

# The Book of Daniel

## Part A (Ch. 7 to 12)

### II. DANIEL'S VISIONS

#### DANIEL 7

##### 1. THE VISION OF THE FOUR BEASTS

**1** In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. ¶ **2** Daniel spoke and said, “I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke out on the great sea. ¶ **3** Four great animals came up from the sea, different from one another. ¶ **4** The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet as a man. A man’s heart was given to it. ¶ **5** Behold, there was another animal, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. They said this to it: «Arise! Devour much flesh!»” ¶

##### 9. THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

**6** “After this I saw, and behold, another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The animal also had four heads; and dominion was given to it. ¶ **7** After this I saw in the night visions, and, behold, there was a fourth animal, awesome, powerful, and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet. It was different from all the animals that were before it. It had ten horns. ¶ **8** I 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 arrogantly. ¶ **9** I watched until thrones were placed, | and one who was ancient of days sat. | His clothing was white as snow, | and the hair of his head like pure wool. | His throne was fiery flames, | and its wheels burning fire. | **10** A fiery stream issued and came out from before him. | Thousands of thousands ministered to him. | Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. | The judgment was set. | The books were opened.” ¶

## 13. THE SON OF MAN

## 15. INTERPRETATION OF THE VISION

11 “I watched at that time because of the voice of the arrogant words which the horn spoke. I watched even until the animal was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire. 12 As for the rest of the animals, their dominion was taken away; yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.¶ 13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, there came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man, and he came even to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him. 14 Dominion was given him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be destroyed.¶ 15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.”

16 “I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this.¶ So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. 17 «These great animals, which are four, are four kings, who will arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.»¶ 19 Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth animal, which was different from all of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke arrogantly, whose look was more stout than its fellows.”

21 “I saw, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, 22 until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.¶ 23 So he said, «The fourth animal will be a fourth kingdom on earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down and break it in pieces. 24 As for the ten horns, ten kings will arise out of this kingdom. Another will arise after them; and he will be different from the former, and he will put down three kings. 25 He will speak words against the Most High, and will wear out the saints of the Most High. He will plan to change the times and the law; and they will be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.»”¶

26 “«But the judgment will be set, and they will take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. 27 The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole sky, will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.»¶ 28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my face was changed in me; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

## DANIEL 8

### 1. VISION OF THE RAM AND THE MALE GOAT

1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. 2 I saw the vision. Now it was so, that when I saw, I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam. I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. 3 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram which had two horns stood before the river. The two horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. 4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward. No animals could stand before him. There wasn't any who could deliver out of his hand, but he did according to his will, and magnified himself.¶ 5 As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west over the surface of the whole earth, and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

### 9. THE LITTLE HORN

6 He came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his power. 7 I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. There was no one who could deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 The male goat magnified himself exceedingly. When he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns toward the four winds of the sky.¶ 9 Out of one of them came out a little horn which grew exceedingly great—toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10 It grew great, even to the army of the sky; and it cast down some of the army and of the stars to the ground and trampled on them.

## 15. THE ANGEL GABRIEL EXPLAINS THE VISION

**11** Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

**12** The army was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through disobedience. It cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered. ¶ **13** Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who spoke, “How long will the vision about the continual burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army to be trodden under foot be?” ¶

¶ **14** He said to me, “To two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed.” ¶ **15** When I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. Then behold, there stood before me someone with the appearance of a man.

¶ **16** I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called and said, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” ¶ **17** So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Understand, son of man, for the vision belongs to the time of the end.” ¶ **18** Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but he touched me and set me upright. ¶ **19** He said, “Behold, I will make you know what will be in the latter time of the indignation, for it belongs to the appointed time of the end. **20** The ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they are the kings of Media and Persia.”

¶ **21** “The rough male goat is the king of Greece. The great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. **22** As for that which was broken, in the place where four stood up, four kingdoms will stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. ¶ **23** In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king of fierce face, and understanding riddles, will stand up. **24** His power will be mighty, but not by his own power. He will destroy awesomely, and will prosper in what he does. He will destroy the mighty ones and the holy people. **25** Through his policy he will cause deceit to prosper in his hand. He will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many in their security. He will also stand up against the prince of princes, but he will be broken without human hands.” ¶

¶ **26** “The vision of the evenings and mornings which has been told is true; but seal up the vision, for it belongs to many days to come.” ¶ **27** I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick for some days. Then I rose up and did the king’s business. I wondered at the vision, but no one understood it.

## DANIEL 9

## 1. DANIEL'S PRAYER FOR RESTORATION

**1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans — **2** in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years about which Yahweh's \* word came to Jeremiah the prophet for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years. **3** I set my face to the Lord God, to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ¶ **4** I prayed to Yahweh my God, and made confession, and said, ¶ “Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments, **5** we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from your precepts and from your ordinances.”

**6** “We haven't listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ¶ **7** Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to us confusion of face, as it is today; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, who are near and who are far off, through all the countries where you have driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against you. **8** Lord, to us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. **9** To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him. **10** We haven't obeyed Yahweh our God's voice, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”

**11** “Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law, turning aside, that they should 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. **12** He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for under the whole sky, such has not been done as has been done to Jerusalem. **13** As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come on us. Yet we have not entreated the favor of Yahweh our God, that we should turn from our iniquities and have discernment in your truth. **14** Therefore Yahweh has watched over the evil, and brought it on us; for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his works which he does, and we have not obeyed his voice. ¶ **15** Now, Lord our God, who has brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown, as it is today, we have sinned. We have done wickedly.”

## 20. THE PROPHECY OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

**16** “Lord, according to all your righteousness, please let your anger and your wrath be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain; because for our sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a reproach to all who are around us. ¶ **17** Now therefore, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his petitions, and cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord’s sake. **18** My God, turn your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by your name; for we do not present our petitions before you for our righteousness, but for your great mercies’ sake. **19** Lord, hear. Lord, forgive. Lord, listen and do. Don’t defer, for your own sake, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.” ¶ **20** While I was speaking, 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 —

**21** yes, while I was speaking in prayer — the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening offering. **22** He instructed me and talked with me, and said, “Daniel, I have now come to give you wisdom and understanding. **23** At the beginning of your petitions the commandment went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider the matter and understand the vision. ¶ **24** Seventy weeks are decreed on your people and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy. ¶ **25** Know therefore and discern that from the going out of the commandment to restore and build Jerusalem to the Anointed One, † the prince, will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be built again, with street and moat, even in troubled times.”

**26** “After the sixty-two weeks the Anointed One † will be cut off, and will have nothing. The people of the prince who come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will be with a flood, and war will be even to the end. Desolations are determined. **27** He will make a firm covenant with many for one week. In the middle of the week he will cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate; and even to the decreed full end, wrath will be poured out on the desolate.”

## NOTES 9

\* 9:2 “Yahweh” is God’s proper Name, sometimes rendered “LORD” (all caps) in other translations.

† 9:25,26 “Anointed One” can also be translated “Messiah” (same as “Christ”).

## DANIEL 10

## 1. THE ANGEL COMFORTS DANIEL

**1** In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the message was true, even a great warfare. He understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. ¶ **2** In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. **3** I ate no pleasant food. No meat or wine came into my mouth. I didn’t anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled. ¶ **4** In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, \* **5** I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a man clothed in linen, whose waist was adorned with pure gold of Uphaz.

## 10. THE ANGEL’S EXPLANATION

**6** His body also was like beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished bronze. The voice of his words was like the voice of a multitude. ¶ **7** I, 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. **8** So I was left alone and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; for my face grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. **9** Yet I heard the voice of his words. When I heard the voice of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. ¶ **10** Behold, a hand touched me, which set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

**11** He said to me, “Daniel, you greatly beloved man, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have been sent to you, now.” When he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. ¶ **12** Then he said to me, “Don’t 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. I have come for your words’ sake. **13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but, behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me because I

remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision is yet for many days.”¶ 15 When he had spoken these words to me, I set my face toward the ground and was mute.

16 Behold, 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 have overtaken me, and I retain no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me. There was no breath left in me.”¶ 18 Then one like the appearance of a man touched me again, and he strengthened me. 19 He said, “Greatly beloved man, don’t 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.”¶ 20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.”

21 “But I will tell you that which is inscribed in the writing of truth. There is no one who holds with me against these but Michael your prince.”

## NOTES 10

\* 10:4 or, Tigris River

## DANIEL 11

### 1. THE PERSIAN KING DEFEATED BY THE GREEK

#### 5. WAR BETWEEN THE KINGS OF THE SOUTH THE NORTH

1 “As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.¶ 2 Now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings will stand up in Persia. The fourth will be far richer than all of them. When he has grown strong through his riches, he will stir up all against the realm of Greece. 3 A mighty king will stand up, who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. 4 When he stands up, his kingdom will be broken and will be divided toward the four winds of the sky, but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others besides these.¶ 5 The king of the south will be strong. One of his princes will become stronger than him, and have dominion. His dominion will be a great dominion.”

**6** “At the end of 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. He will also not stand, nor will his arm; but she will be given up, with those who brought her, and he who became the father of her, and he who strengthened her in those times. ¶ **7** But out of a shoot from her roots one will stand up in his place, who will come to the army and will enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and will deal against them and will prevail. **8** He will also carry their gods with their molten images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, captive into Egypt. He will refrain some years from the king of the north. **9** He will come into the realm of the king of the south, but he will return into his own land. **10** His sons will wage war, and will assemble a multitude of great forces which will come on, and overflow, and pass through. They will return and wage war, even to his fortress.” ¶

**11** “The king of the south will be moved with anger and will come out and fight with him, even with the king of the north. He will send out a great multitude, and the multitude will be given into his hand. **12** The multitude will be carried off, and his heart will be exalted. He will cast down tens of thousands, but he won’t prevail. **13** The king of the north will return, and will send out a multitude greater than the former. He will come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with abundant supplies. ¶ **14** In those times many will stand up against the king of the south. Also the children of the violent among your people will lift themselves up to establish the vision, but they will fall. **15** So the king of the north will come and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city. The forces of the south won’t stand, neither will his select troops, neither will there be any strength to stand.”

**16** “But he who comes against him will do according to his own will, and no one will stand before him. He will stand in the glorious land, and destruction will be in his hand. **17** He will set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him equitable conditions. He will perform them. He will give him the daughter of women, to destroy the kingdom, but she will not stand, and won’t be for him. **18** After this he will turn his face to the islands, and will take many, but a prince will cause the reproach offered by him to cease. Yes, moreover, he will cause his reproach to turn on him. **19** Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he will stumble and fall, and won’t be found. ¶ **20** Then one who will cause a tax collector to pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory will stand up in his place; but within few days he shall be destroyed, not in anger, and not in battle.” ¶

## 21. AN UNGODLY KING ON THE THRONE

**21** “In his place a contemptible person will stand up, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom; but he will come in time of security, and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. **22** The overwhelming forces will be overwhelmed from before him, and will be broken. Yes, also the prince of the covenant. **23** After the treaty made with him he will work deceitfully; for he will come up and will become strong with few people. **24** In time of security he will come even on the fattest places of the province. He will do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’ fathers. He will scatter among them prey, plunder, and wealth. Yes, he will devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time. ¶ **25** He 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 wage war in battle with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he won’t stand; for they will devise plans against him.”

**26** “Yes, those who eat of his delicacies will destroy him, and his army will be swept away. Many will fall down slain. **27** As for both these kings, their hearts will be to do evil, and they will speak lies at one table; but it won’t prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. **28** Then he will return into his land with great wealth. His heart will be against the holy covenant. He will take action, and return to his own land. ¶ **29** He will return at the appointed time and come into the south; but it won’t be in the latter time as it was in the former. **30** For ships of Kittim will come against him. Therefore he will be grieved, and will return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and will take action. He will even return, and have regard to those who forsake the holy covenant.” ¶

## 31. OPPRESSION OF THE JEWS AND THEIR RELIGION

**31** “Forces from him will profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and will take away the continual burnt offering. Then they will set up the abomination that makes desolate. **32** He will corrupt those who do wickedly against the covenant by flatteries; but the people who know their God will be strong and take action. ¶ **33** Those who are wise among the people will instruct many; yet they will fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many days. **34** Now when they fall, they will be helped with a little help; but many will join themselves to them with flatteries. **35** Some 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.” ¶

**36** “The king will do according to his will. He will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvelous things against the God of gods. He will

prosper until the indignation is accomplished, for that which is determined will be done. 37 He won't regard the gods of his fathers, or the desire of women, or regard any god; for he will magnify himself above all. 38 But in their place, he will honor the god of fortresses. He will honor a god whom his fathers didn't know with gold, silver, and with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 He will deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. He will increase with glory whoever acknowledges him. He will cause them to rule over many, and will divide the land for a price.¶ 40 At 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, with horsemen, and with many ships. He will enter into the countries, and will overflow and pass through."

41 "He will enter also into the glorious land, and many countries will be overthrown; but these will be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He will also stretch out his hand on the countries. The land of Egypt won't escape. 43 But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. The Libyans and the Ethiopians will follow his steps. 44 But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him; and he will go out with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. 45 He will plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him."

## DANIEL 12

### 1. THE LIBERATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 "At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people; and there will be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time. At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 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 as the brightness of the expanse. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars forever and ever. 4 But 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."¶ 5 Then 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.

6 One 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?"¶ 7 I 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 a half; and when they have finished breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things will be finished.¶ 8 I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?"¶ 9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel; for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many will purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined, but the wicked will do wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand."¶

**11** "From the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there will be one thousand two hundred ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred thirty-five days.¶ 13 But go your way until the end; for you will rest, and will stand in your inheritance at the end of the days."

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