The Book of Daniel
12 Chapters

WRITER: Daniel = ‘God is Judge.’
Daniel was contemporary with Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was the Prophet to the Jews left in Judah.
Ezekiel was the Prophet to the Jews in captivity.
Daniel the was Prophet to the Gentiles for the Gentiles.

Daniel’s prophecies relate almost entirely to the future of the Gentile nations with the exception of Daniel Chap. 9 (70 weeks). He inter-weaves prophecy with history to show that God is overruling man’s rebellion. His vision sweeps the entire course of the Gentile world to its end, and on to the Messianic Kingdom of our Lord. Daniel lived to be over 90 years of age.

THEME: (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32) ‘To the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whosoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.’

Outline of the Book of Daniel

I. (Chaps. 1 – 6) HISTORIC NIGHT WITH PROPHETIC LIGHT.
   * Daniel Interprets Other’s Dreams (Written in the 3rd Person)

   A. (Chaps. 1 - 4) THE REIGN OF NEBUCADNEZZAR.
   1. (Chap. 1) Daniel, Captive in Babylon, given a heathen name, but refused to adopt heathen customs.
   2. (Chap. 2) Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar’s Vision.
      The Time of the Gentiles is from Nebuchadnezzar ‘The Head of Gold,’ until the destruction of the Image during the reign of the 10 Kings and the setting up of the Millennial Reign by the return of Jesus Christ.
   3. (Chap. 3) The Pride of Nebuchadnezzar Judged and the Deliverance of the 3 Hebrews from the Fiery Furnace.
      Picture of Israel During the Tribulation.
   4. (Chap. 4) The Insanity of Nebuchadnezzar revealed in the Tree Vision & Fulfilled in History. The very best the World had to offer was crazy, insane.

   NOTE: The ‘Head of Gold’ of image of Gentile Rulership of this world! 2500 years of Human failure has proved this over and over again, and again.

   B. (Chap. 5) The Reign of Belshazzar.
      A Heathen Banquet interrupted by a Hand writing on the Wall.
      The Judgment and Ending of the Babylonian Kingdom.
      ‘Head of Gold.’

   C. (Chap. 6) The Reign of Darius.
      Darius was the Median, who was the ‘Breast, Shoulders and Arms of Silver.’ Daniel cast into the Lion’s Den.
II. (Chaps. 7 - 12) PROPHETIC LIGHT IN THE HISTORIC NIGHT.
Angel interprets Daniel's Dreams (Written in the First Person).

A. (Chaps. 7 - 8) Visions During the Reign of Belshazzar.
   1. (Chap. 7) The Vision of the 4 Great Carnivorous Beasts.
   2. (Chap. 8) The Vision of the Ram with 2 Horns, and the He Goat with one Notable Horn.

B. (Chap. 9) Vision of the 70 Weeks During Reign of Darius.
The 70 Weeks is one of the Key Prophecies of the Bible. The 70th Week is yet future - - - The Tribulation Period.

C. (Chap. 10) Vision of the Glory of the Lord and the Last Days of Israel during the Reign of Cyrus, King of Persia.

D. (Chap. 11) A Prophetic View of History from Darius into the Immediate future, but also leaping to the 'Time of the End.'


NOTE: The Church isn't looking for the ‘Abomination of the Desolation,’ but for ‘That Blessed Hope and the glorious appearing of the Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.’

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MAJOR PROPHETS
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

MINOR PROPHETS
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Major – Minor
Had nothing to do with their bulk or size.
The Major Prophets emphasized the KING, While the Minor Prophets emphasized the KINGDOM.

Prophecy is Simply History Written in Advance.
HISTORY is HIS–STORY


**Christ vs Anti-Christ**

**INTRODUCTION:**

#1 The PECULIAR SIGN of the END (The Very End) is the ‘Spirit of Anti-Christ’. (Matt. 24:5-12 and 29-25).

#2 The ‘MYSTERY OF INIQUITY’ has been working down through the ages to produce ‘Anti-Christ’s.’ (Men of Sin). All of the past and present Anti-Christ are but forerunners and types of the One Great Anti-Christ.

#3 The Coming of the Anti-Christ will be after ‘THE WORKING OF SATAN’ (2 Thess. 2), and he will fulfill the meaning of his name. ‘Anti’ means: Against, Opposed to and Hostile to the Christ. It also means: an Imitation or False Christ, and then he will Rival and Oppose Christ.

#4 He will possess the Super-Natural Power of Satan. Think of the Power of Demon possessed men of History: Cain, Nimrod, Goliath, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Alexander the Great, Caesars, Nero, Napoleon, Czars, Dictators like Hitler, Mussoline, Stalin, Castro and countless others. The Anti-Christ will be energized by the same Spirit and with greater Power than all of these put together. All the power of these and more.

#5 The ANTI-CHRIST’s great Opposition and Consuming Passion will be ‘. . . to make War with the SAINTS, and to overcome them . . .’ (Rev. 13:7)

**NOTICE THESE COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE CHRIST and THE ANTI-CHRIST**

1. **Christ is from Above** (John 6:38)  
   Anti-Christ Ascends from the Pit (Rev. 11:7).

2. **Christ Came in His Father’s Name** (John 5:43).  
   Anti-Christ Comes in His Own Name (John 5:43).

3. **Christ Humbles Himself** (Phil. 2:8).  
   Anti-Christ Exalts himself (2 Thes. 2:4).

   Anti-Christ Admired (Rev. 13:3-4).

5. **Christ Shall be Exalted** (Phil. 2:9).  

6. **Christ Came to Do His Father’s Will** (John 6:38).  
   Anti-Christ To Do his own will (Dan. 11:36).

7. **Christ Came to Seek & to Save** (Luke 19:10).  
   Anti-Christ Comes to Destroy (Dan. 8:24).

8. **Christ Is The Good Shepherd** (John 10:4-15).  
   Anti-Christ is the Idol (Evil) Shepherd (Zech. 11:16-17).

9. **Christ Is The True Vine** (John 15:1).  
   Anti-Christ is the ‘Vine of the Earth’ (Rev. 14:18).

10. **Christ Is the Truth** (John 14:5).  
    Anti-Christ is the Lie (2 Thes. 2:11).

11. **Christ is the Holy One** (Mark 1:24).  
    Anti-Christ is the ‘Lawless one’ (2 Thes. 2:8).

12. **Christ is the Man of Sorrows** (Isa. 53:3).  
    Anti-Christ is the Man of Sin (2 Thes. 2:3).
Christ vs Anti-Christ
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   Anti-Christ is the ‘Son of Perdition’ (2 Thes. 2:3).

   Anti-Christ is the ‘Mystery of Iniquity’ (2 Thes. 2:7).

   Anti-Christ will be Satan manifest in the Flesh (2 Thes. 2:7).

16. Christ Is the Seed of the Woman (Gen. 3:15).
   Anti-Christ is the Seed of the Serpent (Gen. 3:15).

    Anti-Christ is Darkness (2 Cor. 6:14).

    Anti-Christ is the Destroyer (1 Cor. 10:10).

    Anti-Christ is the Deceiver (Rev. 12:9).

20. Christ Has His Children of God (Rom. 8:16-17).
    Anti-Christ Has his Followers (Eph. 2:3).

21. Christ Has His Church (Matt. 16:18).
    Anti-Christ has his Synagogue (Rev. 3:9).

22. Christ Has His Holy City - Jerusalem (Rev. 21:10).
    Anti-Christ Has his City - Babylon (Rev. 18:10).

23. Christ Has His Throne of Grace (Heb. 4:16).
    Anti-Christ Has his Seat (Rev. 2:13).

24. Christ Has His Bride (Rev. 21:2).
    Anti-Christ Has his Harlot (Rev. 17:5-6).

25. Christ Has His Book --- The Bible (Eph. 6:17).
    Anti-Christ has his Versions (Per-versions) (2 Cor. 2:17).
Daniel - - - Saint & Prophet

Daniel 1:1-21

Key Verse: (2 Pet. 2:21) ‘For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but Holy Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.’

INTRO: Does it pay to serve God? Daniel was taken captive when he was a teenager (15-18) and carried off to a strange land, Babylon, never to see his home again. They changed his Home, his Name, his Diet, his Life Style. They took the boy out of the country, but they couldn’t take the country out of the boy. ‘Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he shall not depart from it.’

I. (3 - 7) DANIEL & HIS FRIENDS.
A. Other Children of Judah were taken but only 4 are named.
   The Others were either forgotten and/or just not mentioned.
   These 4 honored God’s Word above the King’s. They served and obeyed God regardless of the cost.

B. Names Changed --- To wean them from their own Religion and Customs.
   1. ‘Daniel’ (God Judges) to ‘Belteshazzar’ (Whom Bel Protects and Favors).
   2. ‘Hananiah’ (Beloved of the Lord) to ‘Shadrach’ (Illumined by the Sun God).
   3. ‘Meshael’ (Like the Lord) to ‘Meshach’ (Who is like Venus).
   4. ‘Azariah’ (Lord is my help) to ‘Abed-nego’ (Servant of Nego - God of Wisdom).

ILLUST: Abe Lincoln’s bill failed to pass. He was advised to change its’ name and try again.
   He said, ‘If you call a dog’s tail a leg, how many legs does it have?’ ‘Five?’ ‘Nope! Only four. Calling a tail a leg don’t make it so.’

NOTE: Changing a man’s name doesn’t changed his character.

II. (8 - 16) DANIEL & HIS CONVictions (Heart Purpose).
    What an honor! What a privilege! What an opportunity!

A. 1st Trial – Showed where he really stood.
   Didn’t take long to see what Daniel really believed.

B. King’s Meat & the King’s Wine – Daniel wasn’t trying to be a vegetarian, but did not want to defile himself with the luxurious food of the King’s Table. He wasn’t trying to be a dietary fanatic, but an obedient child of God.

   Israelites were restricted in their (1) Worship, (2) Dress, (3) Land, (4) Food, (5) Associates, (6) Education. This was to prevent their intergration with the unclean nations all around them. They were as we are ‘A Peculiar People’ (Private Possession, Personal Property, His own Purchased Possession) (1 Pet. 2:9).

III. (17-21) DANIEL & HIS REWARDS.
    Primary duty of the Church is a Spiritual Duty - - - Preaching the Word --- Winning the Lost --- Train Believers --- Equip the Saints --- Keep the Ordinances --- Be Faithful ’til Jesus comes.
    If a Church fails in these. It misses the mark.
    You may be called, ‘Ol’ Foggy’ or ‘Moss back’. But, I would rather be ‘Old Fashion’ with Jesus Christ than ride with the Devil in a Cadillac.

REWARDS: (1) Revelation, (2) Preservation, (3) Exaltation.
Dare to be a Daniel (Rom. 12:1-2 & 2 Cor. 6:14-18).
Daniel’s Conviction

Daniel 1:8

INTRO: Daniel was taken from his home and home city Jerusalem to the stronghold of this world’s system, the extreme opposite of the Holy Jerusalem (Peace) to the Un-Holy Babylon (Confusion). Babylon was the focal point, the capitol of the King of this world (Anti-christ). It stands in contrast with God’s Holy City whose King is God (Christ - King of Kings).

It is so unusual to find such strong convictions and such dedication in one so young, and it blesses me to see it then and now. God give us youth with these qualities.

How did Daniel become the Great Statesman, Prophet, Man of God that he was and became? Here are four suggestions:

I. HE WAS PURPOSED (Focused) ‘Daniel purposed in his heart . . .’
In this first Chapter of Daniel he was 15 or 16 years old and we find in the last verse of this Chapter that he is approximately 90 years of age (‘And Daniel continued even unto the first year of King Cyrus.’).

1. (Dan. 1:3-7) Daniel is 15-16 years old.
2. (Dan. 1:21) Daniel is 90 years old.
3. (Dan. 5:31) Darius (Medes) capture & kill Belshazzer.
4. (Dan. 6:1-2) Darius appoints 120 Princes, 3 Presidents, Daniel Chief.
5. (Dan. 7:1) Belshazzer (1st year) - Daniel’s Dream of 4 Beasts.
6. (Dan. 8:1) Belshazzer (3rd year) - Vision of the Ram & He Goat.
7. (Dan. 9:1)
8. (Dan. 10:1) Cyrus (Persia) 3rd Year.

II. HE WAS POLITE (Not stubborn, rebellious, resentful, bitter).

III. HE WAS PURE

IV. HE WAS PRAYFUL (Time with God, ‘He was a man of Prayer.’) (Dan. 6:10)
Darius (Daniel 80-90 years old) Thrown into the Lion’s Den.
Consistent with His whole life. He believed God & Trusted God to Answer).

NOTE: The Wisdom (Learning) of this World is the same as that of Babylon (Egypt):
1. Magic - Magicians - Black Magic
2. Astrology - Horoscopes
4. Chaldeans - Philosophy, Sciences,
5. Sorcerers - Dreamers,
6. Witchcraft - Drugs (Pharmacia)
7. Superstition -
Part 1

Dare to be a Daniel

Daniel 2:1-8; 17-21

I. PAST - - - We Reap the Sins of our Fathers.

Daddy – Mother — What you are doing or not doing today, does it affect your children? Answer is **YES**! Both **Immediately** and **Future**. Children, Grandchildren, and posterity even to the fourth and fifth generation.

Romans 5:12 ‘Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.’

We are all sinners by **Birth**, by **Nature**, by **Choice**, by **Practice**.

Can I help it if I’m born a Sinner? No! You can’t help that, but you do have a choice whether or not you stay a Sinner. You can choose to receive Christ as your substitute. He who knew no sin, became sin for you and died in your place on the Cross of Calvary. He paid your sin debt, a debt you could never pay. The Just for the unjust, the Righteous for the unrighteous, the Innocent for the guilty.

No! I’m not responsible for the sins of my father, but our father’s sin personally effects us and has repercussions in our lives. What I do - - Does effect my Children.

**EXAMPLE:** Your attitude toward God, His program, His Word, His Will, His Leaders, His Church - - - How does that effect your children?

You talk against God’s Leadership, you rebel against God’s will. Your Attitude is the Greatest and most Powerful Teacher. Your Attitude teaches them much more than you realize. What is your attitude toward — God, Bible, Church, Pastor, Members, Missions, Sunday School, Worship, Giving, Serving? Your attitude toward your Family: Wife, Husband, Children, Grandparents!

Daniel had to suffer because of His Fathers!

Mothers – Fathers – Your Marriage leaves its mark on your children.

**ILLUST:** Jacob lied to his father, later Jacob’s 10 sons lied to him. His sin came back 10 fold to haunt him. We do reap what we sow, and usually a whole lot more.

- No Nation Sins and Gets by with it.
- No Family Sins and Gets by with it.
- No Individual Sins and Gets by with it.

II. PRESENT - - - Satan’s Attempt – Intergration & Assimilation.

(v. 4b–5) ‘Let’s educate God out of their lives. We will make them like us. God’s Choice people - - - We will make them like us.’

World says: ‘We can not – we must not – we dare not Leave Them as They are. We must change them, make them like us. Change everything.’
Part 2

**Dare to be a Daniel**
Daniel 1:1-8; 17-21

They changed their:  
- **Land** --- The Promised Land for ‘Babylon, Land of Shinar.’  
- **Dwelling** --- The House of God for ‘House of Nebuchadnezzar.’  
- **Clothing** ---  
- **Home Life** --- Food, Diet  
- **Religion** ---  
- **Education** --- ‘...teach the learning . . . of the Chaldeans’ (1:4). ‘Magician, astrology, sorcerers, soothsayers, etc.’  
- **Language (talk)** ---  
- **Names** --- Pagan names honoring Pagan gods.

Daniel  ‘God is my Judge’  to  Belteshazzer (Bel will protect).  
Hananiah  ‘God is Gracious’  to  Shadrack (Worship of Moon God).  
Mishael  ‘God is Almighty, unequaled’  to  Meshrach (Worship of Wine Goddess)  
Azariah  ‘God is my helper’  to  Abednego (Servant of Nego).

Example: It’s the Devil’s job to get you to CONFORM, and be like everybody else.

III. DANIEL’S DECISION - - - Daniel Dared --- Purposed (He was already at the top, he belonged to the King’s Cabinet).  

‘Purposed’ - - - ‘Purposed’ - - - Deliberate (Premeditated, resolved).  
‘Heart’ - - - The real important decisions in life are made with the ‘Heart.’  
Vowed - - - That he was going to honor and live for God, regardless of the price. Honor God, Live for God, Give God first place, Be Pure, Clean (Holy), Obey God.

Even though they changed everything, they didn’t change him.  
Faith honors God, and God honors Faith and Faithfulness.
The Book of Daniel
(605 – 536 B.C.)

1. Daniel was a teenager (somewhere between 14 and 18, probably 16) taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar during Babylon’s first siege of Jerusalem in 605 B.C.

2. He was of royal blood (2 Chron. 36:6; Isa. 39:7; Dan. 1:3).

3. He faithfully served under at least 7 Kings:
   1. Nabo-Polassar, (625 to 604 B.C.)
   2. Nebuchadnezzar, (606 to 560 B.C. --- 45 years)
   5. Labash-Marduk, (556 B.C.)
   6. Nabonidas, (555 to 536 B.C.) Son of Nebuchadnezzar’s 2nd wife. Also, called ‘Labyretus’.
      (Medes capture Nabonidas and kill his son, Belshazzar).
   8. Darius the Mede (536 to 539 B.C.)
   9. Cyrus (Persian) (536 to _____ B.C.)
INTRO: This Chapter is one of the most famous chapters in the entire Bible. It could have a variety of good titles:

The Times of the Gentiles
A B C’s of Bible Prophecy
The Rise & Fall of Men’s Governments
The Mountain Peak of Bible Prophecy
Development & Decline of World Power

Daniel Chap. 2 gives the clearest outline and understanding of Bible Prophecy found anywhere. This chapter reveals the Period of Time from Daniel (606 B.C.) until the glorious Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Prophecy is simply History written in Advance. Remember, all of these events were yet future when Daniel wrote them. All of them have been fulfilled except the final stages. These too will come to pass.

NOTE: Daniel 2:4 through 7:28 is written in Aramaic (Syriac) (v. 4).

HISTORY = HIS – STORY

I. (1 - 13) THE DISTURBED KING’S FORGOTTEN DREAM.

A. (1 - 9) The Troubled King – Nebuchadnezzar was specially chosen by God to rule the known world of his day (Jerm. 27:4-8).

Notice Four Things:
1. (v. 1) The CAUSE of his troubled Spirit --- A reoccurring Dream.
2. (v. 2) The COMMAND
3. (3 - 6) The CONDITION --- ‘... or else ... slain ... houses dunghill.’
4. (7 - 9) The CONSTERNATION --- No wonder!!! The Finite Man trying to interpret the INFINITE GOD.

NOTE: The MAGICIANS practiced magic, superstitious rituals and ceremonies of fortune tellers, soothsayers, etc.

The ASTROLOGERS were men who foretold the future by a study of the Stars, Zodiac.

The SORCERERS pretended to hold communication with the Dead. They used potions, drugs, & claimed to possess super natural power through Evil (Demon) Spirits.

The CHALDEANS were a group of Philosophers who made Sciences their speciality. Daniel and his friends belonged to this group.

B. (10-13) The Failure of Human Wisdom --- Failure, Fear, Fall.

II. (14-18) DANIEL & HIS COMPANIONS PRAY FOR WISDOM.

Daniel knew the truth of where 2 or 3 were gathered together in His Name (Matt. 6:6 & 18:19). They were praying out of necessity, their lives depended on it.

Prayer to the Rescue --- When all else fails - - - P R A Y.
Part Two

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

Daniel 2:1-49

III. (19–30) PRAYER ANSWERED, PRAISE GIVEN, & AUDIENCE with the KING.


B. (20-23) Daniel Praises God for Answered Prayer - - -

He gave God all the Glory & Praise. How often we forget to praise God for answered prayers! Daniel worshipped Him for His 1Greatness, His 2Goodness, His 3Wisdom, His 4Power, and His 5Revelation. It’s of God, and not of Man.

C. (24-30) Daniel Before the King - - - Though the Revelation was given to Daniel, he didn’t take the credit for himself (v. 23), but included his friends.

NOTE: Contrast - - - Who found who? (vs. 24-25).

IV. (31–35) DANIEL DESCRIBES THE KING’S DREAM TO HIM.

So many times in reading about Nebuchadnezzar’s dream we get so involved with the different materials of the image and their meaning we forget the most important part of the Dream. The Smiting Stone broke in pieces and crushed the kingdoms of this world and that it grew until it filled the whole earth - - - The Millennial Reign of Christ.

V. (36–45) THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DREAM - - - The Times of the Gentiles.

A. (37–38) Head of Gold - - - Nebuchadnezzar - - - Babylon Empire.

B. (v. 39a) Breast & Arms of Silver - - - Medo-Persian Empire.

C. (v. 39b) Belly & Thighs of Brass - - - Grecian Empire.

D. (40–43) Legs of Iron – Feet & Toes a Mixture of Clay & Iron - - - Democracy - - - Roman Empire.

E. (44–45) The Smiting Stone (Christ) - - - Everlasting Kingdom - - - Theocracy.

Another Good Title for this Chapter:

SCRAPE METAL FOR SALE

Gold - - - Silver - - - Brass - - - Iron

The Clay is Free.

VI. (46-49) GOD IS HONORED & DANIEL IS PROMOTED - - -

1 RECOGNITION - - - ‘. . . made Daniel a great man . . .’

2 REWARDED - - - ‘. . . gave him many great gifts . . .’

3 RULER - - - ‘. . . made him ruler over the whole province . . .’

4 RANK - - - ‘. . . Chief of the governors . . . wise men of Babylon.’

5 REQUEST - - - ‘. . . requested . . .’ promotion for his three friends.

6 ROYALTY - - - ‘. . . sat in the gate of the King . . .’

NOTE: The central truth which Daniel taught Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2 and 4, and of which he reminded Belshazzar in chapter 5:18-23, and which Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged in chapter 4: 34-37, and which Darius confessed in chapter 6:35-37, and which was the basis of Daniel’s prayers in chapter 2 and 9, and of his confidence in defying authority in chapter 3, and which formed the stable substance of all the disclosures which God made to Daniel in Chapters 2,4,7,8,10,11 and 12, is the truth that

‘The Most High Ruleth in the Kingdom of Men.’

(Daniel 4:17,25,32 and 5:21)
The Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:1–30

K.V.: (Isa. 43:2) ‘When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the Fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.’

INTRO: The events of this chapter happened about 23 years after chapter 2. Both chapters have an image (statue). Chap. 2, the Statue is from God; whereas, the Statue of Chap. 3 was Man’s (Nebuchadnezzar’s) idea. In Chap. 2, the Statue was strictly governmental (instructional, historical), but Chap. 3, it was an object of Worship, Religious. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream became a vision of personal pride, and rather than just a head of gold, he would outdo God, and make the whole Image of gold.

As a Super-power (ruling 127 countries) he realizes he must form a ‘One World Church’ before he can control them. This has always been Man’s (Anti-Christ’s, Satan’s) Objective since Lucifer’s rebellion in Heaven (Isa. 14:12-15), expressed so plainly in Nimrod (Gen. 10:9-11 & 11:2-4).

Three Basic Rules of Interpretation: ¹ All Scripture has One Primary Interpretation; ² Several Practical applications; and ³ Prophetic Revelation. This is especially true with this Chapter.

I. (1 – 7) THE GOLDEN IMAGE or The ONE WORLD CHURCH.

A. (v. 1) THE GOLDEN IMAGE - - - This Image (as all idols) are symbolic of AntiChrist. Everything about this Image suggests the Anti-Christ whose number is 666 (Rev. 13:18).

Note: This Idol is marked with 3 sixes (666): 60 cubits high, 6 cubits wide, & accompanied by 6 musical instruments.

B. (v. 1) THE PLAIN OF DURA - - - (Same place as Tower of Babel --- Gen. 10:10). Babylon & Babel are the same. Nimrod (Anti-Christ) named it Bab-el (Gate to God), but God called it Confusion, because it was Imitation, it was made of Brick (Man-made stone) & not of Stone, and it was put together with Slime, not Mortar (Gen. 11:3). It is always mentioned as opposed to God. The Seat of Anti-Christ.

C. (v. 2) THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS ARE INVITED TO THE DEDICATION.

Eight different offices are mention and there were many others from each country, and there were 127 countries. I doubt that they realized the real reason why they were invited, and what it was all about. A King’s invitation was more like a Command than just a simple invitation.

To ignore, reject the King’s invitation, was to insult his position as your King.

D. (4 - 7) THE COMMAND WITH THE THREAT OF THE FIERY FURNACE.

BOW or BURN

WHY? ONE WORLD CHURCH - - - The World cannot be controlled without a Universal Religion, there must be Unity to control. The King counted on their Love of Life and Fear of Suffering to bring them in line. Religion of FARCE, FORCE, FEAR & FIRE.

II. (8 – 18) THE FAITHFUL THREE or The Faithful Remnant.

A. (8 - 12) Their Accusers - - - Jealousy, Hatred, & Hypocrisy prompted their accusations.

They brought 3 Charges against them:

1. No regard for the King.
2. They serve not thy gods.
3. They do not worship the Image.

Satan is our Accuser (Rev. 12:10).
Part 2

The Fiery Furnace
Daniel 3:1–30

B. (13–15) Their Second Opportunity To Publicly Submit.
‘. . . Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?’
This was not the King’s attitude in 2:47 (23 years earlier). What has happened?

C. (16–18) Their Brave Answer & Their Testimony of Faith.
What a Picture! The Great King on his throne with 1000s of dignitaries watching and these 3 Jews say: ‘We are not careful (afraid or hesitate) to answer thee . . .’
‘He is able’ - - - Yes, He is able to: Convict of Sin, Forgive, Cleanse, Save, Change, Impower, Supply, Keep, Present Faultless.

NOTICE SIX (6) THINGS:
1. Confession - - - - - - - GOD
2. Possession - - - - - - - OUR GOD
3. Consecration - - - - - - - WHOM WE SERVE
4. Separation - - - - - - - WE WILL NOT SERVE THY GODS
5. Assurance - - - - - - - OUR GOD IS ABLE
6. Resolution - - - - - - - WE WILL NOT WORSHIP GOLDEN IMAGE

Rather BURN than TURN

III. (19–25) THE HARMLESS FURNACE - - - The Miraculous Deliverance.
A. (19–23) The Fiery Furnace - - - Made 7 times hotter (Probably with oil or pitch). The Strongest Soldiers, not weaklings.
B. (24–25) The Divine Companion - - - Three, yet Four. One of the many personal appearances of Christ in the Old Testament. ‘Yea, though I walk through the __________ I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me . . . ’ (Psa. 23:4).
Deliverance IN and THRU but not FROM their trial. NOTICE:
1. They did not come forth until commanded.
2. They were not alone in the Furnace.
3. The Fire had no effect on them.
Four Things: 1. Fire had no power (v, 27)
2. Not a hair was singed
3. Their coats not changed
4. Not even the smell of smoke on them.

They wouldn't BEC --- BEND --- BOW --- BURN

IV. (26–30) THE KING’S DECREE & The Faithful Three’s Promotion.

NOTE: People from all over the World of that day came to honor the King and to bow before his Image. When they left Babylon they were not talking about the great golden image of Nebuchadnezzar, but rather about the God of Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. How their God had over-ruled the greatest king on earth and miraculously delivered His faithful followers. What a testimony! And all because they were faithful without compromise. We have our greatest opportunities to witness in the Fiery Furnaces of Life. The whole world is watching us to see what we will do under pressure. Praise God, He is Able!
Tree Vision of Nebuchadnezzar
Dan. 4:1–37

INTRO: It is common for Kings to leave a Testimony of their greatest achievements in the Chronicles of the Kings. This Chapter is Nebuchadnezzar’s testimony of his conversion. He could easily have recorded his great Military feats (conquering the known world of his day), or he could have recorded his building the great Babylonian Empire or the magnificent city of Babylon with it Hanging Gardens (One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient world), or even the length of his rule (45 years) and all of its successes. This Chapter Four is the actual testimony of Nebuchadnezzar and his confession of Faith.

I. (1–3) Nebuchadnezzar’s Explanation for writing His Confession of Faith.
The King was so overwhelmed by God's dealings with him that, humiliating as it was, he wanted the world to know about it. Probably many others needed the same lesson, truth, and experience. Nebuchadnezzar is telling why he wrote this.

II. (4–18) Nebuchadnezzar’s Tree Vision.
(v. 4) King describes his situation:
1. He was both ‘Secure’ and ‘Prospering.’
2. In both his private & public (official) lives, he was in control of everything. Totally satisfied.
   • He has conquered all his enemies
   • He had gloriously built, enlarged & beautified Babylon
   • He ruled the world of his day (Super-power).
(6-7, 18) Wise men failed - - - Blind leaders of the Blind. (Man’s wisdom inadequate).
(14–17) Then, God Spoke - - -
(8–18) The Dream is related to Daniel


IV. (28–37) Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream in Fulfilled.
A. (28–30) Nebuchadnezzar’s Pride
(v. 29) One year later - - - Space given for Repentance.
(v. 30) Lifted up in Pride
B. (31–33) Nebuchadnezzar’s Humiliation
C. (34–37) Nebuchadnezzar’s Acknowledgement of God’s Absolute Sovereignty and His Restoration.

LESSONS:
#1 On Pride and its consequences. (Lust of the flesh, lust of eyes, & pride of life)
#2 Every good and perfect gift comes from God, from above. (Life, Time, Talent, etc.)
#3 Accountability Certainly we are accountable to one another, but especially to God
#4 God’s Kingdom is an Eternal (everlasting) and Continually (generation to generation).
#5 Man is his own worse enemy (Sin, Satan & Self) (Sin, Satan uses Self to destroy us)
The Handwriting on the Wall

Daniel 5:1–31

Key Verse: (James 1:15) ‘. . . Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.’

INTRO: Belshazzar’s Feast is the Turning Point in Babylon’s History. Belshazzar’s death is also Babylon’s Death. The Fall of Belshazzar was also the fall of Babylon and marked the change from the Head of Gold (Dan. 2) to the ‘Arms and shoulders of Silver’ (Medes and Persians).

Babylon was the most magnificent city in the whole world in ancient history. It was 15 miles square with 1 million population. Its great walls about it were impossible to invade, or so they thought. The city was self contained; in that, it could withstand a siege for many years. The River Euphrates ran under the walls and through the city. It was also known for its Hanging Gardens (one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world) and its great palace of Nebuchadnezzar. The Medes and the Persians were already surrounding the city demanding a surrender. Belshazzar shows his contempt for their feeble efforts by throwing this great drunken party. He felt safe and secure, but defeat and death were only minutes away.

I. (1–4) BELSHAZZAR’S GREAT FEAST - - - Sin At It’s Worse! ! !
Mocking (making fun of) God --- Desecrating (desecration = that which has been dedicated for God’s service used in service of sin). Holy Things --- Trampling underfoot the Blood, despising the Holy Spirit --- Hating the Cross. This is a Deliberate Mocking (Ridiculing God as ALL SIN is). This was his fatal moment, his cup of iniquity is full, his doom is sealed. (Heb. 10:26-29)

NOTE: Belshazzar is literally the Grandson of Nebuchadnezzar. There is no word in the Semitic (Arabic) for Grandfather or Grandson.

II. (5–9) THE HANDWRITING OF THE WALL - - - The Turning Point of the Feast.
A. (v. 5) The Means - - - Fingers of a Man’s Hand - - - Four times in the Bible, God is said to write:
   1. TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exo. 31:18).
   2. JUDGMENT (Dan. 5:5).
   3. GRACE (John 8:6).
   4. HEART (Life) (2 Cor. 3:2-3).
B. (v. 6) The Effect - - - That Proud, Wicked, Blaspheming Sinner now becomes a Trembling, Scared, Coward. Man may be a Loud, Braggart, Boisterous, until he comes face to face with a Holy God (Rom. 14:12).
C. (7–9) The Failure - - - Again the Worldly Wise fail and fall --- WHY?
   It takes a ‘Man of God ‘ to interpret the ‘Word (warnings) of God.’

III. (10–16) THE FORGOTTEN DANIEL BEFORE A FRIGHTENED KING.
What a man Daniel is! He is at least 90 years old at this point; yet he is still serving.

IV. (17–28) THE MEANING OF THE HAND-WRITING - - - The Interpretation.
A. (v. 17) Daniel’s Refusal (Not for sale) - - - He knew how empty the King’s Promises were. Babylon is doomed, the King is powerless to fulfil; in fact, he has but minutes to live.
B. (18-23) Daniel’s Rebut - - - Remember your Grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar fulfills: (Rom. 1:30) ‘Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.’
C. (24-28) The Interpretation - - - Daniel was more than an Interpreter, He was God’s Messenger with God’s Message.

V. (29–31) DANIEL’S REWARD and BELSHAZZAR’S DEATH.
Destruction In A Moment
Daniel 5:1-31

Key Verse: ‘He that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.’ (Prov. 29:1)

INTRO: We live in a Fast, Sudden, Instant World today. Instant Pudding, Coffee, Tea, Soup, Food, Credit, Banking, Communication, Transportation, etc. But, there has always been Instant - - Creation, Translation, Glory, Rapture, Salvation, and Judgment.

3 Stages of Destruction In A Moment:

1. Gaiety
2. Fun
3. Grave

1. Noah (Gen. 6)
2. Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen. 19)
3. Passover (Exo. 12)
4. Belshazzar (Dan. 5)
5. Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Earthquakes, etc.
6. Babylon (Rev. 18)
7. Second Coming (Rapture) (Matt. 24:27)

I. THE SIN - - -

1. Deceitfulness of Sin
2. Defilement of Sin
3. Degradingness of Sin
4. Disgrace of Sin
5. Delusion of Sin
6. Dissipation of Sin
7. Destruction of Sin
8. Death of Sin

EXPRESSED IN FOUR (4) WAYS:

1. DRUNKENNESS --- The King was already wicked and ungodly, but even more so because of Drink. Drunkenness brings out the worst in us.

2. DISREGARD FOR HOLY & SPIRITUAL THINGS:
Not enough to drink to their gods (Gold, Silver, Brass, etc), but they blasphemed the Sacred and Holy vessels dedicated to the Lord God. What a day we live in, when the world desecrates the Holy Things of God: 1 God’s People, 2 God’s Word, 3 God’s Glory, 4 God’s Name, 5 God’s House, 6 God’s Day, 7 God’s Man. As man willfully rebels against God, he gradually gets bolder in his sin.

3. PRIDE --- (v. 22) ‘Thou has not humbled thine heart.’ (also, James 4:17)

4. DANGER NEAR --- Danger of Hell Fire (Luke 12:20 ‘Thou fool, this night . . .’) Sinners fail to see the nearness of Danger, Hell, Judgment, Damnation.

II. THE SIGN (Warning) --- Warning will either Humble or Harden Us. It takes more to shake people up today, so hardened. No day continues forever, No night without an end.

God Spoke – Handwriting on the Wall – Sudden, Mysterious, Real. It stopped the Party.

Repent or Perish (Flood, Jonah, Lot, Jesus - Luke 13:5)

III. THE SENTENCE (Judgment) ---
• The night of His greatest glory
• The night of his Wickedest Sin
• The night of his Complete Destruction (both the King and his Nation).
   The death of King Belshazzar was also the death of Babylon.

CONCLUSION: True also of:

1. Belshazzar
2. Thief on the Cross
3. King Herod (Worms)
4. Judas
5. Rich Man (Thou Fool)
6. Lucifer (Isa. 14 - Satan’s 5 I Will of God’s 5 I Will in Eze.28)
SIN UNTO DEATH
Dan. 5:23; Num. 15:30-31; I John 5:16

INTRO: What is the most common experience of man? Death? Yes! It is appointed unto man once to die. Death is the lot of all flesh except for the translation of Believer's at the Coming of Christ in the air (Rapture). Surely, the most common experience of all mankind is BIRTH. Solomon in his inspired wisdom said that there was a time for everything, a time to be born and time to die (Eccl.3:2). Man's allotted time is three score and ten (70 yrs), but there seems to be the possibility of shortening or of lengthening this. Why will ye die before your time (Eccl. 7:17) 'Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?' If by reason of (Psa. 90:10) 'The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.'

In the case of many mentioned in the Bible, they were cut-off before their time because of their sin against God. These are but a few of the best known examples in the Bible:

1. Adam & Eve - - - Gen. 2:17
2. Lot's Wife (Pillar of Salt) - - - Gen. 19:26
3. Nadab & Abihu (2 sons of Aaron) Strange fire offered - - - Lev. 10:1
4. Moses - - - Struck Rock Twice - - - Num. 20:11
5. Miriam - - - Leprosy & Death - - - Num. 12
6. Korah, Dathan, & Abiram - Earth opened, alive into pit - - - Num. 16
7. Achin - - - Josh. 7:20-21
8. Uzza - Reached out & touched the Ark - - - I Chron. 13:10
9. King Saul - - - (Disobedience in sparing Agag & Amalekites) I Sam. 15:17, 22-23, 26; & I Sam. 28:18
10. King Jehoiakim - Slashed Word of God, threw it in fire - Rejected - - - Jerm. 36:23, 30
11. King Belshazzar - Used Vessels of God to worship his own gods - - - Dan. 5:22-23
12. Haman - Hanged on gallows he had prepared for Mordecai - - - Esther 7:10
13. King Herod - Slaughter of the Innocents - - - Matt. 2:16-19
14. Judas - Betrayed Jesus (Kissed door of Heaven, Went to Hell) - - - Matt. 26:49
15. Ananias & Sapphira - Lied to Holy Spirit about giving - - - Acts 5:3,9
16. King Herod - Many sins, but one special sin, gave not God glory - - - Acts 12:23
17. Also: Samson, King Ahab & Queen Jezebel, Absalom, and many others.

NOTE: Calvary (The Three Crosses) is an excellent picture of Men and their deaths:
1. The Man on one side DIED IN HIS SIN - With his sin both in him & upon him.
2. The Man on the other side DIED TO HIS SIN - With his sin upon Jesus Christ.
3. The Christ DIED FOR SIN - No sin in Him, but sin of whole world upon Him.

Rom. 1:32 ‘Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.’

2 Pet. 2:1-2 ‘But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.’

Num. 15:30-31 ‘But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.’

James 4:17 ‘Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.’
The End of Sin’s Banquet

Daniel 5:1-31

Key Verse: (5:25) ‘And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.’

INTRO: What God writes is meant to be Read and Heeded. We are going to be held accountable for His Warnings whether they be from a Burning Bush, Tables of Stone, Handwriting on the Wall, Prophets, Priests, Preachers, the Written Word, or the Spoken Word, through Trials, Troubles, Tribulations, Sickness, Circumstances. God knows how to get our attention, and this is just one of many ways, and we had best pay attention. When God says that Man is lost and needs to be saved, we better listen. That we can’t save ourselves; then we must realize that only God can save us, forgive us, cleanse and keep us until He presents us faultless in His presence.

THE END OF SIN’S BANQUET

There is a great difference between the Opening of the Banquet of Sin and it Close.

ILLUST: Young man, suppose you had looked in on that Banquet in the first few hours, seen the fun they were having, heard their laughter and merriment. Wished you had been invited, that you could be with them, enjoying their party. If only you had been invited and could join in. But, when you look in a little later, near the close of the banquet, and see the sudden change that takes place, hear the horrible cries, and the fear that encompasses them. Even the King is shaking and his knees are knocking together and a ghastly look upon his and their faces. Suddenly your Blood Curdles with horror, you break out into a Cold, Clammy Sweat, turn pale, and your heart almost faints. So glad you weren’t there after all.

THREE KINGS

1. King of Babylon --- Belshazzar --- Suddenly cut off, and that without remedy.

2. King of Kings --- God --- Handwriting on the Wall, interpreted by His Servant. Daniel did not write this Message, God did. Daniel was God’s Messenger.

3. King of Terrors --- Death --- Has His own banquet (Job 18:14).
   • Lateness of the Hour --- Nearness of the danger, Later than you think. Draw nigh while He is near.
   • Human Blood is the Wine
   • Dying Screams, Moans, Groans
   • Music --- Funeral Dirge
   • How Horrible --- The Dying, Doomed, Lost Souls of Men.

The Finished Product of the Brewers Art

‘Sin, when it is finished bringeth forth DEATH.’

(Isa. 55:6-7) ‘Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.’

(Isa. 59:1-2) ‘Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.’

(1 John 1:9) ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.’
INTRO: This incident actually happened 2500 years ago, but it has End Time (Last Days) application. King Nebuchadnezzar's defiance and pride were destroyed by God (Dan. 4), but the seeds sown continued to grow until 23 years later, they are fully developed in his grandson, Belshazzar. We see the same spirit that was in Belshazzar expressed in the world in these Last Days (2 Tim. 3). The spirit of that day is intensified in the world's spirit of today. Remember there were a 1000 of his lords there, plus all the women and other guests. Surely there could have been 2000 or more present, plus, the servants, etc.

I. BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST WAS INSULTING TO GOD.
   A. HIS DRUNKENESS INSULTED GOD.
      1. His Feast was a Time of Godless Idolatry (1a).
      2. His Feast was a Time of Gross Immorality (1b).
   B. HIS DEBAUCHERY INSULTED GOD.
      1. His Drunkeness
         • Distorted his Reasoning (2a)
         • Destroyed his Restraint (2b)
      2. He Desecrated that which was Holy and Sacred: Vessels of gold and Silver - - -
         • Gold --- Deity
         • Silver --- Redemption
         Trampled under foot the blood of Christ.
      3. He Defied God:
         • Drinking wine from Vessels
         • Toasting the gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, etc.

II. BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST WAS INTERRUPTED BY GOD.
   A. The Handwriting on the Wall. The party is over, the gaiety is gone.
      • The Man's Hand was writing to Belshazzar and was from God.
      • All saw this mysterious writing, but none understood it.
   B. The King is Scared to Death ---
      • His appearance completed changes
      • His attitude changes
      • His actions change
      • His advisors (wise men) failed him.

III. BELSHAZZAR'S FINAL HOURS. (5:10-31)
   A. (10-17) Daniel, God's Man, was available:
      1. Recommended to Belshazzar (vs 10-12)
      2. Received by Belshazzar (v. 13)
      3. Respected by Belshazzar (vs 14-15)
      4. Revealing to Belshazzar (v. 16)
   B. (v. 17) Daniel refuses the Rewards & Promotion of the King
      • Refused the Rewards
      • Reveals the Revelation
   C. (18-28) Daniel Rebukes the King:
      1. (18-20) Reminds Belshazzar of his father's Pride
      2. (v. 21) Reminds Belshazzar of his father's Punishment (7 yrs with beasts)
      3. (22-23) Rebukes Belshazzar of his own foolish Pride
      4. (v. 24) Reassures Belshazzar of his own future Punishment
         • The Duration of his kingdom (Thy kingdom is numbered)
         • The Doom of the King
         • The Division of the kingdom (v. 28)
   D. (30-31) The King and His Kingdom were Doomed & Die Together.

'There is a last night for every nation, and there is a last night for every person.'
INTRO: Whatever else may be in this Chapter, the principal of ‘The Victory of Faith’ is the outstanding lesson. Daniel at this time is 85-90 years old. He was not only made 1 of 3 Presidents over all the Kingdom by King Darius, but he was also First of the Three. Daniel's preference created both envy and fear in the other Presidents and Princes, for they knew Daniel wouldn't stand for dishonesty and graft in the Empire. He was too Good and too Honest for them. He was still unspotted from the Luxury, Lust and Licentiousness of Babylon. He was still dedicated to God.

I. (1 – 3) DANIEL’S POSITION (cf vs. 3,4 with 1:8).

Others who PURPOSED:
- DAVID (I Kings 5:5)
- ISAIAH (Isa. 14:27)
- GIVING (2 Cor. 9:7)

II. (4 – 9) DANIEL’S PERIL
A. The Cause - - - Envy (v. 4) (Prov. 14:30; 27:4; and Matt. 27:18).
B. Their Testimony - - - (vs. 4 - 5)
   1. They could find no fault in his Public Life.
   2. They could find nothing wrong in his Private Life.
   3. Therefore, They resorted to attacking his Spiritual Life.

III. (10–11) DANIEL’S PIETY - - - His Faith & His Faithfulness.
A. Daniel Knew - - - He knew:
   1. Their Devilish scheme, and
   2. What it would cost him to take a bold, faithful stand.
B. Daniel’s Habit - - - A Life Time Habit (Daniel was not a secret Disciple).
C. Daniel’s Prayer - - -
   - Faced Jerusalem
   - Thanked God
   - Supplication (Praying for others)

IV. (12–17) DANIEL’S PERSECUTION - - -
B. (14-15) The Intercession - - - The King is displeased with himself.
C. (16-17) The Execution - - - The Law of the Medes and Persians.

V. (18–23) DANIEL’S PRESERVATION - - -
A. (18-20) The King’s Concern
B. (v. 22) The Lord’s Care - - - Who was this Angel?
C. (v. 22) The Servant’s Confession - - -

VI. (v. 24) THE PUNISHMENT - - - What Poetic Justice!

VII. (25–28) THE PROCLAMATION - - - (v. 26) Darius’ Confession.

NOTE: Among all of the Lions, there was another LION there - - -
- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah – the Lord Jesus Christ.
**Daniel’s Dedication**

Daniel 6:1-28

**Key Verse:** (Dan. 6:20) ‘O Daniel, is thy God, . . . . able to deliver thee.’

**INTRO:** The Head of Gold, the Babylonian King and Kingdom, have been replaced by the Shoulders & Arms of Silver, the Medes & Persians, but the old prophet of God is still alive, & faithful in his conviction of separation. His dedication to God brought this great trial of his faith (Heb. 11:33), and his faith in God brought victory into his life and a testimony for others.

**I. (1 – 17) DANIEL WAS UNCONDITIONALLY DEDICATED TO HIS GOD.**

A. (1 – 3) DANIEL’S DEDICATION RESULTED IN HIS RECOGNITION.

1. (1 - 2) Daniel’s Leadership Was Recognized by Darius.
   a. (1 - 2a) He was chosen to be over the Presidents of Babylon.
   b. (v. 2b) He was chosen be over the Possessions of Babylon.
2. (v. 3) Daniel’s Life Was Respected by Darius.

B. (4 – 9) DANIEL’S DEDICATION RESULTED IN RESENTMENT.

1. (4 - 5) This caused the other Presidents to Despise Daniel.
   a. (v. 4) They hated his Honesty.
   b. (v. 5) They hated his Holiness.
2. (6 - 9) This Caused the Other Presidents To Deceive Darius.
   a. (6-7a) They commenced with Falsehood.
   b. (7b-9) They concluded with Flattery.

C. (10–11) DANIAL’S DEDICATION RESULTED IN RESOLUTION.

1. (v. 10) Daniel Was Determined To Pray.
   a. He knelt in Conspicuous Prayer.
   b. He knelt in Courageous Prayer.
   c. He knelt in Continuous Prayer.
   d. He knelt in Confident Prayer.
2. (v. 11) Daniel Was Detected in Prayer.

D. (12–17) DANIEL’S DEDICATION RESULTED IN REPRISAL.

1. (12-15) The Enemy Succeeded In Confounding Darius.
   a. (v. 12) They commenced with a reminder of Darius’ Decree.
   b. (v. 13) They continued with a report of Daniel's Disobedience.
   c. (14-15) They climaxed with a reminder of Darius’ Dilemma.
2. (16-17) The Enemy Succeeded In Condemning Daniel.
   a. (v. 16) The Sentence was announced by Darius.
   b. (v. 17) The Seal was applied by Darius.

**II. DANIEL WAS UNIQUELY DELIVERED BY HIS GOD.**

A. (18–20) DARIUS PASSED A SLEEPLESS EVENING.

1. (v. 18) He Endured the Night with Sleepless Fasting.
2. (19-20) He Ended the Night with Some Faith.
   a. (v. 19) He went in haste to the lion’s den.
   b. (v. 20) He went with hope to the lion’s den.

B. (21–23) DARIUS PASSED A SAFE EVENING.

1. (21-22) Daniel was Living and in Good Spirit.
   a. (v. 21) He addressed Darius as His Superior.
   b. (v. 22) He assured Darius of his Safety.
2. (v. 23) Daniel was Lifted and in Good Shape.

C. (v. 24) DARIUS PUNISHED THE SCHEMING ENEMIES.

1. (v. 24a) Their Lives condemned them.
2. (v. 24b) The Lions consumed them.

D. (25–28) DARIUS PASSED A SECOND EDICT.

1. (25-27) He Recognized Daniel's God
   a. (25-26) He Recognized God's Person.
   b. (v. 27) He Recognized God’s Power.
2. (v. 28) He Rewarded Daniel’s Godliness.

**Conclusion:** This is the last Historical Chapter in this Book of Daniel and contains a prophetical view of the deliverance of the faithful remnant from the wrath of the Anti-Christ (2 Thess. 2:4 and Rev. 7:3,14; 12:13)
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606 B.C.
Babylonian Empire
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Belshazzar

536 B.C.
Medo-Persian Empire
Chest & Arms of Silver - - - Bear
Darius
Cyrus

230 B.C.
Grecian Empire
Belly-Thighs of Brass - - - Leopard with Wings
Alexander the Great
4 Generals

30 B.C.
Roman Empire
Legs Iron - - - 4th Beast - 10 Horns, Lit’ Horn
Feet & Toes Mixture of Iron & Clay
Roman Empire divided -- 364 A.D.

Revived Roman Empire
10 Toes - - - 10 Horns
Little Horn

Man’s Viewpoint

God’s Viewpoint
INTRO: This Chapter begins the second major division of the Book of Daniel. Here are a Series of Visions all of them given to Daniel, and all of them are interpreted.

Dan. 7:1 - - - Was given in the First (1st) Year of King Belshazzar. (Before Dan. 5).

Dan. 8:1 - - - Was given in the Third (3rd) Year of King Belshazzar.

Dan. 9:1 - - - Was given in the First (1st) Year of King Darius.

Dan. 10:1 - - - Was given in the Third (3rd) Year of King Cyrus (King of Persia).

Dan. 11:1 - - - Was given in the First (1st) Year of King Darius the Mede.
The Kingdoms of Man Produce the Anti-Christ

# 1  Dan. 2 cf Dan. 7 - - -

Man sees in the Kingdoms of the World the Concentration of
WEALTH, MAJESTY, & POWER, but
God sees them as a succession of Ravenous, Wild Beasts - - -
Devouring one another. Each more vicious than the other (Herods, Ahabs, Caesars, .... Hitler, Stalin, Saddam Husein, Arifat, Ben Ladin, Communists, Nazis, Romans, Terrorists of Today, etc.)

# 2 Anti–Christ:

(1 John 2:18) ‘Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.’

(1 John 2:22) ‘Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.’

(1 John 4:1–4) ‘Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.’

(2 John 7) ‘For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.’

(2 Thes. 2:3–12) ‘Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.’

(Isa. 14:12-15) Satan’s Five (5) ‘I wills’ compared with

(Eze. 28:17-18) God’s Five (5) ‘I wills’
DANIEL’S VISION OF THE
RAM & HE-GOAT
Daniel 8:1–27

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