

Daniel - Series Two
Summary
Lesson XXVII
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Daniel Chapter One

The book of Daniel begins with the story of Daniel the Jew, being taken captive at the beginning of the Babylonian Captivity.

The Babylonian Captivity lasted for 70 years.

The captivity began the period of time known as the “times of the Gentiles” , a phrase used by Jesus in Luke 21:24.

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.
Luke 21:24

For that reason, this chapter, like all but the 12th chapter, begins with the name of a *Gentile* King. During that period of time, and since then, that continues to this day. The Jews, as a people, have been oppressed and hated by the Gentiles, “trodden down” as Luke states.

Mark Twain (ca. 1800’s) is quoted in *Israel my Glory*: “All things are mortal but the Jew; All other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”
Because the world has rejected the Bible they have no answer for that question.
Remember the court chaplain who was asked to prove the Bible true in a word and said:
“The Jew, sir”.

Daniel Chapter Two

This chapter outlines the full course of “the times of the Gentiles”.

In symbol (the image) here is outlined the rise and fall of Gentile World Governments, *until* a government is set up on earth by the God of Heaven.

The chapter only makes sense if the government set up by God is on the *same earth* where the Gentile governments have been.

The Mountain symbolizing God’s Government *takes the place* of the Gentile governments and “*fills the whole earth.*”

We believe this can only be fulfilled by the Coming of the Lord to reign on this earth for 1000 years as predicted elsewhere in Scripture.

As the chapter concludes with Daniel and his three Jewish friends being exalted, so the Jews will be exalted, after their time of trouble, during the millennial reign, and thereafter.

What do the two legs of the image represent? I quote Renald Showers: “God’s portrayal of Rome with two legs was very apt, for the Ancient Roman Empire ruled extensive areas of both the western and eastern divisions of the world. In fact, in 364 A.D. the Roman Empire was divided politically into two divisions - the Western Roman Empire with Rome as its capital and the Eastern Roman Empire with Constantinople as its capital.”

Matthew 21:43-44 the **stone** that will grind to powder

Genesis 49:24 "...Jacob .from whence is the shepherd the **stone** of Israel"

Psalms 118: 22 the **stone** the builders refused is identified as Christ in Acts 4:11,12.

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Matthew 21:43-44

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob; (from thence *is* the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

Genesis 49:24

The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

Psalms 118: 22

Acts 4:11,12

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:11,12

1 Peter 2:6-8

He is **chief** corner stone; **precious** stone; **disallowed** stone; **stumbling** stone ;**offensive** stone.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

1 Peter 2:6-8

In Daniel 2:35, the **smiting** stone who will break in pieces Gentile World Governments and unbelieving people.

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

Daniel 2:35

Daniel 2:44

The Stone becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth when the God of Heaven sets up a kingdom to replace all Gentile kingdoms.

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

Daniel 2:44

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Matthew 21:43-44

“On Christ the solid rock we stand”. No other foundation is sure. 1 Corinthians 3:11

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

But if this *Stone* falls on one, that one shall be crushed in judgment. For when Christ comes to earth again, He comes in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who know not God and those who obey not the gospel.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8.

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8

This aspect of Christ’s coming needs to be emphasized.

When He came the first time he came to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. When He comes the next time it will be the day of vengeance of our God (Isaiah 61:2). In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus interpreted the passage in Isaiah 61 when He closed the book. Vengeance is still future. He will judge before He rules.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 61:2

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Luke 4:16-21

Daniel Chapter Three

The Gentile King makes an image and demands all to worship it, as the Antichrist will do. The godly Jews refused to worship the image, and were cast into the fire, but they were preserved by the Presence of a fourth Man.

They came out of the fire and were promoted

Then the King blessed the God of Heaven as the God the Jew. The Gentile King acknowledged God as the God of Israel. A picture of the future when the Jews endure to the end of the Tribulation, the residue of men will seek after the Lord. Acts 15:16-18

After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Acts 15:16-18

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Daniel Chapter Four

The Gentile King goes mad for seven years, as the hearts of leaders will fail them in the Tribulation. Luke 21:26

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21:26

Men will learn that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men. Like Nebuchadnezzar, when they come to their senses, those who remain, will acknowledge the God of the Jews as the only true God.

Here is a type of Gentiles who will be saved during and at the end of the tribulation.

Daniel Chapter Five

Another Gentile King defies the God of Israel; drinks wine out of the holy vessels from the temple of the Jews; praises his gods of gold, silver, brass, iron wood and stone.

He despised God and God's people, Israel. He is suddenly cut down by judgment directly from the hand of God. Proverbs 29:1.

He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Proverbs 29:1

Daniel Chapter Six

The first five chapters had to do with Babylonian world leaders. Now the Second Gentile Kingdom of the Medes and Persians and its leaders are introduced .

The king misuses Daniel, the Jew. The king orders that Daniel be cast into the den of lions. But even there God was with Daniel, as He has been with the Jews. God preserves, restores and promotes Daniel to a place of greater leadership. This is also a type of what is ahead for Israel.

The entire historical section, i.e., chapters 1-6, is the record of the conflict between Gentiles and the Jews. But all is really against the God of the Jews.

Daniel Chapter Seven

Here it is: Daniel's vision. He sees the Gentile Nations as fighting wild beasts.

These produce "ten horns" or ten kings, and later produce a "little horn" , who may think himself to be great, but God sees him as very little.

It is in the time of this "little horn" that the Son of Man comes and receives Dominion and a Kingdom and Glory in the earth.

Surely this is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in power and great glory, who at His Coming will destroy the Antichrist. 2 Thessalonians 2:8

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:

2 Thessalonians 2:8

Daniel Chapter Eight

Here are some details of two Gentile Kingdoms of this second period of Gentile World Governments.

Out of one of them arises another “little horn”, who will also stand against the Prince of Princes. We believe this event will also be fulfilled at the time of the Second Coming of Christ.

Daniel Chapter Nine

No longer visions, dreams and symbols but direct revelation from God to Daniel.

In this chapter we have the revelation of the 70 weeks.

Israel had 70 years of captivity in Babylon, as a judgment for not keeping a sabbatical year for 490 years.

As the 70 years were judgment, so the 70 weeks are judgment upon Israel. Years of trouble for Israel, trouble of the worst kind.

The weeks are not a continued whole. They are divided into, 7, 62 and 1. Therefore although they total 490 years it takes many more years for their fulfillment.

Daniel 9:24 projects what happens, not during the weeks, but what takes place after the 70 weeks of years are complete. It is after the weeks are complete, Israel’s glorious future will begin to be fulfilled. For it is then “all Israel shall be saved.”

Daniel 9 includes a reference to a Roman Prince who will become antichrist in the middle of the 70th week.

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

Daniel 9:24

Daniel Chapter Ten

Daniel is praying for more light relative to those weeks and other prophetic events. The answer to his prayer is brought by Gabriel after he was delayed for three full weeks because of Demon opposition. The word for “weeks” here is not the same as the one in chapter nine where it means weeks of years.

Daniel Chapter Eleven

The revelation continues with details of what is to take place in the Mede-Persian Empire, existing at the time of the revelation.

The history begins with the first of three kings that will yet arise and then skips through to the time of the end. At that time, a willful king will appear.

The time of the end will be the great tribulation, which as we know from the words of Jesus, will be immediately before Christ returns to earth. Matthew 24:29-30.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:29-30

Daniel Chapter Twelve

This chapter is a continuation of the revelation in chapter eleven.

There are details about the course of the time of trouble that will see the abomination of desolation.

This is followed by the resurrection of those who will be raised at the time of the Second Coming. 1 Corinthians 15:20-24

But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24

The book begins with Daniel's personal history as a captive in Babylon. It concludes with a personal promise to Daniel that he will die, be resurrected and rewarded when Christ returns.

The whole of the book points forward to the Second Advent or Second Coming of Jesus Christ. He who came to this earth is coming back to this earth again.

To this agree all the prophets.