

STUDY THE BIBLE 29 (STB 29)

"THE BOOK OF DANIEL"

God reveals the Gentile history of the world BEFORE it happens!

Beginning at Nebuchadnezzar (606 BC)
Ending with the 2nd coming of Christ at Armageddon.
Over 2600 years!

Prophets were chosen of God, to tell the **certain future** before it happened, with **prophecy**. They would **not** predict the future, as this would imply guesswork on the part of the prophet. God simply used these messengers, to tell what **WOULD** be happening. No guessing needed! The books of the prophets, **Isaiah to Malachi**, cover about **400 years**, 830-430BC approximately, when the Hebrew nation was in decline.

THEIR MISSION AND MESSAGE

1. To try and **save** the Hebrew nation from **IDOLATRY** and wickedness.
2. Failing this, to announce to the nation, that they will be **destroyed**.
3. But not completely destroyed, as a **remnant** (a few left) will be saved.
4. Out of this remnant will come a **Person** who will bring all nations to God.
5. That person will be a great man who will one day arise out of the **family tree of David**. The prophets called him **THE BRANCH**. This family tree of David, once the most powerful family in the world, was cut down in the days of the prophets, and disappeared. But the family would comeback with this man called **THE BRANCH - THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** (Rev 19:16)

Not even understanding the full meaning and importance of their words, the prophets were obedient.

There are **three prophets** whose mission were to other nations other than Israel (ten Northern tribes) and Judah (two Southern tribes), and these were **JONAH to Assyria (Nineveh)**, **OBADIAH to Edom (Esau)** and **NAHUM to Assyria (Nineveh)**.

16 PROPHETS IN FOUR GROUPS

1. NORTHERN KINGDOM CALLED ISRAEL had the **ten tribes**, and lasted about **210 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Amos, Hosea**.

The destruction and captivity **Northern** kingdom went from **734-721BC**. They were taken to **Assyria** have simply disappeared from the face of the earth.

2. SOUTHERN KINGDOM CALLED JUDAH had the **two tribes** of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and lasted about **320 years**, and the prophets during this period were **Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah**.

The destruction and captivity of the **Southern** kingdom, went from **606-586BC**. Taken to **Babylon**. Invading armies didn't kill and destroy everything at once, but slowly strangled their captive nations, with taxes, slaves and goods. Under their rule, they then left the very poorest in the land to struggle on.

3. RESTORATION OF THE NATION made up of only Judah and Benjamin, **NOW CALLED ISRAEL**, happened from 536-444BC, and the prophets during this period were **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**.

4. OTHER NATIONS were **ASSYRIA** (Nineveh) with the prophets **Jonah** and **Nahum** and **EDOM** (Esau) with the prophet **Obadiah**

THE 16 PROPHETS ARE GROUPED AS FOLLOWS

| Northern - ISRAEL | Southern - JUDAH | Other Nations |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Amos | Before captivity | Ninevah |
| Hosea | Joel | Jonah |
| | Isaiah | Nahum |
| | Micah | |
| | Jeremiah | Edom (Esau) |
| | Habakkuk | Obadiah |
| | Zephaniah | |
| | Before & to Babylon | |
| | Daniel | |
| | Captives in Babylon | |
| | Ezekiel | |
| | Return from Captivity | |

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| | Haggai | |
| | Zechariah | |
| | Malachi | |

"TABLE OF KINGS AND PROPHETS"

| KINGS and PROPHETS | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| Two Prophets | Year BC | | | Year BC | Fourteen Prophets |
| | | The Exodus 40 years | | 1446 | |
| | | Joshua in Canaan 16 years | | 1406 | |
| | | The Judges 340 years (450 yrs with gaps Acts 13:20) | | 1390 | Samuel 1100-1050 BC |
| | | Saul 40yrs | | 1050 | |
| | | David 40yrs | | 1010 | Nathan |
| | | Solomon 40yrs | | 970 | |
| | 930 | KINGS NORTHERN reign years | KINGS SOUTHERN reign years | 930 | |
| | 930-911 | 1 Jeroboam I 22 | 1 Rehoboam 17 | 930-914 | |
| | | 2 Nadab 2 | 2 Abijah 2 | | |
| | | 3 Baasha 24 | 3 Asa 40 | 912-872 | |
| | | 4 Elah 2 | | | |
| | | 5 Zimri 7 days | | | |
| | | 6 Omri 12 | | | |
| Elijah 875-850 | 875-854 | 7 Ahab 22 | 4 Jehoshaphat 25 | 874-850 | |
| | 855-854 | 8 Ahaziah 2 | 5 Jehoram 8 | 850-843 | |
| | 854-843 | 9 Joram 12 | 6 Ahaziah 1 | 843 | |
| Elisha 850-800 | 843-816 | 10 Jehu 28 | ATHALIAH 6 | 843-837 | |
| | 820-804 | 11 Jehoahaz 17 | 7 Joash 40 | 843-803 | JOEL 840-830 JONAH 790-770 ISAIAH 745-695 MICAH 740-700 |
| 806-790 | 12 Joash 16 | 8 Amaziah 30 | 803-775 | | |
| AMOS 780-740 | 790-749 | 13 Jeroboam II 41 | 9 Uzziah 50 | 787-735 | |
| | 748 | 14 Zachariah 6 mth | 10 Jotham 15 | 749-734 | |
| HOSEA 760-720 | 748 | 15 Shallum 1 mth | | | |
| | 748-738 | 16 Menahem 10 | | | |
| | 738-736 | 17 Pekahiah 2 | | | |
| | 748-730 | 18 Pekah 20 | 11 Ahaz 15 | 741-726 | |
| | 730-722 | 19 Hoshea 9 | 12 Hezekiah 30 | 726-697 | |
| | ASSYRIA CAPTIVITY 734-722 | | 13 Manasseh 55 | 697-642 | |
| | | | 14 Amon 2 | 641-640 | |
| | | | 15 Josiah 30 | 639-608 | |
| | | | 16 Jehoahaz 1 | 608 | |
| | | | 17 Jehoakim 10 | 608-597 | |
| | | | Assyria falls 607 - Rise of Babylon | | |
| | | | 18 Jehoakin 1 | 597 | |
| | | | 19 Zedekiah 10 | 597-586 | |
| | | | BABYLON CAPTIVITY 606-586 | | |
| | | | DANIEL 606-534 EZEKIEL 592-570 | | |
| | | | Babylon falls 536 - Rise of Persia Return from captivity 536 | | |
| | | | Joshua 536-516 | HAGGAI 520-516 | |
| | | | Zerubbabel 536-516 | ZECHARIAH 520-516 | |
| | | | Temple rebuilt | | |
| | | | Ezra 457-430 | | |
| | | | Nehemiah 444-432 | | |

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| | | | Wall rebuilt | MALACHI | 440-400 |
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BACKGROUND

When the ten Southern tribes of Judah were taken into captivity by Babylon (606 BC – 586 BC), Daniel as a youth, was taken and trained, with three others, in the ways and customs of Babylon.

Because he could interpret dreams, he was promoted to very high office.

As a prophet who could foretell the future, his dreams and visions give us the outline of Gentile history from the time of Nebuchadnezzar, 606 BC, to the 2nd coming of Christ at Armageddon which occurs at the end of the seven year tribulation.

IMPORTANT FOR UNDERSTANDING

An understanding of its prophecies is essential to understanding

1. Christ speaking in Matthew 24-25
2. Paul speaking of the anti-christ being the man of sin (2Thess 2)
3. The book of Revelation.

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD FORETOLD:

1. The **four** world empires - **Babylon, Persia, Greece & Rome.**
2. The **400 years** between the closure of the book of Malachi and the 1st coming of Christ.
3. **Calvary**
4. **Destruction of Jerusalem 70AD**
5. The appearance of the **anti-christ**
6. The **great Tribulation**
7. The **2nd coming of Christ** at Armageddon
8. Jesus Christ's **reign for 1,000 years** after Armageddon
9. God's **everlasting kingdom after the 1,000 year** reign of Christ

C1 = Daniel **captured, taken & trained** in Babylon

C2 = Nebuchadnezzar's **dream of large man (4 empires)**

C3 = Deliverance from **furnace**

C4 = Nebuchadnezzar lives a grass eating **beast for 7 years**

C5 = Belshazzar's **writing on the wall**

C6 = Darius the Mede & deliverance from **the lions' den**

C7 = Belshazzar's vision of **four beasts & antichrist (little horn)**

C8 = Belshazzar's vision of **the ram** (Media/Persia) and **he goat** (Alexander the great)

C9 = **Seventy weeks** (490 years) prophecy

C10 = Vision of the **princes of Persia and Greece**

C11 = **Wars between the kings of the North (Syria) and South (Egypt); Rome and the antichrist**

C12 = **Times of the end**

Chapter 1

God's power in keeping Daniel and his three companions. They were given understanding and wisdom above all the wise men in Babylon.

*As for these four children, God gave them **knowledge** and **skill in all learning and wisdom**: and Daniel had **understanding in all visions and dreams**. Daniel 1:17*

Chapter 2

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a man

³² This image's **head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,** ³³ His **legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.** ³⁴ Thou sawest till that **a stone** was cut out without hands, which **smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to**

pieces.

⁴⁴ *And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed**: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:32-34, 44*

1st kingdom

Head of gold

The BABYLONIAN empire 606 BC – 536 BC

2nd kingdom

Breast and arms of silver

The PERSIAN empire 536 BC – 332 BC

3rd kingdom

Belly and thighs of brass

The GRECIAN empire 332 BC – 64 BC

4th kingdom

Legs of iron

The ROMAN empire 64 BC – 476 BC

5th kingdom

Feet of part iron and clay

The weakened form of the Roman empire

476 AD – the present

6th kingdom

Ten toes of part iron and clay

The antichrist's kingdom in the tribulation

Lasts for 7 years after the rapture

The stone from heaven

Christ at his 2nd coming

At Armageddon (after the 7 years of tribulation)

This stone, the Lord Jesus Christ himself, smashes and destroys all the earth's kingdoms – the European Union, China, Russia, the Arabs and so on, and this takes place at the battle of Armageddon

³⁵ *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and **the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.** Daniel 2:35*

7th kingdom

Jesus Christ's reign for 1,000 years

Established after Armageddon

This is the stone that becomes a mountain that fills the earth.

Jesus Christ will come and reign for 1,000 years from Jerusalem over the whole earth

8th kingdom

God's everlasting kingdom

After the 1,000 year reign of Christ

And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:** and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Daniel 2:44

Chapter 3 Nebuchadnezzar sets up his image to be worshipped

1. Daniel (Beltshazzar) and three friends refuse to worship the image
2. They are delivered from the fiery furnace.
3. They are promoted

¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that **we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.** Daniel 3:17-18

²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; **and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.** Daniel 3:25

³⁰ Then **the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,** in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:30

Chapter 4 Nebuchadnezzar dreams again of a strong tree cut down leaving only a stump. He becomes a beast with bird's feathers and claws and eats grass for 7 years (4:10-16)

³¹ While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, **O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.**

³² And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee **to eat grass as oxen,** and **seven times shall pass over thee,** until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

³³ The same **hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar:** and he **was driven from men,** and did **eat grass as oxen,** and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his **hairs were grown like eagles' feathers,** and **his nails like birds' claws.** Daniel 4:28-33

Chapter 5 Belshazzar and the writing on the wall

Here is the list of kings that followed Nebuchadnezzar to help you know who Belshazzar is:

Nebuchadnezzar – reigns for 44 years (606 BC – 562 BC)

Merodach – the drunken and immoral son of Nebuchadnezzar **reigns for 2 years**

Neriglizzar – the brother-in-law of Merodach, murders Merodach, and **reigns for 4 years**

Nabonidus - the son of Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd wife, takes the throne in 556 BC.

Belshazzar – the son of Nabonidus, takes the throne after Nabonidus

This foolish fellow took all the sacred vessels from the temple and drank wine to their idols. God wrote on the wall that the Medes and the Persians would capture his kingdom. So Darius the Mede took over.

Chapter 6 Delivered from the Lion's den

Now the 120 princes that Darius set in place were offended by Daniel because he couldn't be bought or bribed. So *All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever*

shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Daniel 6:7

They caught Daniel praying to God and so he was thrown into the lions' den. But it backfired on the lot of them and they ended up in the lions' den being ripped to shreds.

Chapter 7 Belshazzar's dream of 4 great beasts

*These great beasts, which are four, are **four kings**, which shall arise out of the earth. But **the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.** Daniel 7:17-18*

1st BEAST

A lion with eagle's wings depicts the Babylonian empire from 606 BC - 536 BC.

2nd BEAST

A bear with 3 ribs (Media, Persia, Babylon) in its mouth depicts the Persian empire from 536 BC – 332 BC.

3rd BEAST

A leopard with 4 heads and 4 wings depicts the Grecian empire form 332 BC – 64 BC

The four wings represent the swiftness and rapid marches of Alexander the great. In 13 years he conquered the world. The four heads stand for the 4 generals of Alexander that took over his kingdom.

4th BEAST -

**This beast was different from the rest
This beast represents Rome**

*After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.** Daniel 7:7*

The little horn coming out of the ten other horns is the antichrist;

*I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them **another little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn **were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.** Daniel 7:8*

Israel and the saints will be persecuted and oppressed by the antichrist before Christ comes at Armageddon. This period will be the tribulation and the antichrist will be the last world dictator. The ten horns stand for the ten world states/regions/areas to be under his control.

But Christ will reign

*I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like **the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.** Daniel 7:13-14*

Chapter 8 Belshazzar has another vision of a ram (Media/Persia) and a he goat (The Grecian Alexander the Great)

The ram has two horns (Media and Persia) and the he goat representing Alexander the great has a horn which is broken ie himself, and is repalced by four other horns which represent his 4 generals.

Verse 9 speaks of the little horn which is the antichrist who takes away the daily sacrifice in the temple.

⁹ *And out of one of them came forth **a little horn**, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.*

¹⁰ *And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.*

¹¹ *Yea, he **magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.***

¹² And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Daniel 8:9-12

²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.** (This is the antichrist)

²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and **shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.** (This is Israel)

²⁵ And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and **by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes;** but he shall be broken without hand. (He shall be broken not by man but by God)

Daniel 8:23-25

Chapter 9

This chapter is the most important in the Bible regarding the division of the end times.

At the moment we are in the CHURCH age, which will be followed very shortly by the RAPTURE of the church, to be followed by 7 years of God's wrath called the TRIBULATION, to be followed by ARMAGEDDON.

²⁴ **SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,** to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the **going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks,** and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

²⁶ And **AFTER THREESCORE AND TWO WEEKS shall Messiah be cut off,** but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **ONE WEEK:** and **in the midst of the week** he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:24-27

A week has seven days but here it stands for **7 years.**

Seventy weeks therefore is 490 years and is broken into **three** divisions:

- 1. 7 weeks = 49 years** – began at the command to build and restore Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah
- 2. 62 weeks = 434 years** – begins at the building of the wall of Jerusalem and continues to the crucifixion of Christ where he is cut off at the cross.

From 32AD to the rapture is the mystery church age which ends at the rapture of the church (Ephesians 3:1-9)

This is where we are right now with the rapture about to happen

- 3. 1 week = 7 years** – This is the 7 years of great tribulation in the which The Roman Prince, the antichrist, shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease after the first three and a half years.

And so at the end of the 490 years, we have

²⁴ **SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,**

1. to finish the transgression, and
2. to make an end of sins, and
3. to make reconciliation for iniquity, and
4. to bring in everlasting righteousness, and
5. to seal up the vision and prophecy, and
6. to anoint the most Holy.

**Dear Reader, we are nearly at the rapture now,
after which the wrath of God shall be poured out on the earth for 7 years.**

Chapter 10

Daniel sees Jesus Christ

⁵ *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:*

⁶ *His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. Daniel 10:5-6 (See Revelation 1:14-15)*

What follows in the rest of the chapter is an account of the angels of Michael, the prince of Persia and the prince of Grecia

Chapter 11

This chapter is an account of the wars that took place between the king of the South (Egypt) and the king of the North (Syria) during the 400 years after the book of Malachi closes. These are against the backdrop of Persia and Alexander the great from Greece.

This chapter ends Rome intervening and taking over (64BC) and a description of the antichrist.

*For the **ships of Chittim** shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. Daniel 11:30*

³¹ *And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and **shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.***

³² *And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

³³ *And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.*

³⁴ *Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.*

³⁵ *And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.*

³⁶ *And **the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.***

³⁷ ***Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.***

³⁸ *But **in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Daniel 11:31-38***

The following is the historical explanation of Chapter 11

There are the battle between the king of the North (Syria) and the king of the South (Egypt), with Antiochus Epiphanes (167BC) setting himself up in the temple, with Greece and Rome appearing on the scene. This is a complex description of history and uses much symbolism.

All this only shows that God is the God of prophecy and calls things before they happen.

Verse 2 The three kings are Cambyses, Smerdis, Darius. The fourth king shall be Xerxes the son of Darius.

V3 A mighty king shall stand up – this will be Alexander the Great

V4 His kingdom broken is that it will be divided among four generals when he dies and not to his family.

V5 The king of the South is Ptolemy Lagus from Egypt. One of his princes is Seleucus Nicator who possessed Syria.

V6 The end of years has the king's daughter Berenice marry Antiochus Theos the king of Syria. She shall be given up means that Antiochus recalls his former wife to be his wife again, But hse fearing that he might call on Berenice again, poisons him and sets her own son Callinicus on the throne.

V7 Her brother Ptolemy Euergetes marches a great army against Seleucus Callinicus.

V8 Ptolemy Euergetes lives for a few more years.

V9 So Ptolemy comes into the kingdom of Callinicus and shall return to Egypt where he hears of sedition against him.

V10 But the sons of Callinicus raise an army. But not being successful, Antiochus is proclaimed king and retakes Seleucia and Syria from Egypt from the South.

V11 So Ptolemy Philopater (Egypt) fights Antiochus who retreats to Antioch

V12 But Ptolemy kingdom was not strengthened.

V13-14 About 14 years later Antiochus returns to fight but instead is defeated.

V15 But he tries again and Ptolemy are not able to oppose him.

V16 The Jews supply and assist him and he favours them by restoring the Levite priesthood.

V17 Antiochus wants to attack Egypt by fraud and proposes a marriage between himself and Cleopatra which doesn't eventuate.

V18-19 He then turns his face toward the isles of Rhodes, Samos and so on but is stopped by one of his captains Acilius Glabrio and expel him from Greece. He then turns to his own land where he is opposed by the general populace. His manner of death is not certain.

V20 Then Seleucus Philopater succeeds his father Antiochus. He tries to raise taxes to satisfy the Romans but is stopped and murdered by his treasurer Heliodorus.

V21 This person is Antiochus Epiphanes who tries to flatter everyone but gets no glory.

V22 The arms which were overthrown before him were his competitors for the crown. The princes were Anias and Jason.

V23 Rome emerges on the scene and with a few people grew strong.

V24 Starting at the richest provinces, riches and bribery abound.

V25 Syria marches against Egypt but can't stand the battle and loses.

V26-27 Both the kings of the North and South, about 180BC, though joining forces, do not prosper

V28-29 This is Antiochus Epiphanes, from the North, about 167BC, broke the Holy of Holies in the Jewish temple and sprinkled pigs' blood all around the sanctuary. The temple was then consecrated to the god called Jupiter Olympius.

V30 Chittim is Rome and he is grieved.

V31 The Romans then stand up against Greece and they pollute the temple and take away the daily sacrifice.

V32 This is a reference to the antichrist

V33-34 These are the Jews that are defeated and fall but are helped by Constantine

V36-39 Refers to the antichrist exalting himself.

V40-43 Egypt and Syria come against him but he defeats them

V44 This is Russia in the North

V45 The antichrist is defeated at Jerusalem and there are none to help him.

Chapter 12

This chapter is a description of the end times we are now in

*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: **many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.** Daniel 12:4*

¹ *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a **time of trouble, such as never was** since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

The 7 year tribulation

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

At the end of the tribulation

³ *And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

⁴ *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: **many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.***

Currently in this time

⁵ Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

⁶ And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Time = 1 year
 Times = 2 years
 Half = ½ year
Total: 3.5 years

⁸ And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

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

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

¹¹ And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a **thousand two hundred and ninety days**.

¹² Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the **thousand three hundred and five and thirty days**.

¹³ But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. Daniel 12:1-13

These timings are a little hard to figure out and many have speculated.
 These are known only to the Lord.

In summary

DANIEL 606-534BC High office & prophet in Babylon & Persia.

THE FOUR KINGDOMS; GOD'S EVERLASTING KINGDOM

Ch1 As a youth taken & trained with three others in Babylon

Ch2 Four world empires predicted

Ch3 Fiery furnace

Ch4 Nebuchadnezzar's madness & recovery

Ch5 Belshazzar's feast

Ch6 Lion's den

Ch7 Four beasts

Ch8 Ram & He-goat

Ch9 Seventy weeks

Ch10 Angels of nations

Ch11 Two kings of North & South

Ch12 Time of the end.

He sees:

1. Calvary 9:24-27

2. Destruction of Jerusalem 9:26

3. Times of the Gentiles 2:31-45

4. Antichrist 7:19-27, 9:26-27

5. The Great Tribulation 12:1

6. Second Advent 7:9-14.

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