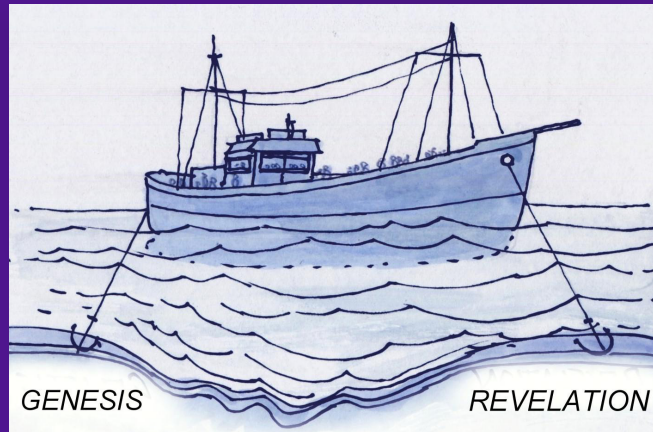


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I encouraged you when you see
“Kingdom” in the Scriptures to think of...

KINGSHIP

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Kingdom: Royal power, kingship, dominion, rule.

Not to be confused with an actual kingdom
but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom.

Exodus 19:5-6 - Israel



Numbers 22, 23 & 24 - Balaam



2 Sam 7:1-17 - David



1 Kings 9:1-9 - Solomon

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A selection

First four contain
Kingship / Kingdom

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| • Psalm 22 | David |
| • Psalm 45 | Sons of Korah |
| • Psalm 103 | David |
| • Psalm 145 | David |
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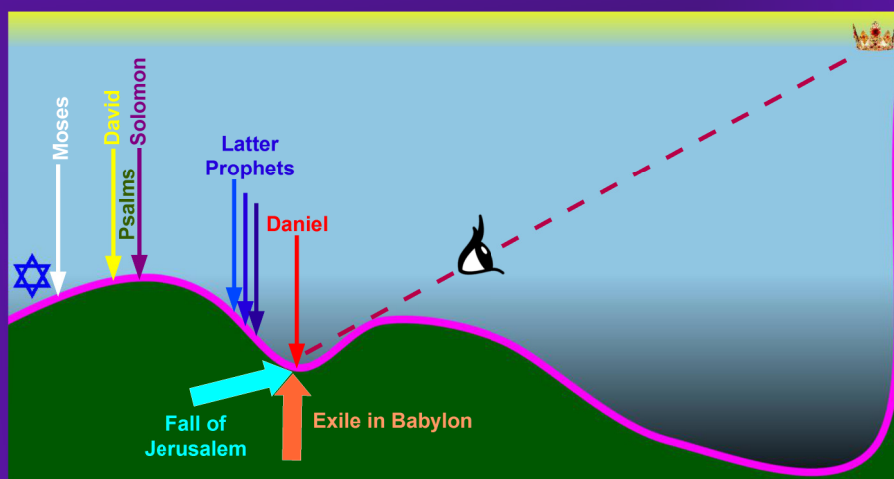
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The Kingship of God in the Latter Prophets?

- ♦ Isaiah 9
- ♦ Isaiah 62
- ♦ Micah 4
- ♦ Obadiah

Nebium	
The Prophets	
Former Prophets	
❖ Joshua	
❖ Judges	
❖ Samuel (1 & 2)	
❖ Kings (1 & 2)	
Latter Prophets	
❖ <u>Isaiah</u> x2	
❖ Jeremiah	
❖ Ezekiel	
❖ The Twelve	
Minor Prophets	
Hosea, Joel, Amos,	
<u>Obadiah</u> , Jonah, Micah,	
Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah,	
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	

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The book of Daniel is to the Old Testament what the book of Revelation is to the New Testament.

The first six chapters provide practical examples of how the faithful should live as part of a society under judgement.

The second six chapters warn of further troubles, whilst promising the ultimate victory of One like a Son of Man, who will establish The LORD's Kingship on earth.

In Revelation, the first three chapters offers practical guidance, whilst the rest of the warns of coming tribulations followed by the return of the King of Kings!

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Daniel Chapter by Chapter

Engagement with human authority

- 1 Exiled and honoured, but Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food.
- 2 Nebuchadnezzar dreamt of a massive statue which falls when hit by a little stone.
- 3 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse to worship a gold statue and are thrown into a furnace.
- 4 Nebuchadnezzar, dreamt of a tree cut down, didn't heed the warning, but learned that the heavens rule.
- 5 Belshazzar drank from the temple vessels, a hand wrote on the wall, and he lost his kingdom.
- 6 Darius fooled into outlawing prayer, Daniel continues to pray to God, who stood by him in the lions' lair.

Revelations from Heaven

- 7 Vision of the four beasts, superceded by a vision of the Ancient of Days, and One like a Son of Man, who is given dominion, glory and a Kingship.
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The linguistic approach:

1:1 to 2:4a - Hebrew

2:4b to 7:28 - Aramaic

8:1-12:13 - Hebrew

2:44

4:3, 34, 35 & 37

5:21

6:24

7:14, 18, 22 & 27

12:1-4

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Chapter 1

On arriving in Babylon Daniel, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah refused the king's food.

God gave them knowledge and skill and they prospered.



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Daniel 2

Nebuchadnezzar has a dream which troubles him so much he refuses to describe it to his magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and "Chaldeans" advisors. Instead he commanded them to tell him the content of the dream and then interpret it for him.

When Daniel heard about it he and his friends sought "mercies from the God of heaven" and The LORD revealed the details to Daniel. Who then sought an audience with the king.

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Daniel 2:37 - 44 (Daniel)

You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; but after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

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Daniel 2:37 - 44 (Daniel)

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

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Daniel 2:37 - 44 (Daniel)

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

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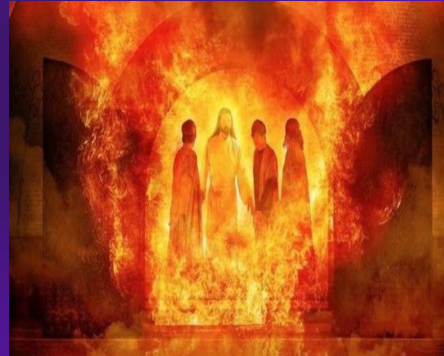
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Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah [a.k.a. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego] refused to worship the king's gold image.

They were thrown into a furnace and The LORD sent an angel to deliver them.

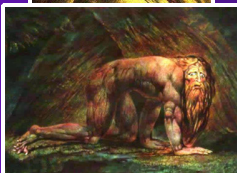
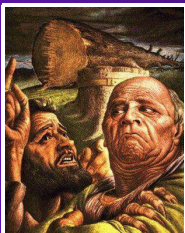
Nebuchadnezzar, issued a decree protecting the Jews because, "there is no other God who can deliver like this." v29

Chapter 3



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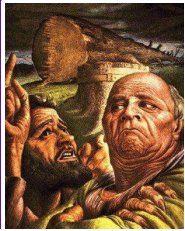
Daniel 4:1-3 (Nebuchadnezzar)



Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation.

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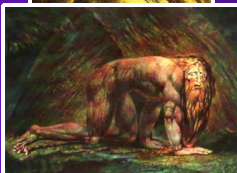
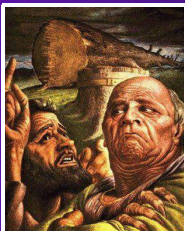


Daniel 4:4-17

Nebuchadnezzar then relates how he had a dream which troubled him. He called for his magicians, etc. told them the dream but they could not interpret it. Then Daniel, "chief of the magicians," arrived and the king related the whole dream to him, recognising "that the Spirit of the Holy God" was in Daniel.

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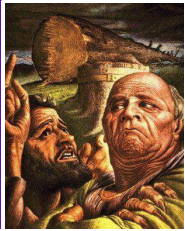
Daniel 4:4-17



In his dream Nebuchadnezzar saw a great tree which sheltered the whole world. Then an angelic 'watcher' appeared and decreed that the tree must be cut down, but the stump left with an iron band around it. This messenger then commanded that for seven years "he" will have his human mind taken away and will eat grass like an ox. This "In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men..."

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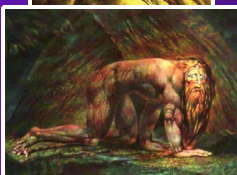
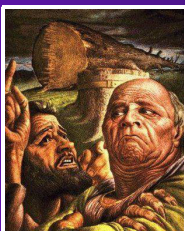
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Daniel 4:17 (Nebuchadnezzar)

**‘This decision is by the decree of the watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in
order that the living may know that the Most High
rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to
whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of
men.’**

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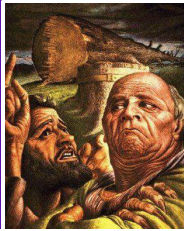


Daniel 4:24 - 27 (Daniel)

**This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the
decree of the Most High, which has come upon
my lord the king: They shall drive you from men,
your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field,
and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They
shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven
times shall pass over you, till you know that the
Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives
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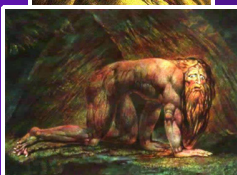
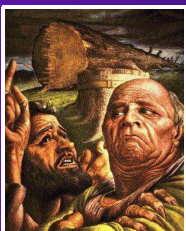


Daniel 4:24 - 27 (Daniel)

And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.

Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.

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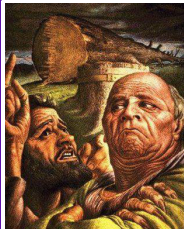
Daniel 4:28 - 33 (Nebuchadnezzar)

All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honour of my majesty?"

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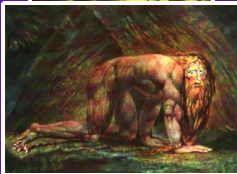
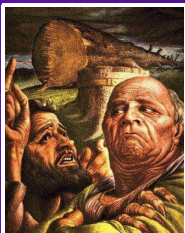
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Daniel 4:28 - 33 (Nebuchadnezzar)

While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

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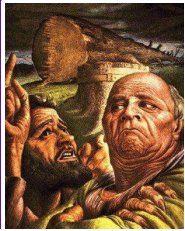


Daniel 4:28 - 33 (Nebuchadnezzar)

That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

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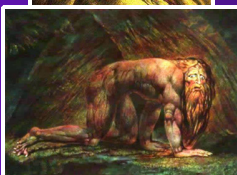
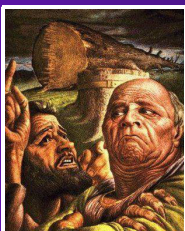
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Daniel 4:34 - 37 (Nebuchadnezzar)

And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honoured Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

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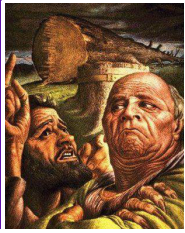


Daniel 4:34 - 37 (Nebuchadnezzar)

All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?"

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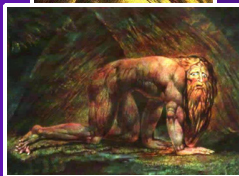
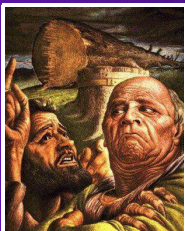
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At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honour and splendour returned to me. My counsellors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

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Important to note!



This chapter is not about
God's Kingship
which is to come;

it is about
His Kingship
which is now!

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Belshazzar ruled after his father Nebuchadnezzar died. He gave a great feast and ordered that the gold and silver vessels which had taken from the temple in Jerusalem be brought in for them to use.

Whilst they drank wine, and praised the idols, fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

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Belshazzar called his astrologers, soothsayers, wise men but none of them could read the writing or understand what it meant.

The queen then reminded the king of Daniel, "in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God."

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Daniel reminded Belshazzar of how his father had been humbled for seven years and recognised the authority of the Most High God. Rebuking the king he said, "you have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this."



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But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

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v 20-21

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Instead of learning from his father's experience Belshazzar had insulted the Lord of heaven, using the vessels from His temple and praising their gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know.

Daniel then went on to interpret the writing on the wall for Belshazzar.



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And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

This is the interpretation of each word.

MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

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v 25-28

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

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

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v 29-31

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Darius appointed 120 governors over his empire. One of them was Daniel, but the others wanted rid of him. However they could not find a valid reason to discredit him.

They came up with a plan and pressed the king to adopt it. Darius foolishly implemented their proposal in a way which he could not revoke.

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The proposal - v7

"All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counsellors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

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Daniel's response - v10

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

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Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

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So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

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Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

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Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

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19-24

Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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19-24

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

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Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should 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 believed in his God.

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And the king gave the command, 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 the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they even reached the bottom of the den.

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Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land:

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"May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures for ever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

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So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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Chapter 7

Daniel dreamed of four different beasts which come out of the sea.

The fourth beast however gets special attention, especially a little horn on its head who has eyes like a man and speaks.

Daniel then saw the Ancient of Days on His throne. The fourth beast was killed and its body thrown into the burning flame.

The three other creatures lived on but had their authority taken away.



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"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was One like a Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.



v 13-14

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"I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this. So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things:

'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it for ever - yes, for ever and ever.'



v 15-18

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Daniel then asked specifically about the fourth beast and described it and its actions to his informant. Daniel concluded:

"As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.



v 19-22

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The one explaining the vision to Daniel, concludes it with this assertion:

""But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed for ever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'



v 26-28

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"This is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, was deeply troubled by my thoughts, and my face turned pale, but I kept the matter to myself."



v 26-28

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Chapter 8:

Vision of a ram (Medes & Persians) and goat, (Greece), the latter is divided into four and then a dominant horn turns against God's people.

Chapter 9:

Daniel intercedes for the people to return to Jerusalem, The LORD says yes He will take them back but to war not glory.

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Chapter 10-12:

Daniel seeks God for 3 weeks and receives an extended vision of events and kings yet to come.

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Daniel 12:1-3

At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

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Daniel 12:1-3

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

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Dare to be a Daniel by Philip P Bliss, 1838-76

Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!

Standing by a purpose true,
heeding God's command,
honour them, the faithful few!
All hail to Daniel's band!

Many mighty men are lost,
daring not to stand,
who for God had been a host
by joining Daniel's band.

Many giants, great and tall,
stalking through the land,
headlong to the earth would fall,
if met by Daniel's band.

Hold the gospel banner high;
on to vict'ry grand;
Satan and his host defy,
and shout for Daniel's band.