

G O D O F M Y T O M O R R O W

DANIEL CHAPTERS 7-12

The Basics

In order to grasp the last half of Daniel, we need to keep in mind what is being shared with Daniel.

First, Daniel is being told details concerning the **end of times for his people, Israel**. All that is shared is what is pertinent to Jerusalem, the temple, and the nation of Israel.

Second, he is being told of **future events from his perspective**. In time, **all the visions were future for him**. However, **some of those events have now been fulfilled**. So our task is to **read** carefully, **understand** what is reasonable, **match it to history** where it directly matches, and **leave the rest for future fulfillment**.

Third, we will walk through the chapters (7-12) first just **grasping what it says**, then afterwards in **each week** seek to also see what it may **mean to us today**.

Fourth, Daniel is **wisdom literature**, intended to provide insight and understanding. It often does this through an apocalyptic structure – that is through a three step process: **vision, request** for meaning, and **interpretation** from God.

Lastly, there are a lot of details that may be enjoyable to study or confusing to resolve. We must always approach God's unveiling of truth **not as a way for us to take control** in a world turned upside down, but **rather as a worship of an Almighty God** that has it all in hand!

We look forward to digging into Daniel 7-12 together. May God be worshipped all the more!

In Him,
Pastor Tim and Pastor Mark

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Some Details to Get Started

Author

Daniel the Prophet
(confirmed by Jesus in Matt 24:15)

Written:

606–522 BC
Some chapters occur years apart

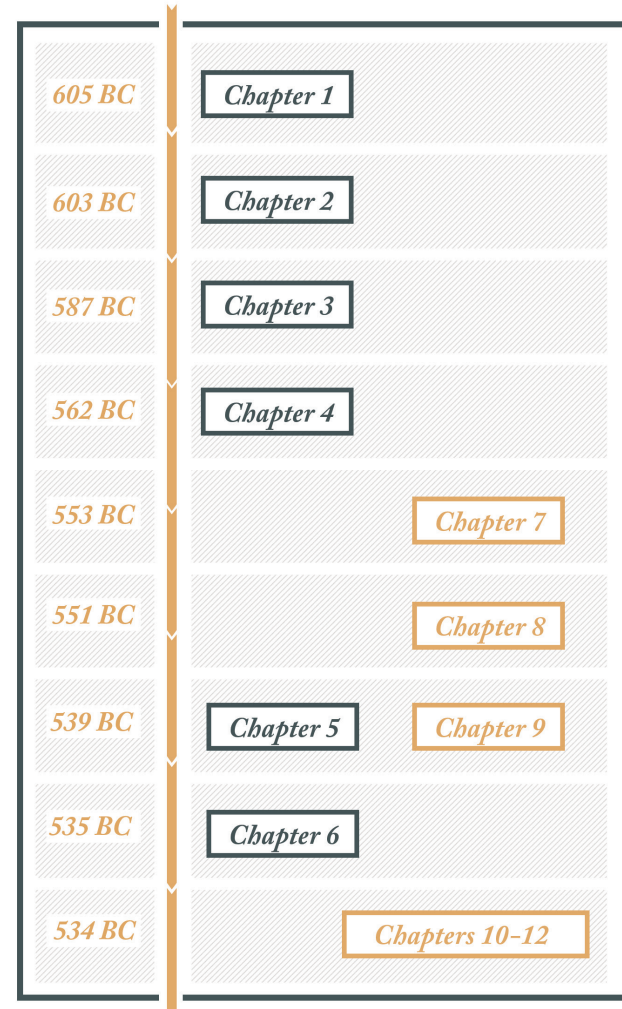
Main Idea:

A big God with a big plan. He is worthy of trust.

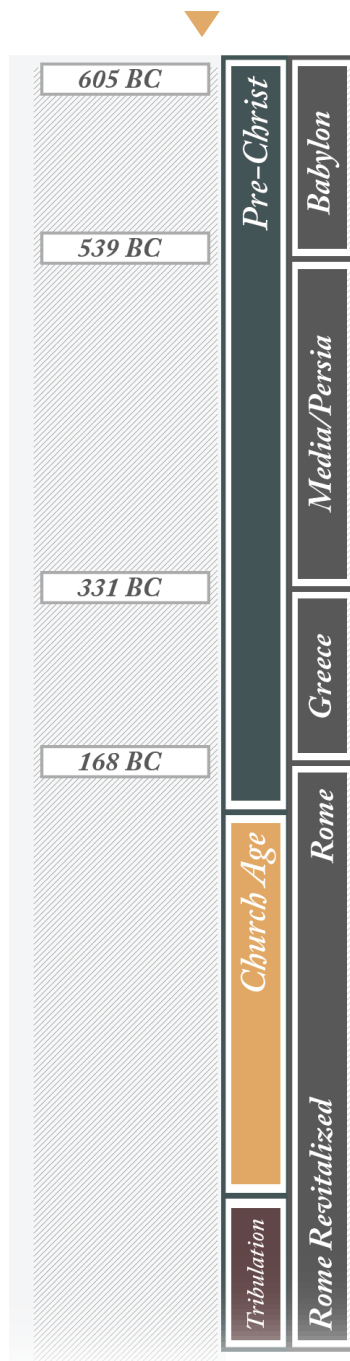
Structure:

- **Chapters 1-6:** Narrative of Daniel in captivity
 - Others have visions, Daniel interprets
- **Chapter 7-12:** Daniel's Four Visions
 - Daniel has visions, an angel interprets
- Original writing was in 2 languages
 - Hebrew: 1:1-2:3
 - Aramaic: 2:4-7:28
 - Hebrew: 8:1-12:13

Timeline When Chapters Took Place in Daniel



Timeline that Daniel's Vision Address



DANIEL'S FIRST VISION

DANIEL 7:1-14

GOD OF MY TOMORROW

Daniel's First Vision

Week 1 // Daniel 7:1-14

I. God reveals His _____ for the _____ of times (1-8)

Daniel 7:1-2 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. ² Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea."

a. God gave Daniel a vision around _____ BC, the first year of Belshazzar

Daniel 7:3 Four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

b. The vision was of _____ unique beasts

Daniel 7:4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

c. The first beast was a _____



Daniel 7:5 And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

d. The second beast was a _____



Daniel 7:6 After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

e. The third beast was a _____



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

f. The fourth beast was like nothing Daniel had ever seen – _____ and exceedingly strong.



Daniel's First Vision Cont.

Week 1 // Daniel 7:1-14

Daniel 7:8 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 great things.

g. The fourth beast had _____ horns, then an _____ horn (a little horn) "came up among them" (all then existing at the same time). The little horn took over and dominated, even over 3 of the other horns.



II. The Ancient of Days will call together the final _____, where all rebellion will be ended (9-12)

Daniel 7:9 "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

a. God the Father will ultimately take His rightful _____ over all

Daniel 7:10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

b. God the Father is in charge and _____ will be held accountable.

Daniel 7:11 "I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking.

c. In the presence of God's greatness, the little horn dares to _____ out.

Daniel 7:11-12 And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

d. God will bring complete _____ on the fourth beast because of its rebellion.

Daniel's First Vision Cont.

Week 1 // Daniel 7:1-14

III. Jesus will take His _____ place as King over all the created world, and it will last forever (13-14)

Daniel 7:13-14a *"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;*

a. The Son of Man, Jesus, will be given His _____ by God the Father

Daniel 7:14b *...his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

b. Jesus will _____ over that kingdom for all eternity

IV. Application:

a. Recognize the _____ of God

b. Worship The One who will _____ all

c. Celebrate that Jesus your King will be King



DANIEL'S FIRST VISION EXPLAINED

DANIEL 7:15-28

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Daniel's First Vision Explained

Week 2 // Daniel 7:15-28

I. God _____ through an angel some of the details of the vision in order to make the end clear (15-28)

Daniel 7:15-17 As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me. ¹⁶ I approached one of those who stood there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things. ¹⁷ 'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth.'

a. The four beasts represents four _____ and their _____.

Daniel 7:18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

b. Those beasts (kings or kingdoms) will not succeed. God will. His rule will last _____.

Daniel 7:19-20 Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet, ²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three of them fell, the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things, and that seemed greater than its companions.

c. The fourth kingdom is unlike the others. Its rule will be brutal toward those that _____ after God Almighty. The little horn will display amazing power and persuasion.

Daniel 7:21-22 As I looked, this horn made war with the saints and prevailed over them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

d. The _____ that is the little horn will take charge and even seem to be beating the saints ... _____ God steps in.

Daniel's First Vision Explained Cont.

Week 2 // Daniel 7:15-28

Daniel 7:23-24 Thus he said: 'As for the fourth beast, there shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all the kingdoms, and it shall devour the whole earth, and trample it down, and break it to pieces.²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.

e. The fourth kingdom will have ten _____ at one time (Dan 7:8 says the horn "came up among the ten"). An eleventh king will destroy three of the ten and take the lead. This will leave _____ rulers, with one of them having much more influence and power.

Daniel 7:25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law;

f. This most influential king will speak with _____ and lofty purpose, brutally dealing with those _____ with God the Father. This is the _____.

Daniel 7:25b ...and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

g. God the Father will only allow this eleventh king to rule like this for _____ years.

Daniel 7:26-27 But the court shall sit in judgment, and his dominion shall be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.²⁷ And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High;

h. The earthly _____ will be put to an end and the kingdom will be put under the rule of God Almighty. His _____ will be the ones enjoying the kingdom.

Daniel 7:27b-28 ...his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.²⁸ "Here is the end of the matter.

i. The final kingdom that God takes over will have all serving and _____ Him and it will last _____.

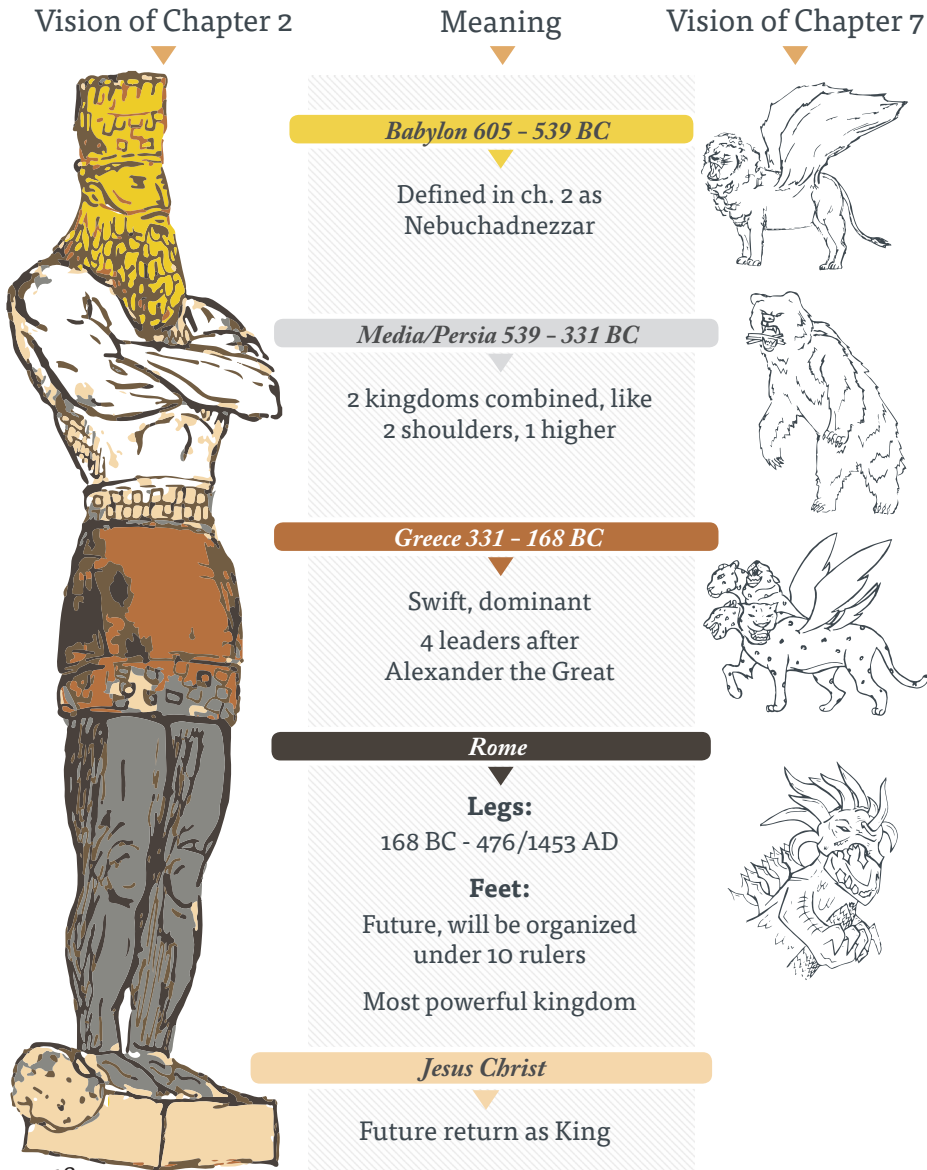
Daniel 7:28b As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."

j. This whole plan is a really big _____.

Daniel's First Vision Explained Cont.

II. The fulfillment: How is this to be understood?

a. First....Note the _____ of the visions of Daniel 2 and 7.



b. Second ... we must look at _____

i. As it turns out, the first three kingdoms have a very clear match with history

ii. The fourth kingdom does not match well with history

iii. Some try to match the fourth kingdom with 70 AD and the fall of Jerusalem, but it is not a true match

1. There is **no time where ten kings coexisted** in rule and led to these details

2. The physical kingdoms have **not been destroyed**

3. We have **not seen the final judgment**

4. Thus, **70 AD is better seen as a type of what will come** physically and fully

c. Third...we look to the _____

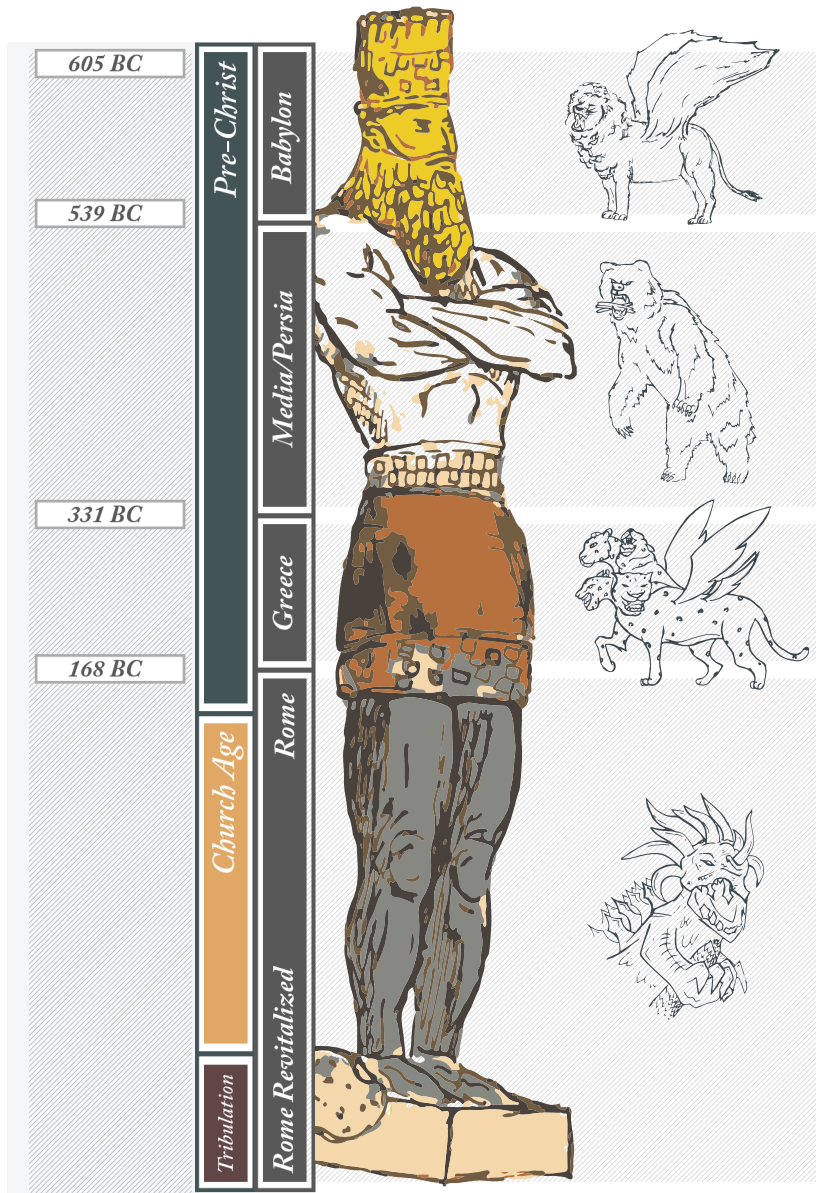
i. The fourth kingdom is a "yet to be seen kingdom"

ii. It will bring an end to all earthly, physical kingdoms

iii. Christ will be not just the stumbling stone, but the stone that crushes and removes rebellion completely

Daniel's First Vision Explained Cont.

b. Grasping the timeline



III. Application

a. Stay true to God's word and consistent in _____ it.

i. In short, it seems that the most consistent solution is the Futurist position.

ii. Maybe it is best to say the events of Jerusalem in AD 70 were but a tasting, a type, of the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy.

b. God is sovereign, _____ Him.

c. God has a plan, _____ Him.

d. Things will look really bad in the end - _____ God work.



DANIEL'S SECOND VISION



DANIEL 8

GOD OF MY TOMORROW

Daniel's Second Vision

Week 3 // Daniel 8

I. God reveals more _____ in His plan. (1-14)

Daniel 8:1-2 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.

² And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal.

a. Daniel had a second vision two years after the first, around _____ BC.

Daniel 8:3-4 I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. ⁴ I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

b. The first element in the vision is a _____, with two horns. One horn came up last and it was _____. The ram was unstoppable.



Daniel 8:5 As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

c. The second element in the vision is a male _____ coming from the west, with _____ horn (unusual for a goat).



Daniel 8:6-7 He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. ⁷ I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.

d. The male goat dominated the ram with two horns and rendered it _____.



Daniel's Second Vision Cont.

Week 3 // Daniel 8

Daniel 8:8 Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

e. The male goat will only remain in power a _____ time and will no longer have its horn (ruler). In place of the one horn, the goat will then have _____ horns (rulers).

Daniel 8:9-10 Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. ¹⁰ It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them.

f. From one of the four horns that had grown up, a _____ horn grew that became extremely powerful.



Daniel 8:11-12 It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown. ¹² And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper.

g. The little horn dominated even the _____ (temple) and the regular offerings.

Daniel 8:13-14 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, “For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?” ¹⁴ And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state.”

h. The little horn will dominate and ruin the temple for _____ evenings and mornings (most likely this is meaning _____ days, so over six years).

Daniel's Second Vision Cont.

II. God _____ through an angel some of the details of the vision to make the end clear (15-27)

Daniel 8:15-17 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, "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, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." ¹⁸ And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. ¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end."

a. The vision is to make clear part of the time of the _____.

Daniel 8:20-21 As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the goat is the king of Greece.

b. God makes very clear through his angel Gabriel that the _____ with two horns is Media/Persia, and the _____ is Greece.

Daniel 8:21b-22 And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. ²² As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power.

c. The one horn on the goat represented the first king of Greece. That was _____ the Great. His kingdom grew swiftly and powerfully. But he died of a fever at age ³², just a few years into his reign. His kingdom was divided among four rulers.

Daniel 8:23-25 And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. ²⁴ His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. ²⁵ By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great.

d. A king will arise from one of the _____ rulers. He will be _____, ruthless, and empowered by Satan. History revealed this to be Antiochus Epiphanes IV, a vicious ruler that dominated after Alexander. He ruled from 175 – 163 BC.



Daniel 8:23b-26 Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. ²⁶ The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

e. This evil ruler will attack even the _____ realm. His horrible attack against Jerusalem and desecration of the temple lasted over six years. This aligns with the 2300 days foretold.

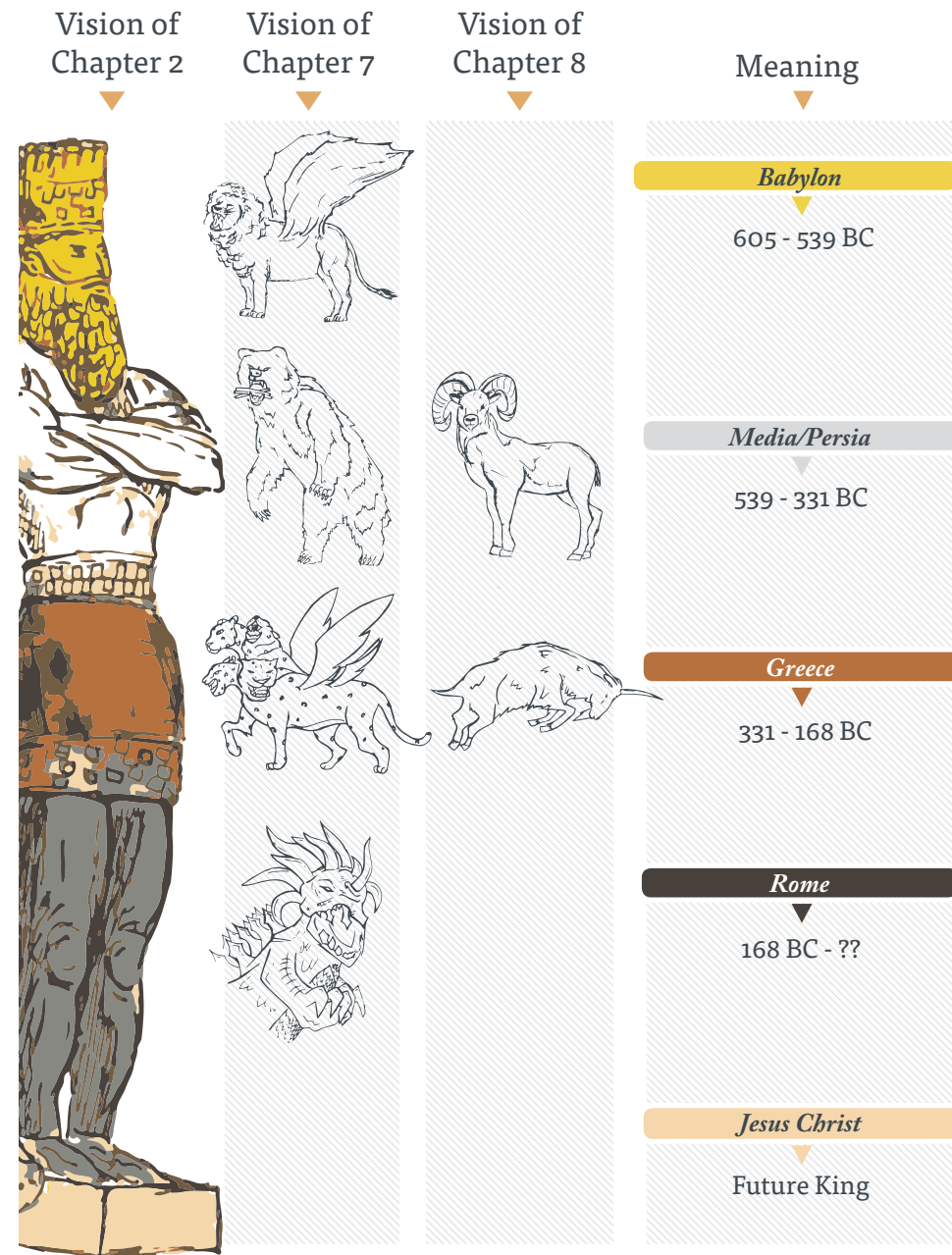
Daniel's Second Vision Cont.

Daniel 8:27 And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

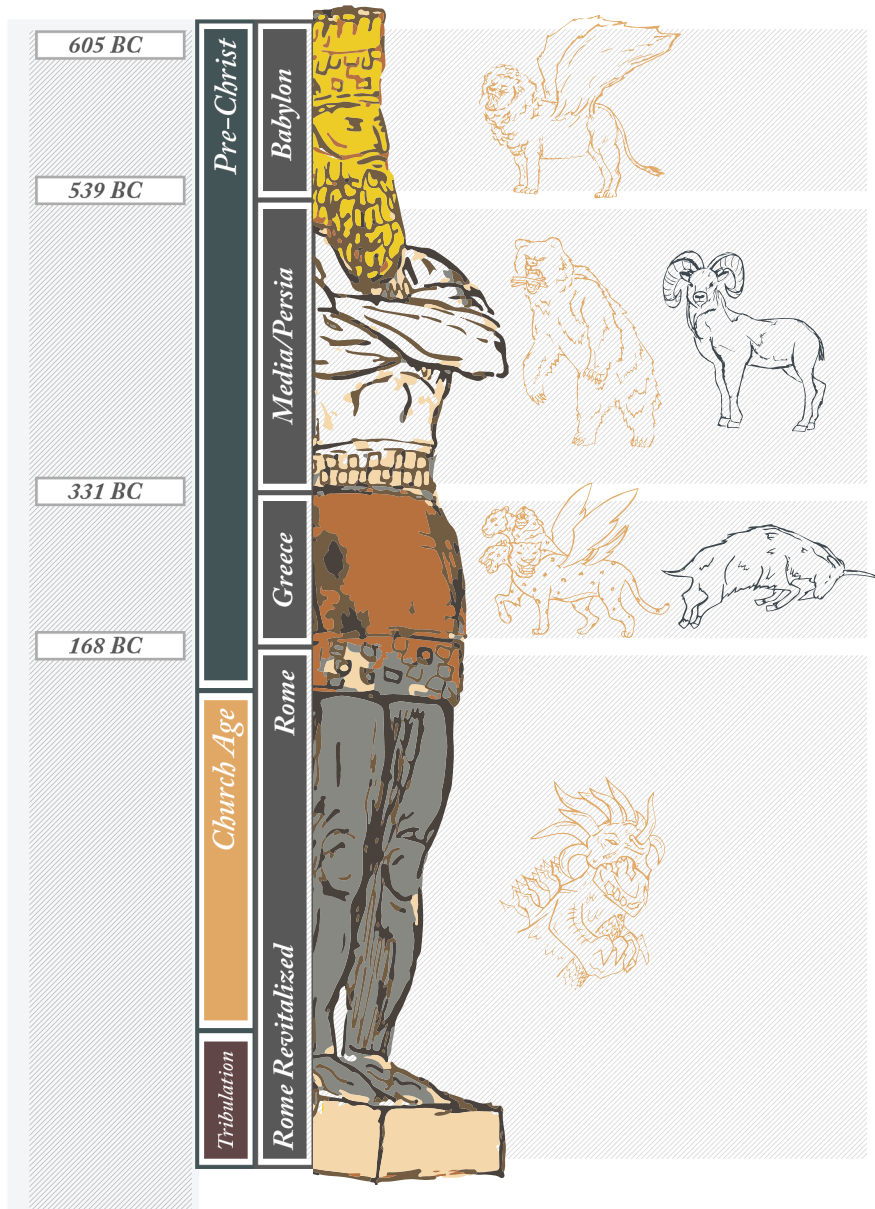
f. The _____ of the plan were again a really big deal, and the future details were hard for Daniel to grasp.

III. The fulfillment: How is this to be understood?

a. Aligning the visions of Daniel 2, 7 and 8



b. Grasping the Timeline



- a. _____ by your God, not by the world and their selfish claims
- b. _____ that God has not just the major movements in hand, but the subtle details as well
- c. Be _____ by the accuracy
 - i. Babylon was taken over by a two-king kingdom, Media/Persia. Also, as stated, the later horn to join the kingdom became the more powerful.
 - ii. A stunning, swift domination by the next nation after Media/Persia also occurred, by Greece.
 1. The first King of Greece, Alexander the Great, died very young after establishing the kingdom.
 2. His Kingdom was divided into four regions of rule, just as the four horns in vision depicted.
 3. From one of the regions (horns) a horrible ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes IV, rose to domination.
 4. He did unthinkable things and impacted the temple offerings for a season of 2300 days.



DANIEL'S THIRD VISION



DANIEL 9

GOD OF MY TOMORROW

Daniel's Third Vision

Week 4 // Daniel 9

I. God reveals to Daniel the _____ duration of the exile he was in, and stirs Daniel to pray on behalf of Israel (1-19)

Daniel 9:1-2 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:11-12 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
¹² Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.

a. Daniel grasped that God defined how long Jerusalem would be in exile. By a _____ read of the Old Testament book of Jeremiah (25:11-12), the answer Daniel found was _____ years.

Daniel 9:3-7 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶ We have not 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 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame...

b. Daniel recognizes that the seventy years are about up. He, as a prophet, _____ out to God on behalf of the people and _____ the sin of Israel.

Daniel 9:18-19 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name

c. He then seeks for God to show _____...and _____ the promise of limiting the exile to seventy years as promised.

Daniel's Third Vision Cont.

II. God answers Daniel's prayer and reveals the actual _____...not just for the exile, but for all of Israel's existence (20-27)

Daniel 9:20-23 *While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. ²³ At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.*

a. God sent the _____ Gabriel to provide insight as a direct response to Daniel's prayer

Daniel 9:24 *"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city*

b. God tells Daniel that as pertains to Israel and Jerusalem, _____ weeks is the duration. The word "weeks" is actually the word "sevens" in the Hebrew. "Sevens" are either a collections of days or years. In this context it is years. So the timeline includes 490 years for Israel and Jerusalem (70*7=490).

Daniel 9:24-25 *... to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.*

c. God will be accomplishing _____ things in these 490 years.

Daniel 9:25-26 *Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing.*

Daniel's Third Vision Cont.

d. After Jerusalem is decreed to be rebuilt, 7+62, or _____ sevens will pass. When these weeks have completed, the Messiah will then be cut off..

i. The declaration to restore Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes in 444 BC

ii. 69 sevens is 483 years ($69 \times 7 = 483$)

iii. A year in the Jewish calendar is 360 day years

iv. Accounting for leap years, 1 BC skips to 1 AD, etc ... that comes to 173,880 days.

v. That aligns with the exact timeframe of Jesus on earth

1. In fact, this is most likely where the Magi got their understanding and expectation of Jesus birth.

vi. In fact, from the declaration it is exactly 173,880 days to the triumphal entry on March 30, 33 AD!

vii. A few days later Jesus went to the cross. The Messiah was cut off.

Daniel 9:26 And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood

e. _____ the 69 weeks the people of the “prince who is to come” destroy Jerusalem and the temple.

i. Note that this is after the 69 weeks, but before the 70th (so there must be a gap between 69th and 70th week)

ii. Note that the people do the destroying, not the “prince to come”

iii. Note that the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple will be swift and thorough (like a flood)

Daniel 9:26b ... and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

f. The _____ from the destruction of Jerusalem to the end of all things earthly will be fraught with wars and desolation.

Daniel 9:27a *And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering.*

g. The “prince that is to come” will then make a _____ with many in the world for the last seven of the seventy. This is the _____ seven years of the prophecy.

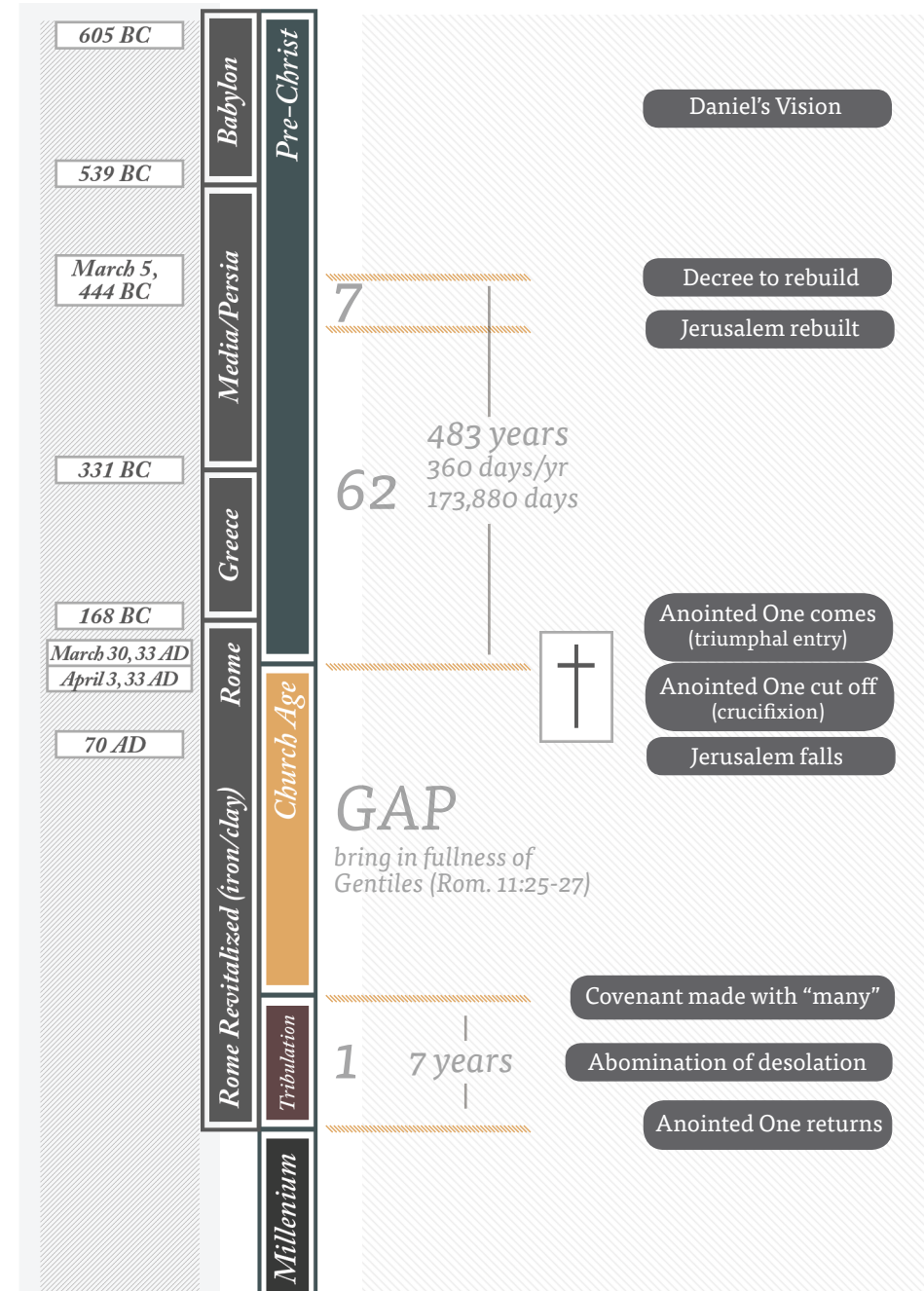
i. Note that for half of the seven years, three and a half years, the “prince that is to come” will put an end to sacrifice. So he will even impact worship.

ii. Note that this is the end times _____.

Daniel 9:27b *... And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.*

h. The “prince that is to come” will usher in an abomination of desolation. This will be some grievous misuse of the _____ for selfish gain rather than worship. It will continue until he is destroyed by God Almighty.

MESSIANIC TIMELINE



IV. Application

a. _____ God's hand in every little detail of life.

b. Be _____ at the prophecy fulfilled about our Savior, Jesus Christ.



DANIEL'S FOURTH VISION

DANIEL 10-12

G O D OF MY T O M O R R O W

Daniel's Fourth Vision

Week 5 // Daniel 10-12

I. Storm the throne in _____ and fasting, and God will _____ (1-3)

Daniel 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

a. This vision takes place in either _____ BC or _____ BC depending on which historical records are trusted about Cyrus.

Daniel 10:2-4 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks.³ I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris)

b. The vision Daniel received was a direct answer to prayer and _____.

Daniel 10:5-7 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.

Daniel 10:12-14 Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,¹⁴ and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

d. The angel was in a twenty-one day _____ battle and was only released as Michael the archangel came to his aid. These two main angels were sent by God to reveal this specific message to Daniel, and to _____!

Daniel's Fourth Vision Cont.

II. God reveals _____ amazing details about the “near term” kingdoms that will be coming – Media/Persia and Greece (4-35)

Keep your perspective on timeframes...

We are now going back 2,600 years to the kingdoms of:



Daniel 11:2 “And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.”

a. First God reveals that _____ will have four more kings. The fourth will be strong and rich. He will go to war with Greece.

i. This was all fulfilled _____.

- 1st King (530-523 BC): Cambyses, Cyrus’ son
- 2nd King (522 BC): Pseudo-Smerdis
- 3rd King (521-486 BC): Darius I Hystaspes
- 4th King (485-465 BC): Xerxes (Ahasuerus in Esther)

a. Xerxes was the most wealthy

b. Xerxes went to war with Greece

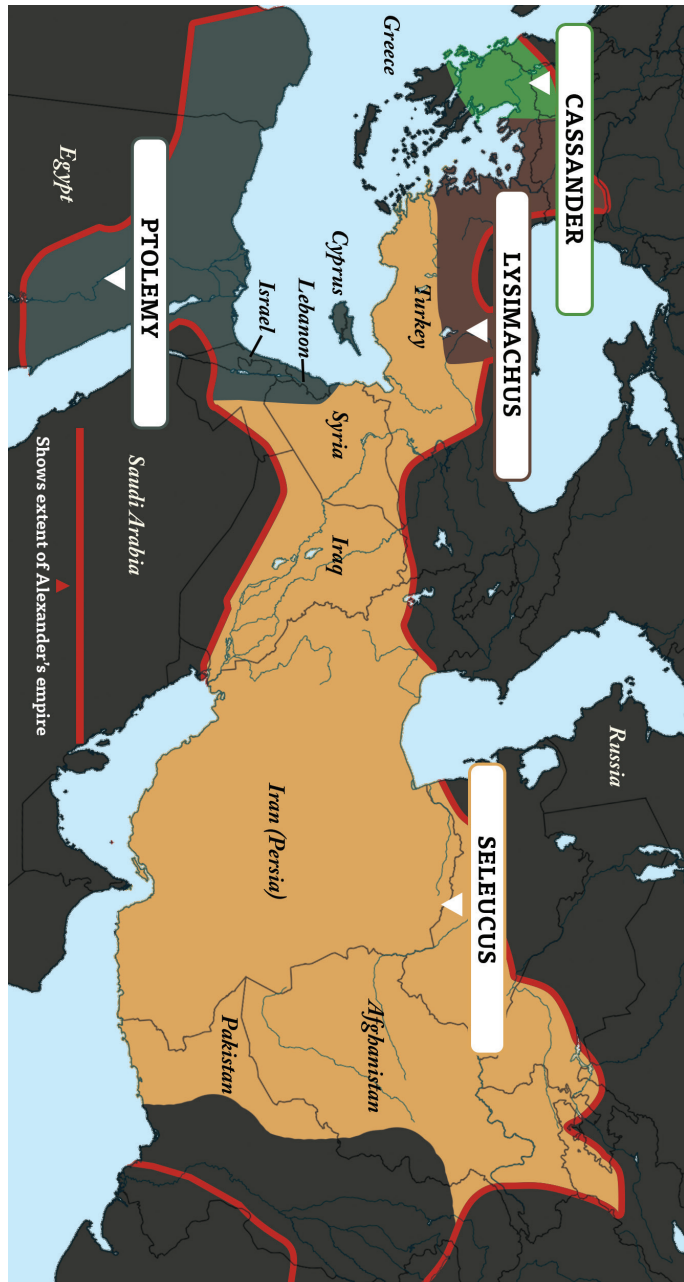
Daniel 11:3-4 Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. ⁴ And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

b. God then reveals the rise to power of _____ as a dominant force. A king will dominate, but will quickly die. His kingdom will be divided out to _____ non-family members. (Note the similarity in information to the four headed leopard of Dan. 7:6 and the four horned goat of Dan. 8:5-8)

i. This speaks again of _____ the Great
ii. He died suddenly at a young age of _____ (32 yrs old)
iii. His kingdom was divided out, he had no _____

1. Ptolemy (to South – Egypt)
2. Seleucus (to North – Syria and Mesopotamia)
3. Lysimachus (Thrace and Asia Minor)
4. Cassander (Macedonia and Greece)

Daniel's Fourth Vision Cont.



Map of the Kingdom of Greece with Four Rulers

Daniel 11:5-20 "Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority. ⁶ After some years they shall make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.

⁷ "And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail. ⁸ He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north. ⁹ Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land.

¹⁰ "His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress. ¹¹ Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand. ¹² And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. ¹³ For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

¹⁴ "In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail. ¹⁵ Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siege works and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand. ¹⁶ But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand. ¹⁷ He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage. ¹⁸ Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back

Daniel's Fourth Vision Cont.

upon him. ¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found. ²⁰ "Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.

c. Then a lot of details are shared about the wars between the successive Grecian kings of the _____ (Seleucids) and the successive Grecian Kings of the _____ (Ptolemies).

i. The details of these interactions are so _____ that many wrongly surmised that Daniel 11 was written after all of these wars!

Daniel 11:21-35 In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries. ²² Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. ²³ And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴ Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time. ²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him. ²⁶ Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain. ²⁷ And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed. ²⁸ And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land. ²⁹ "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. ³⁰ For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and

withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant. ³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall **set up the abomination that makes desolate.** ³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action. ³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder. ³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

d. God then reveals a horrible king from Greece that will dominate with _____ and _____. He will attack Israel and bring an abomination to the temple.

i. This king is the same as the little _____ of Dan 8:9-12, 23-25.

ii. This is _____ likely Antiochus Epiphanes IV who ruled from 175-163 BC

iii. The "abomination that makes desolate" was when he took over the temple and slaughtered a _____ on the altar.

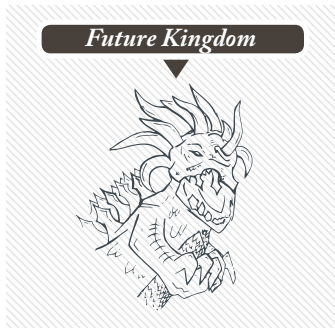
iv. Antiochus IV is the little horn king from the third kingdom that is a _____ of the little horn king of the fourth and final kingdom in the visions.

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A subtle shift occurs in time here ... as the last King is spoken of. This is now shifting to the tribulation era.

Check your timeline to keep your perspective...

We are now looking into the FUTURE...



Daniel 11:36-45 "And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall spea astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done. ³⁷ He shall pay no attention to the gods of his fathers, or to the one beloved by women. He shall not pay attention to any other god, for he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸ He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. ³⁹ He shall deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall load with honor. He shall make them rulers over many and shall divide the land for a price. ⁴⁰ "At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. ⁴¹ He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites. ⁴² He shall stretch out his hand against the countries,

and the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³ He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train. ⁴⁴ But news from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to destroy and devote many to destruction. ⁴⁵ And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with none to help him.

e. The final king, the _____, is then defined in more detail as to his exploits and evil actions.

Daniel 12:1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

f. The final king, the Antichrist, will usher in the last days of horrific _____. The believers will be delivered from that evil in some way.

Daniel 12:2-4 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

g. The end of times will include a _____ of the dead and final judgment.

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Daniel 12:8-10 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall 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 shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.

h. Daniel will see _____ of the unfolding of these visions. The outcome will be worship from the believers and fist shaking from the unbelievers; and the sovereign God will reign!

Daniel 12:11-12 And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days.

i. The 70th week (Dan 9:24-27) is further clarified here. The daily sacrifice will end and the horrible abomination in the temple take place. Then 1290 days later it will all be done. 1290 days is 43 months. So a little longer than _____ of the tribulation period.

Daniel 12:13 But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."

j. Daniel would not see these visions realized. Rather, he would "rest" or die, and later be resurrected where he will be _____ as one who followed the Almighty.

III. Application

- a. _____ that God has all the details in hand, not us.
- b. _____ that God will work it all out exactly as He sees fit.
- c. _____ the God who rules over all, and has even the end times days measured out.



PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

DANIEL 7-12

GOD OF MY TOMORROW

Putting It All Together

I. Quick Review ...

a. Concerning Israel, God has a plan that includes _____ future kingdoms from the time of Daniel

i. Seen in four parts of _____ (Daniel 2)

ii. Seen in four _____ (Daniel 7)

iii. Three of these kingdoms are in our _____:

1. Babylon

a. Gold head (Dan. 2)

b. Lion (Dan. 7)

c. 605-539 BC

2. Media/Persia

a. Silver chest (Dan 2)

b. Bear (Dan 7)

c. Ram (Dan 8)

d. 2 kings ruling at the same time, one more powerful than the other

i. Higher shoulder on bear

ii. Bigger horn on ram

e. 539-331 BC

3. Greece

a. Bronze waist (Dan 2)

b. 4 headed Leopard (Dan 7)

c. One horned Goat (Dan 8)

d. Stunning accuracy of Alexander the Great's successes and successors (Dan 11)

e. 331-168 BC

iv. The last kingdom is still in our _____

1. Future Rome

a. Iron Legs and Iron/Clay feet (Dan 2)

b. Unimaginable Beast (Dan 7)

c. There will be ten concurrent rulers

i. Ten toes of statue (Dan 2)

ii. Ten horns of beast (Dan 7)

d. An eleventh ruler will come up, removing three of the original ten (Dan 7)

e. This "little horn" will:

i. Sign a covenant with many (Dan 9)

ii. Usher in the last seven years (Dan 9)

iii. Desolate the temple altar (Dan 12)

iv. Stand against God

f. Timing?

Putting It All Together

b. God has a plan for the _____ timing of the coming Messiah

i. _____ weeks for Daniel's people and his holy city. (Dan 9)

ii. Each week represents seven literal _____.

iii. After _____ weeks (483 yrs) the Messiah would be cut off. (Dan 9)

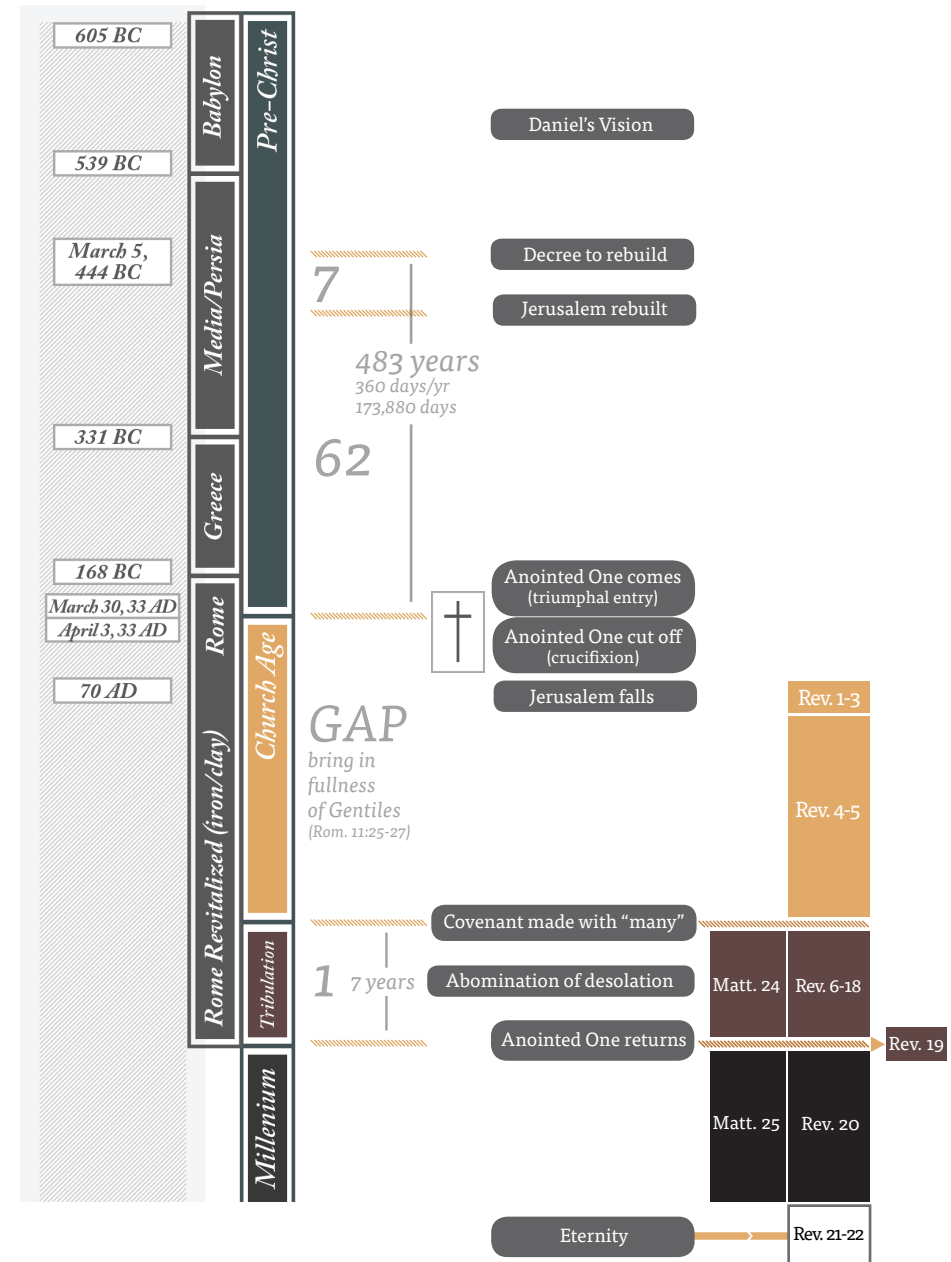
iv. A 70th week will be initiated by a _____ or treaty. (Dan 9)

v. The _____ of the last seven years will be marked by "abomination of desolation." (Dan 9, 11-12)

vi. The end will be of the beast, all kingdoms, and the Antichrist who brings in the abomination. All _____ is done. (Rev 19)

vii. _____ will follow. Then eternal life for those that believed. (Rev 20-22)

II. How does Daniel fit with the prophetic passages in Matthew and Revelation?





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