

The Book of Daniel / Chapter Twelve (Part Eight)

Lesson 61-Daniel's Prophecies in Chronological Order

I. CHRONOLOGICAL PROGRESSION OF GENTILE EMPIRES

The text outlines the succession of world powers as revealed through various visions and interpretations. Each chapter serves to reinforce previous prophecies while adding increasing layers of detail.

Successive Kingdoms identified in Chapters 2, 7, and 8

Empire	Primary Ruler(s)	Scripture Reference
Babylonian Empire	Nebuchadnezzar	Daniel 2:36-38
Medo-Persian Empire	Cyrus the Great	Daniel 2:39a; 8:20
Grecian Empire	Alexander the Great	Daniel 2:39b; 8:20
Parthian Empire	Mithradates	Daniel 2:40
The "Divided" Kingdom	Various (The Four Kings)	Daniel 2:41-43; 7:23
The "Satanic" Empire	The Transgressor	Daniel 2:40; 7:24-25

Purposes of Prophetic Revelations: The source context provides a specific timeline of Daniel's visions and the resulting historical shifts.

- **601 BC:** King Nebuchadnezzar's dream concerning the statue (Chapter 2).
- **550 BC:** Daniel's vision of the four beasts during the first year of Belshazzar's reign (Chapter 7).
- **547 BC:** Daniel's vision of the Ram and the Goat during the third year of Belshazzar's reign (Chapter 8).
- **539 BC:** The fall of Babylon. Belshazzar sees the writing on the wall (Chapter 5); Cyrus the Great and Darius the Mede begin the Persian-Median rule.
- **536 BC:** Daniel's vision of the "one" man during the third year of the Persian reign (Chapters 10-12).
- **486 BC:** The rise of Xerxes I (Darius), vice-regent of Babylon.
- **53-Year Span:** The duration between the message from the "one" man (539 BC) and the message from Gabriel to Daniel (Chapter 9).

II. DETAILED PROFILE: THE TRANSGRESSOR (THE FINAL GENTILE RULER)

The text places significant emphasis on the final Gentile ruler, also known as "the king who does what he pleases." His actions are categorized by his impact on Gentile history and his specific persecution of Israel.

Characteristics and Actions

- **Self-Exaltation:** He will magnify himself above every god and speak monstrous things against the God of gods (Daniel 11:36).

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- **Religious Disruption:** He will remove the regular sacrifice and place the "Abomination of Desolation" (Daniel 8:11; 12:11).
- **Military Conquest:** He will enter the "Beautiful Land" (Israel), conquer many lands—though Edom, Moab, and Ammon will be rescued—and conquer Egypt (Daniel 11:41-43).
- **Deception and Cruelty:** He will destroy many while they are at peace and deceive many people (Daniel 8:24-25).
- **Political Maneuvering:** He will make a firm covenant for "one week" (seven years) but will stop sacrifice and grain offerings in the middle of that week (Daniel 9:27).
- **Ultimate End:** He will meet his end with no one to help him, broken "without human agency" (Daniel 8:25; 11:45).

III. THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL AND THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

The culmination of the prophecy involves the total physical deliverance of Israel and the establishment of a final, indestructible kingdom.

The Transitional Periods

The text identifies specific timeframes following the "Abomination of Desolation":

- **1,260 Days:** Period of the Transgressor's dominion (aligned with 42 months).
- **1,290 Days:** The point at which the Abomination of Desolation is destroyed (30 days after the 1,260-day mark).
- **1,335 Days:** Described as a blessed milestone for those who reach it (Daniel 12:12).

Components of the Eternal Kingdom

Following the 1,335 days, the "Eternal Kingdom" is established (Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 27). Key features include:

- **The Return of Christ:** Described as the return and vengeance of Christ to conquer enemy lands.
- **Israelite Restoration:** The physical regathering of believing Israelites, the reconstruction and expansion of the Temple in Jerusalem, and the division of land.
- **Governance:** The installation of Jesus as the eternal King of Israel, with King David as vice-regent and the Apostles as co-rulers.
- **Judgment:** The condemnation of the "king who does what he pleases" and the judgment of the nations before Jesus.
- **Resurrection:** The resurrection of believing Israelites to participate in the new economy and kingdom (Daniel 12:13).

Past

Babylon Empire (605-561 BC)

Daniel 2:39a, 8:20 **Second Kingdom**

Daniel 2:31-32, 2:36-37
First Kingdom

Persian-Media Empire (550-331 BC)

Daniel 2:39b, 8:20 **Third Kingdom**

Grecian Empire (323-146 BC)

Cassander (K. of the West)

Ptolemy I (K. of the South)

Antigonus (K. of the North)

Selucius I (K. of the East)

Selucius I (king of the South (305-281 BC) (Dan. 11:5)

Antiochus I Soter (281-262 BC) (Dan. 11:5)

Antiochus II Thos (261-246 BC) (Dan. 11:6)

Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225 BC) (Dan. 11:7-9)

Seleucus III Soter (225-223 BC) (Dan. 11:10)

Antiochus III The Great (223-187 BC) (Dan. 11:10-11/13/15-19)

Seleucus IV Philapator (187-175 BC) (Dan. 11:20)

Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163 BC) (Dan. 11:20)

The Maccabean Revolt (167-160)

(Daniel 11:33-35)

Ptolemy I (king of the South) (383-282 BC) (Dan. 11:5)

Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246 (Daniel 33-35) BC) (Dan. 11:6)

Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-222 BC) (Dan. 11:7-8)

Ptolemy IV Philopator (222/1-205/4 BC) (Dan. 11:11-12,14)

Ptolemy V Epiphanies (205/4-180 BC) (Dan. 11:11-12,14)

Ptolemy VI Philometer (180-64/165-43 BC) (Dan. 11:11-12,14)

(Daniel 2:40) **Fourth Kingdom**

(Mithradates) The Parthian Empire (171-141 BC)

(Chapter 8)
Israelite History
Focus: Israel

(Chapters. 2-7) Gentile History **Focus: Babylon**

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The “Divided Kingdom”

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Fifth Kingdom

(Daniel 7:25, 8:23-25)

Gentile History

The “Transgressor”

Israelite History

He will subdue three kings (Dan. 7:24)

Speak out against the Most High (Dan. 7:25)

Wear down the saints of the Highest One (Dan. 7:25)

Make Alterations in times and law (Dan. 7:25)

Times and law will be given into his hand for “times, time, and half a time” (Dan. 7:25)

His dominion, will be taken away, annihilated, and destroyed forever (Dan. 7:26)

Exalt & magnify himself above every god (Dan. 11:36)

Speak monstrous things against the God of Gods (Dan. 11:36, 37)

Will prosper until the indignation is finished (Dan. 11:36)

Will show no regard for god of his fathers (Dan. 11:37, 38)

No desire of women (Dan. 11:37)

He will honor a god of fortresses (Dan. 11:38)

He will honor a god of with riches, precious metals (Dan. 11:38)

He will take action w/ the strongest of fortresses (Dan. 11:39)

He will give great honor to those who honor him (Dan. 11:39)

He will sell the land of Israel to those who honor him (Dan. 11:39)

He will go to fierce war with king of the North and South, and will overtake them (Dan. 11:40)

He will enter Israel and will conquer many lands (Edom, Moab, sons of Ammon will be rescued) (Dan. 11:41)

Egypt will be conquered and their riches will be taken (Dan. 11:42-43)

Libyans and Ethiopians will ally with him (Dan. 11:43)

Hear reports from the North & East, will destroy and annihilate many (Dan. 11:45)

He will establish his castle between the “seas” and Jerusalem (Dan. 11:45)

He will come to his end, and no one will support him (Dan. 11:45)

He will magnify himself to be equal w/Commander of the host (Dan. 8:11)

Removes the regular sacrifice (Dan. 8:11-14)

Insolent, skilled in obscure speech (Dan. 8:23)

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He will make desolate, cause destruction (Dan. 9:27)

Utter destruction will be poured out on one who makes desolate (Dan. 9:27)

Future

(Chapters. 7-9,11) Gentile History **Focus: Babylon & Israel**

“In the days of those kings...” (Daniel 2:44)

“For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.” (Daniel 8:14)

“Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.” (Daniel 7:27)

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- The return & vengeance of Christ (Rev. 19:11-15, Isa. 63:1-4)
- The physical regathering of believing Israel (Matt. 24:29-31)
- The condemnation of the “king who does what he pleases,” and the false prophet (Rev. 19:20)
- The conquering of enemy land w/ the remnant of believing Israel (Zeph. 2:8-9, Zech. 14:12-14, Gen 15:17)
- The condemnation and killing of the living wicked of Israel’s enemies (Ezek. 39:8-16)
- The resurrection of the believing Israelites from the former economy (Dan. 12:13)
- Reconstruction and cleansing of land of Israel and surrounding regions (Ezek. 39:7-10, 8-16)
- The rebuilding and expansion of the Temple in Jerusalem (Ezek. Chaps. 40-43)
- The division of the land amongst Israelites and the Ger (Ezek. Chaps. 47-48)
- The procession and installation of Jesus as the eternal King of Israel (Ezek. 39:8-16)
- The installation of king David as the vice-regent over Israel (Ezek. 37:24-25)
- The Installation of the apostles of Christ a co-rulers of Israel (Matt 19:28)
- The Installation of rulers in the period of great affliction (Rev. 20:1-5)
- The judgement of the nations before Jesus (Matt. 25:31-46)

THE INAUGURATION OF THE ETERNAL KINGDOM (Dan. 2:44, 7:14, 27)