* Nebuchadnezzar's second dream – calling leaders to righteousness

*Daniel 5:* Belshazzar's feast – the sudden downfall of powerful nations (fall of Babylon)

*Daniel 6:* Daniel in the lion's den – supernatural deliverance of believers in persecution.

*The second section is prophetic* (Dan. 7-12). Four visions that each relate to Israel's destiny and conflict with the nations and how God plans to transition the earth to the age to come.

*Daniel 7:* 1st vision is of four world empires in history and the little horn (Antichrist)

*Daniel 8:* 2nd vision is of a ram, goat, and little horn (Antiochus/Antichrist) persecuting Israel

*Daniel 9:* 3rd vision is of Gabriel and the 70-weeks prophecy of Israel's trouble and salvation

*Daniel 10-12:* 4th vision is of Israel's persecution (Antiochus/Antichrist) and final restoration