**The Book of Daniel**

**Daniel Chapter 1**

1In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the articles of the house of God, and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god, and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

3The king spoke to Ashpenaz the commander of his eunuchs, to bring some of the people of Israel, both from the royal seed and from the nobility, 4youths in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, and skillful in all wisdom, and endowed with knowledge, and quick to understand, and such as had ability to stand in the king’s palace; and that he should teach them the language and literature of the Chaldeans. 5The king appointed for them a daily portion from the king’s choice food and from the wine that he drank, and appointed that they were to be nourished three years, that at the end of them they were to stand before the king. 6Now among these were, of the descendants of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7The commander of the eunuchs gave names to them: to Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

8But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king’s choice food, nor with the wine that he drank; so he asked permission of the commander of the eunuchs not to defile himself. 9Now God granted Daniel kindness and compassion from the commander of the eunuchs. 10The commander of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? Then you would endanger my head to the king.

11So then Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 12“Test your servants, I beg you, ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink. 13Then let our appearance be looked at in your presence, and the appearance of the youths who eat of the king’s choice food, and as you see, deal with your servants.” 14So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. 15At the end of ten days they were better in their appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate of the king’s choice food. 16So the overseer took away their choice food, and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in every kind of literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18At the end of the days that the king had appointed for bringing them in, the commander of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19The king talked with them, and among all of them no one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they stood before the king. 20In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm. 21Daniel continued even to the first year of King Cyrus.

**Daniel Chapter 2**

1In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep went from him. 2Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3The king said to them, “I have dreamed a dream and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.”

4Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Aramaic language, “O king, live forever. Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

5The king answered the Chaldeans, “This is what I have decided: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be cut in pieces and your houses will be made a dunghill. 6But if you show the dream and its interpretation you will receive gifts and rewards from me, and great honor. So show me the dream and its interpretation.”

7They answered the second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

8The king answered, “I know for certain that you are trying to gain some time because you see that this is what I have decided. 9But if you do not make known to me the dream, there is but one sentence for you, for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me until time has changed things. Therefore tell me the dream and then I will know that you can show me its interpretation.”

10The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who can declare the matter for the king, so no king, lord, or ruler has asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. 11The king is asking a very difficult thing, and there is no one else who can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.” 12Because of this the king was violently angry, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. 13So the decree went out and the wise men were about to be slain; and they searched for Daniel and his companions to kill *them*.

14Then Daniel replied with counsel and prudence to Arioch the commander of the king’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; 15he answered Arioch the king’s commander, “Why is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. 16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him some time so that he could show the king the interpretation.

17Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18so that they could request the mercy of the God of heaven concerning this secret so that Daniel and his companions would not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20Daniel answered,

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|  | “Blessed be the name of God  forever and ever,  for wisdom and might are his. |
| 21 | He changes the times and the seasons;  he removes kings, and sets up kings;  he gives wisdom to the wise  and knowledge to those  who have understanding; |
| 22 | he reveals the deep and secret things;  he knows what is in the darkness,  and the light dwells with him. |
| 23 | I thank you and praise you,  O God of my fathers,  who has given me wisdom and might,  and has now made known to me  what we asked of you;  for you have made known to us  the king’s matter.” |

24So Daniel went in to *see* Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and spoke to him as follows: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king and I will show the interpretation to the king.”

25Then Arioch brought Daniel in before the king in haste and spoke to him as follows: “I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah who will make known to the king the interpretation.”

26The king answered Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen, and its interpretation?”

27Daniel answered before the king and said, “The secret that the king has asked about is not able to be explained to the king by the wise men, enchanters, magicians, or soothsayers; 28but there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head on your bed, are these: 29as for you, O king, your thoughts came into your mind on your bed about what should happen in the future, and he who reveals secrets has made known to you what will happen. 30But as for me, this secret was not revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any *other* living *person*, but so that its interpretation may be made known to the king, and so that you may understand the thoughts of your heart.

31You were looking, O king, and behold, *there was* a large statue. This statue, which was mighty and of exceeding brightness, was standing before you and its appearance was frightening. 32As for this statue, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of clay. 34As you looked a stone was cut out, but not by *human* hands, *and* it struck the statue on its feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were broken in pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors, and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

36This is the dream, and we will tell its interpretation before the king. 37You, O king, are the king of kings to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; 38and wherever the children of men live—or the animals of the field or the birds of the heavens—he has given into your hand, and has made you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

39After you will arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of bronze that will rule over all the earth. 40The fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, because iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things, and like iron that crushes, it will break in pieces and crush all these. 41Whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay and part of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but there will be in it of the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. 42As the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong, and partly broken. 43Whereas you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they will mix themselves with the seed of men; but they will not cling to one another, even as iron does not mingle with clay.

44In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will its sovereignty be left to another people; but it will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever. 45Because you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen in the future; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

46Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and prostrated himself before Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and fragrant incense to him. 47The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you have been able to reveal this secret.” 48Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. 49Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

**Daniel Chapter 3**

1Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold whose height was 60 cubits,[[1]](#footnote-26698) and its width six cubits.[[2]](#footnote-26129) He set it up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. 2Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 3Then the satraps, the deputies and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs and all the rulers of the provinces were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4Then the herald cried aloud, “To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5that whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltry, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up; 6and whoever does not fall down and worship will the same hour be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace.”

7Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltry, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8Then at that time certain Chaldeans came near and brought an accusation against the Jews. 9They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, “O king, live forever. 10You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltry, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the golden image, 11and whoever does not fall down and worship will be cast into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. 12There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, have not respected you. They do not serve your gods nor worship the golden image that you have set up.”

13Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So they brought these men before the king. 14Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my god, nor worship the golden image that I have set up? 15Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltry, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image that I have made….! But if you do not worship, you will be cast the same hour into the middle of a burning fiery furnace, and who is that god that can deliver you out of my hands?”

16Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. 17If our God whom we serve exists, then he is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he can deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18But *even* if *he does* not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods nor worship the golden image that you have set up.”

19Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the form of his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So he spoke and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20Then he commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21So these men were tied up in their cloaks, their tunics, and their head coverings, and their other garments, and were thrown into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. 22Because the king’s commandment was so urgent and the furnace extremely hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell into the middle of the burning fiery furnace, *still* tied up.

24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste. He spoke and said to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men, tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “True, O king.”

25He answered and said, “Look! I see four men, loose, walking around in the middle of the fire, and they are unharmed, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of a god.”[[3]](#footnote-12768)

26Then Nebuchadnezzar came near the opening to the burning fiery furnace; he spoke and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come out and come here.” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the middle of the fire. 27The satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king’s counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power over their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their cloaks harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. 28Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. And they changed the king’s word, and they were willing to give up their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. 29Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be cut in pieces, and their houses will be made a dunghill, because there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” 30Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

**Daniel Chapter 4**

1Nebuchadnezzar the king,

to all the peoples, nations, and languages who live in all the earth:

Peace be multiplied to you. 2It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked toward me.

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| 3 | How great are his signs!  And how mighty are his wonders!  His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom  and his dominion is from generation to generation. |

4I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5I saw a dream that made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me in order for them to make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers, came in and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation.

8But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods, and I told him the dream, saying, 9“Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation. 10These were the visions of my head *as I lay* on my bed: I was looking,

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|  | and behold, a tree in the middle of the earth,  and its height was great. |
| 11 | The tree grew, and was strong,  and its height reached to the heavens  and it was visible to the end of all the earth. |
| 12 | Its leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant,  and on it was food for all;  the animals of the field found shelter under it,  and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches,  and all flesh was fed from it. |

13I was looking in the visions of my head *as I lay* on my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. 14He cried aloud and spoke as follows:

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|  | ‘Cut down the tree and cut off its branches,  shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit:  let the animals go away from under it,  and the fowls *go* from its branches. |
| 15 | But leave the stump of its roots in the ground,  but with a band of iron and bronze *around it*,  in the tender grass of the field,  and let it be wet with the dew of heaven,  and let his portion be with the animals  in the grass of the earth. |
| 16 | Let his mind be changed from that of a human,  and let an animal’s mind be given to him;  and let seven times pass over him. |
| 17 | The sentence is by the decree of the watchers,  and the demand by the word of the holy ones,  to the intent that the living may know  that the Most High rules  in the kingdom of men  and gives it to whomever he will,  and sets up over it the lowest of men.’ |

18This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

19Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or the interpretation trouble you.” Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, *if only* the dream applied to those who hate you, and its interpretation *applied* to your adversaries. 20The tree that you saw, which grew and was strong, whose height reached to the heavens and it could be seen by all the earth, 21whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all, under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose branches the birds of the heavens had their habitation— 22it is you, O king, for you have grown and become strong; your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23And in that the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump of its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven: and let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him,’ 24this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king: 25that you will be driven from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field, and you will be made to eat grass like cattle, and will be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times will pass over you; until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will. 26And in that they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom will remain as yours after you acknowledge that the heavens do rule. 27Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by doing what is right, and your injustices by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps *then* there may be a lengthening of your tranquility.”

28All this came on the king Nebuchadnezzar. 29At the end of 12 months he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon. 30The king spoke and said, “Isn’t this the great Babylon that I have built for the royal dwelling place by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?”

31While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, 32and you will be driven from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field. You will be made to eat grass like the cattle, and seven times will pass over you until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he will.”

33That same hour the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled and he was driven from men and ate grass like cattle, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven until his hair was grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws. 34At the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him who lives forever,

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|  | for his dominion is an everlasting dominion  and his kingdom is from generation to generation. |
| 35 | All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing,  and he does according to his will among the army of heaven  and among the inhabitants of the earth;  and none can block his hand  or say to him, “What have you done?” |

36At the same time my understanding returned to me, and my majesty and splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my lords sought to me, and I was established in my kingdom and excellent greatness was added to me. 37Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, because all his works are truth, and his ways are just, and he is able to humble those who walk in pride.

**Daniel Chapter 5**

1Belshazzar the king made a great feast to 1,000 of his lords, and drank wine before the 1,000. 2Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the Temple that was in Jerusalem so that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, could drink from them. 3Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the Temple, the house of God that was at Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4They drank the wine, and they praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace opposite the lampstand, and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6Then the king’s face became pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and the joints of his loins were loosened, and his knees struck against each other. 7The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me its interpretation will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.” 8Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known the interpretation to the king. 9Then king Belshazzar was greatly alarmed and his face became *even more* pale, and his lords were perplexed.

10Now because of the words of the king and his lords, the queen came into the banquet house. And the queen spoke and said, “O king, live forever. Do not let your thoughts alarm you or let your face be pale. 11There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods, and in the days of your father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar your father—the king your father—made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers, 12because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and explaining riddles, and the solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.”

13Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who are of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? 14Now I have heard about you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and extraordinary wisdom are found in you. 15Now the wise men, the enchanters, were brought in before me to read this writing and make its interpretation known to me, but they could not give the interpretation of the message. 16But I have heard about you, that you can give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and will be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

17Then Daniel answered before the king, “Keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to another; however, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. 18O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty, 19and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and were afraid before him. Whomever he wanted he killed, and whomever he wanted he kept alive; and whomever he wanted he elevated, and whomever he wanted he humbled. 20But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne and they took his glory from him, 21and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the animals’, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed with grass like cattle and his body was wet with the dew of heaven until he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and that he sets up over it whomever he will.

22But you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, 23but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know; but the God in whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your ways, you have not glorified. 24Therefore the part of the hand was sent from him, and this writing was inscribed.

25This is the writing that was inscribed:

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|  | MENE; God has numbered your kingdom and brought it to an end; |
| 27 | TEKEL; you have been weighed on the scales and have been found lacking *in weight*. |
| 28 | PERES; your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” |

29Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck and made a proclamation concerning him, that he was the third ruler in the kingdom.

30In that *same* night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain, 31And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about 62 years old.

**Daniel Chapter 6**

1It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps to be throughout the whole kingdom; 2and over them were three presidents, of whom Daniel was one, so that these satraps would give account to them so that the king would suffer no damage. 3Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and so the king planned to set him over the whole realm. 4Then the presidents and the satraps began trying to find a charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom, but they could find no charge or fault because he was faithful, nor was there any negligence or corruption found in him. 5Then these men said, “We will not find any basis for a charge against this Daniel, unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

6Then these presidents and satraps assembled together to the king, and spoke to him as follows: “King Darius, live forever. 7All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong decree, that whoever will ask a petition of any god or man for 30 days, except of you, O king, he will be cast into the den of lions. 8Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing so that it will not be changed, in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians that does not alter.” 9So King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now in his upper chamber his windows were open toward Jerusalem) and he kneeled on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God as he did before. 11Then these men assembled together and found Daniel making petitions and supplications before his God. 12Then they approached and spoke before the king concerning the king’s decree: “Have you not signed a decree that every man who makes a petition to any god or man within 30 days except to you, O king, will be cast into the den of lions?”

The king answered, “The thing is true, in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians that does not alter.”

13Then they answered and said before the king, “That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, does not respect you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.” 14Then the king, when he heard these words, was very displeased, and he set his heart on Daniel to deliver him, and he labored until the going down of the sun to rescue him.

15Then these men assembled together to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute that the king establishes can be changed.”

16Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said to Daniel, “Your God whom you serve continually, he will deliver you.” 17A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing would be changed concerning Daniel. 18Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting; and no entertainment was brought into his presence, and his sleep fled from him.

19Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. 20When he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried out with a lamentable voice; the king spoke and said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God whom you serve continually able to deliver you from the lions?”

21Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever. 22My God has sent his angel, and has shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not hurt me because I was found innocent before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

23Then the king was exceedingly glad, and he commanded them to take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him because he had trusted in his God. 24Then the king commanded and they brought those men who had accused Daniel and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and before they *even* reached the bottom of the den the lions mauled them and broke all their bones in pieces.

25Then king Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages who dwell on all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. 26I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel,

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|  | because he is the living God,  and endures forever,  his kingdom will not be destroyed,  and his dominion will be to the end. |
| 27 | He delivers and rescues,  and he works signs and wonders  in heaven and in earth,  for he has delivered Daniel  from the power of the lions.” |

28So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Daniel Chapter 7**

1In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions in his mind *as he lay* on his bed; then he wrote the dream *down* and told the sum of the matters. 2Daniel spoke and said, “I saw in my vision at night, and, behold, the four spirits of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3Four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another.

4The first was like a lion and had eagle’s wings. I saw until its wings were plucked, 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.

5And behold, another beast *came up*, a second one, like a bear; and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and they said thus to it, ‘Arise, devour much flesh.’

6After this I saw, and behold, another *came up*, 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.

7After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, awesome and powerful, and exceedingly strong, and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped the residue with its feet, and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. 9I watched until

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|  | thrones were set in place,  and the Ancient of Days took his seat.  His clothing was white as snow,  and the hair of his head was *white* like pure wool;  his throne was fiery flames,  and its wheels burning fire. |
| 10 | A river of fire was flowing  and coming out from before him;  thousands of thousands ministered to him,  and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;  the court was seated,  and the books were opened. |

11Then I kept looking because of the sound of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given over to be burned with fire. 12As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, yet they were granted an extension of their lives for a season and a time. 13I saw in the night visions, and behold,

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|  | one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven.  And he came up to the Ancient of Days,  and they brought him near before him. |
| 14 | And to him was given dominion  and glory and a kingdom,  so that all the peoples,  nations, and languages  will serve him.  His dominion is an everlasting dominion  that will not pass away,  and his kingdom is one  that will not be destroyed. |

15As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was deeply troubled, and the visions of my head alarmed me. 16I came near to one of those who were standing by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made known to me the interpretation of the things. 17These great beasts, which are four, are four kings who will arise out of the earth. 18But the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

19Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast that was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up, and before which three fell, even the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and which was larger in appearance than its associates. 21As I was watching, this horn was waging war with the holy ones, and prevailed against them 22until the Ancient of Days came and a judgment was given in favor of the holy ones of the Most High, and the time came that the holy ones took possession of the kingdom.

23This is what he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on earth that will be different from all the other kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will trample it down and crush it. 24As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them; and he will be different from the earlier ones, and he will put down three kings. 25And he will speak words against the Most High, and will wear down the holy ones of the Most High, and he will think to change the times and the law. And the holy ones will be given into his hand for a time, times and half a time. 26But the court will sit *in judgment*, and they will take away his dominion, it will be destroyed and abolished forever. 27And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, will be given to the people; to the holy ones of the Most High; his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.’

28This is the end of the interpretation. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my color turned pale, but I kept the matter in my heart.”

**Daniel Chapter 8**

1In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after the one that had appeared to me previously. 2And I saw in the vision, and it came to pass while I was looking that I was in the palace-fortress of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the Ulai Canal. 3And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram that had two horns was standing before the river, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. 4I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, nor was there any who could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his *own* will, and magnified himself.

5As I was considering this, behold, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and it did not touch the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. 6He came to the ram that had the two horns that I saw standing before the river, and ran at him in his powerful wrath. 7I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him; and there was no one who could rescue the ram out of his hand. 8Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it, four conspicuous horns came up extending toward the four winds of heaven.

9Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceeding great toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10It grew great, even reaching to the army of heaven; and some of the army and of the stars it cast down to the ground and trampled on them. 11Yes, it magnified itself, even to *be equal with* the Commander of the army, and from him the continual burnt offering was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. 12And because of transgression, the army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered.

13Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, “How long will the vision last, *this vision* concerning the continual burnt offering, and the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of both the sanctuary and army to be trampled underfoot?”

14And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored.”

15And it came to pass when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a *mighty* man. 16I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai and it called out and said, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.”

17So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision belongs to the time of the end.” 18Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me and made me stand up. 19He said, “Behold, I will make known to you what will be in the latter time of the wrath; because it belongs to the appointed time of the end. 20The ram that you saw that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21The shaggy male goat is the king of Greece, and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22As for that which was broken, in place of which four *horns* arose, four kingdoms will arise out of the nation, but not with his power.

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| 23 | And in the latter time of their kingdom,  when the transgressors have reached their full measure *of sin*,  there will arise an insolent king, skilled in intrigue. |
| 24 | His power will be great,  but not by his *own* power;  and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree,  and will prosper and do his pleasure,  and he will destroy those who are mighty  and the holy people. |
| 25 | By his cunning he will cause deceit  to prosper under his hand,  and he will be great in his *own* mind,  and in a time of peace he will destroy many.  He will even stand up against the prince of princes,  but he will be broken but not by human power. |
| 26 | The vision of the evenings and mornings  that has been told is true,  but seal up the vision,  for it pertains to many days *from now*.” |

27Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and lay sick for some days; then I rose up and did the king’s business. But I was greatly disturbed by the vision and could not understand it.

**Daniel Chapter 9**

1In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; 2in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the *sacred* writings (according to the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet) the number of the years for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, that it was 70 years. 3So I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions along with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4I prayed to Yahweh my God and made confessions, and said,

“O, Lord, the great and awe-inspiring God, who keeps the covenant and covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances; 6and we have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but shame is upon our face this very day; upon the men of Judah and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem and upon all Israel who are near and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespasses that they have trespassed against you. 8Lord, shame is on our face, on our kings, on our leaders, and on our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 9To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness; for we have rebelled against him, 10and we have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God, to walk in his laws that he set before us through his servants the prophets.

11Yes, all Israel has transgressed your law, turning aside *from it*, so they did not obey your voice. Therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God has been poured out on us; for we have sinned against him. 12He has confirmed his words that he spoke against us and against our judges who judged us by bringing on us a great evil, for under the whole heavens there has not been done *anything* like what has been done in Jerusalem. 13Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this evil has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of Yahweh our God by turning from our iniquities and paying attention to your truth. 14Therefore Yahweh has kept the evil in mind and has brought it on us, because Yahweh our God is righteous in all his works that he does, and we have not obeyed his voice.

15Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for yourself, even as it is this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. 16O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, now let your anger and your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. For because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all who are around us.

17Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of your servant, and his petitions. And for your own sake, Lord, cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate. 18O my God, incline your ear, and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city that is called by your name. For we are not presenting our petitions before you based on our righteousness, but based on your great mercy. 19O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. Lord, listen and act. For your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

20While I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God for the holy mountain of my God, 21yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen previously in the vision, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. 22He instructed me and talked with me, and said, “Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. 23At the beginning of your petitions a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.

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| 24 | Seventy weeks have been decreed  on your people and on your holy city,  to finish disobedience  and to make an end of sins,  and to make reconciliation for iniquity,  and to bring in everlasting righteousness,  and to seal up vision and prophecy,  and to anoint the most holy. |
| 25 | Know therefore and discern,  that from the going forth of the commandment  to restore and to build Jerusalem  to the Anointed One,[[4]](#footnote-23917) the ruler,  will be 7 weeks, and 62 weeks;  it will be built again, with street and moat,  even in troubled times. |
| 26 | Then, after the 62 weeks,  the Anointed One will be cut off,  and will have nothing,  and the people of the ruler who will come  will destroy the city and the sanctuary;  and its end will be with a flood,  and 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 cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease;  And on a wing *of the Temple*  he will set up an abomination that causes desolation;  even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed,  is poured out on the one who causes desolation. |

**Daniel Chapter 10**

1In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, and it was about a great conflict. And he understood the word, and had understanding of the vision.

2In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. 3I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. 4In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is the Tigris,[[5]](#footnote-18632) 5I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Uphaz; 6his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like burnished bronze, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7I, Daniel alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me didn’t see the vision; but a great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my radiant appearance changed for the worse, and there was no strength left in me. 9Yet I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words I fell on my face into a deep sleep, with my face toward the ground.

10And behold, a hand touched me that set me upon my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11And he said to me, “O Daniel, you who are a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright; for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, 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. 13But the leader of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days; but behold, Michael, one of the chief leaders, came to help me, because I was detained there with the kings of Persia. 14Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision concerns days yet *to come*.”

15And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was mute. 16Behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said to him who stood before me, “My lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned on me, and I retain no strength. 17For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.”

18Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. 19He said, “Greatly beloved man, do not be afraid; peace be to you, be strong, yes, be strong.”

When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

20Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the leader of Persia. When I go, behold, the leader of Greece will come. 21But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth, and there is none who holds with me against these but Michael your leader.”

**Daniel Chapter 11**

1“As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.[[6]](#footnote-16275) 2Now I will show you the truth.

Behold, there will stand up three more kings in Persia, and the fourth will be far richer than they all; and when he has grown strong through his riches, he will stir up all against the realm of Greece. 3A mighty king will stand up who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4When he stands up, his kingdom will be broken and will be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom will be uprooted and *given* to others besides those.

5The king of the south will be strong, but one of his commanders will be stronger than him, and have dominion; his dominion will be a great dominion. 6After some years they will join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement, but she will not retain the strength of her arm; neither will he stand, nor his arm; but she will be given up, and those who brought her, and the one who was the father of her, and he who strengthened her in those times. 7But from a shoot from her roots one will arise in his place. He will come against the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will take action against them and will prevail. 8Also their gods, along with their cast metal images and their precious articles of silver and of gold, he will carry captive into Egypt. Then, for some years he will refrain from *attacking* the king of the north. 9And he, *the king of the north,* will come into the realm of the king of the south, but he will return into his own land.

10But his sons will continue the war, and will assemble a multitude of great forces. And he will keep on coming, and overflow, and pass through; and he will again wage war as far as his *very* fortress. 11The king of the south will be moved with anger, and will come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north, who will set forth a great multitude, but the multitude will be given into his hand. 12When the multitude is taken away, then his heart will be lifted up *with pride*; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail. 13For the king of the north will return, and will raise a multitude greater than the first; and after some years he will come on with a great army and with many supplies.

14In those times many will stand up against the king of the south; also the violent ones among your people will lift themselves up in fulfillment of the vision, but they will fail. 15Then the king of the north will come and build up a siege mound, and take a well-fortified city; and the forces of the south will not stand, not even his choicest troops, for there will be no strength to take a stand. 16But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will *be able to* stand against him; and he will stand in the glorious land, and in his hand will be destruction. 17He will set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and *he will bring* with him terms of an agreement and will perform them. And he will give him a daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but she will not stand *with him*, nor be for him. 18Then he will turn his face to the coastal regions and will capture many *of them.* But a commander will put a stop to his insolence. Indeed, he will cause his insolence to turn back upon him. 19Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall, and will be found no more.

20Then will stand up in his place one who will cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory; but within few days he will be destroyed, *yet* not in anger nor in battle.

21In his place a despised person will arise, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom, but he will come in during a time of peace and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22The overwhelming forces will be swept away before him and will be broken; yes, also the ruler of the covenant. 23After the treaty is made with him, he will work deceitfully; for he will come up, and will gain strength with a small *force of* people. 24In a time of tranquility he will even come into the fattest places of the province, and he will do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’ fathers; he will scatter among them plunder, and spoil, and goods, yes, he will devise his devices against the strongholds, but *only* for a time.

25He will stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south will war in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army, but he will not stand; for they will devise devices against him. 26Yes, they who eat his choice food will destroy him. And his army will be swept away and many will fall down slain. 27As for both these kings, their hearts will be Intent on evil, and they will speak lies *to each other* at one table, but they will not succeed; for the end is still to be at the time appointed. 28Then will he return into his land with great wealth, but his heart will be against the holy covenant; and he will do his pleasure, and return to his own land.

29At the time appointed he will return, and come into the south, but it will not be in the latter time as it was in the former. 30For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be grieved, and will return and have indignation against the holy covenant, and will do his pleasure; he will even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant. 31Forces will stand on his part, and they will profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and will take away the regular burnt offering, and they will set up the abomination that makes desolate. 32Such as do wickedly against the covenant will he pervert by flatteries; but the people who know their God will be strong, and do exploits. 33Those who are wise among the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil, many days. 34Now when they will fall, they will be helped with a little help; but many will join themselves to them with flatteries. 35Some of those who are wise will fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end, because it is yet for the time appointed.

36The king will do according to his will, and he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvelous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation be accomplished, for what is determined will be done. 37Neither will he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god, for he will magnify himself above all. 38But in his place will he honor the god of fortresses; a god whom his fathers did not know he will honor with gold and silver and with precious stones and pleasant things. 39He will deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god; to whomever acknowledges him he will give great honor, and he will cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land as a reward.

40At the time of the end the king of the south will contend with him; and the king of the north will come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will enter into the countries, and will overflow and pass through. 41He will enter also into the glorious land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42He will stretch forth his hand also on the countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape. 43But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians will be at his steps. 44But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; and he will go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. 45He will plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he will come to his end, and none will help him.”

**Daniel Chapter 12**

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| 1 | “At that time  Michael, the great leader  who stands *watch* over your people, will rise up,  and there will be a time of trouble such as never has occurred  since there was a nation even until that time;  and at that time your people will be delivered,  *that is,* everyone who is found written in the book. |
| 2 | And many of those who sleep in the dust  of the earth will awake,  some to everlasting life,  and some to shame and everlasting contempt. |
| 3 | Those who are wise will shine  like the brightness of the expanse *of heaven*;  and those who turn many to righteousness  *will shine* like the stars forever and ever. |

4But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end; many will run back and forth, and knowledge will be increased.”

5Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the other on the river bank on that side. 6One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be to the end of these wonders?” 7I 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 will be for a time, times, and half *a time*; and when they have finished shattering the power of the holy people, all these things will be finished.

8I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?”

9And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10Many will purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked will act wickedly. And none of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand. 11From the time that the regular burnt offering will be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there will be 1,290 days. 12Blessed is the one who waits for, and reaches the 1,335 days. 13But you, go *your way* until the end; and you will rest, then you will stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

1. 90 feet (27.5 meters) [↑](#footnote-ref-26698)
2. 9 feet (2.7 meters) [↑](#footnote-ref-26129)
3. “a son of a god” was a common term for an angel (see v. 28) [↑](#footnote-ref-12768)
4. Or “the Messiah” [↑](#footnote-ref-23917)
5. Lit. Hiddekel [↑](#footnote-ref-18632)
6. This verse should be the last verse of Daniel 10, not the first verse of Daniel 11. [↑](#footnote-ref-16275)