



DANIEL

Chapter 1

Daniel in Babylon

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of ^aJehoiakim king of Judah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with ^bsome of the vessels of the house of God. And he carried *them* ^cto the land of Shinar to the house of his god. And ^dhe brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 ¶ Then the king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring ^esome of the youth of Israel and of the king's seed and of the princes,

4 youth ^fin whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in all wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and ^gwhom they might teach the literature and the language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king assigned them a daily portion of the king's food and the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the ^hking's service.

6 Now among these were of the youth of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 ⁱThe chief official gave *new* names to them. To Daniel ^jhe gave *the name*

Beltshazzar, to Hananiah, Shadrach, to Mishael, Meshach, and to Azariah, Abednego.

8 ¶ But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself ^kwith the portion of the king's food, nor with the wine that he drank. Therefore, he requested of the chief official that he might not defile himself.

9 Now ^lGod had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the chief official.

10 And the official said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has assigned your food and your drink, for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

11 ¶ Then Daniel said to Melzar, whom the chief official had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants *for* ten days. Let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who eat of the portion of the king's food. Then as you see, deal with your servants."

14 ¶ So he consented to them in this matter and tested them ten days.

15 Then at the end of ten days their appearance appeared fairer and fat-

Chapter 1: a 2 Kg 24:1,2 b Jr 27:19,20 c Zc 5:11 d 2 Ch 36:7 e Is 39:7 f Lv 24:19,20 g At 7:22 h Dn 1:19 i 2 Kg 24:17 j Dn 2:26; 4:8; 5:12 k Hs 9:3 l Gn 39:21

ter in flesh than all the youth who ate the portion of the king's food.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their food and the wine that they should drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 ¶ As for these four young men, ^mGod gave them ⁿknowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom. And Daniel had ^ounderstanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the chief official brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king spoke with them. And among all of *them there* was found no one like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. Therefore, ^pthey stood before the king.

20 ^qAnd in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who *were* in all his realm.

21 ^rSo Daniel continued *even* to the first year of King Cyrus.

Chapter 2

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

1 ¶ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams by which ^ahis spirit was troubled and ^bhis sleep went from him.

2 ^cThen the king commanded to call the magicians and the astrologers and the sorcerers and the Chaldeans, in

order to reveal to the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I have dreamed a dream and my spirit was troubled to know the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, ^d"O king, live forever. Tell your servants the dream and we will reveal the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The thing has gone from me. If you will not make known to me the dream with its interpretation, you will be ^ecut in pieces and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

6 ^f"But if you reveal the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore, reveal to me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered again and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream and we will reveal the interpretation of it."

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time because you see that my command is firm.

9 "But if you will not make known to me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you, for you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me until the situation is changed. Therefore, tell me the dream and I will know that you can reveal *to* me its interpretation."

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, "There is no man on the earth who can reveal the king's

m Js 1:5-7 n At 7:22 o 2 Ch 26:5 p Gn 41:46 q 1 Kg 10:1 r Dn 6:28; 10:1 Chapter 2: a Gn 40:5-8; 41:1,8 b Et 6:1 c Ex 7:11 d Dn 3:9; 5:10; 6:6,21 e Er 6:11 f Dn 5:16

matter. Therefore, *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *who* asked such things from any magician or astrologer or Chaldean.

11 “And *it is* a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no one else who can reveal it before the king, ^sexcept the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

12 For this reason the king was angry and very furious. And he commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain. So they sought ^hDaniel and his companions in order to be slain.

14 ¶ Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king’s guard who had gone out to slay the wise *men* of Babylon.

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain, “Why *is* the decree *so* urgent from the king?” Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in and asked the king that he would give him time and that he would reveal *to* the king the interpretation.

17 ¶ Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, his companions,

18 ⁱso that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret, in order that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel ^jin a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, ^k“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, ^lbecause wisdom and might are His.

21 “And He changes ^mthe times and the seasons. ⁿHe removes kings and sets up kings. ^oHe gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

22 ^p“He reveals the profound and hidden things. ^qHe knows what *is* in the darkness and the ^rlight dwells with Him.

23 “I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might and has made known to me now what we ^sdesired of You, for You have *now* made known to us the king’s matter.”

Daniel's Interpretation

24 ¶ Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had commissioned to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said to him, “Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. Bring me in before the king and I will reveal to the king the interpretation.”

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him, “I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make known to the king the interpretation.”

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to

g Dn 5:11 h Dn 1:19,20 i Mt 18:19 j Jb 33:15 k Ps 113:2 l Jr 32:19 m Et 1:13 n Ps 75:6,7 o Js 1:5 p Ps 25:14 q Hb 4:13 r Dn 5:11,14 s Dn 2:18,29,30

me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, "The secret that the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, cannot reveal to the king.

28 "But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar ^awhat will be in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind *while* on your bed.

29 "As for you, O king, your thoughts *that came into your mind* on your bed *are* what would come to pass after this. And ^vHe who reveals secrets makes known to you what will come to pass.

30 ^w"But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living *man*, but for *their* sakes who will make known the interpretation to the king and ^xthat you might know the thoughts of your mind.

31 ¶ "You, O king, saw and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* extraordinary, stood before you. And its form *was* awesome.

32 ^y"This image's head *was* of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 "its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 "You continued looking until a stone was cut out ^zwithout hands that

smote the image on its feet *that were* of iron and clay. And it broke them in pieces.

35 ^a"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold, were together broken in pieces. And they became ^blike the chaff of the summer threshingfloors. And the wind carried them away so that ^cno trace was found of them. And the stone that struck the image ^dbecame a great mountain and ^efilled the whole earth.

36 ¶ "This *is* the dream. Now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

37 ^f"You, O king, *are* a king of kings. ^gFor the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power and strength and glory.

38 ^h"And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand. And He has made you ruler over all of them. ⁱYou *are* this head of gold.

39 "And after you will arise ^janother kingdom ^kinferior to you, and another third kingdom of bronze that will rule over all the earth.

40 "And the ^lfourth kingdom will be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all *things*. And as iron that breaks all these, it will break in pieces and bruise.

41 "And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, the kingdom will be divided. But there will be in it the strength of

t Gn 40:8 u Gn 49:1 v Dn 2:22,28 w At 3:12 x Dn 2:47 y Dn 2:38,45 z Zc 4:6 a Rv 16:14 b Hs 13:3 c Ps 37:10,36 d Is 2:2,3 e Ps 80:9 f Jr 27:6,7 g Er 1:2 h Dn 4:21,22 i Dn 2:32 j Dn 5:28,31 k Dn 2:32 l Dn 7:7,23

the iron, forasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 “And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, ^m*so* the kingdom will be partly strong and partly broken.

43 “And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they will mingle themselves with the seed of men. But they will not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 “And in the days of these kings the ⁿGod of heaven will set up a kingdom ^othat will never be destroyed. And the kingdom will not be left to other people. ^pIt will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms. And it will stand forever.

45 ^q“Forasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass hereafter. Now the dream *is* certain and its interpretation sure.”

46 ¶ ^rThen King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and worshiped Daniel. And he gave orders to present to him an offering and ^sfragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, “*It is* a truth that ^tyour God *is* a God of ^ugods and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing you could reveal this secret.”

48 ^vThen the king made Daniel a great man. And ^whe gave him many

great gifts and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and ^xchief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and ^yhe set Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But ^zDaniel *sat* at the gate of the king.

Chapter 3

Golden Image and Fiery Furnace

1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which *was* sixty cubits *and* its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent *word* to gather the princes, the governors and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs and all the rulers of the provinces were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then a herald loudly proclaimed, “To you it is commanded, ^aO people, nations and languages,

5 “*that* at the moment you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp,

m Dn 7:24 n Dn 2:28,37 o Lk 1:32,33 p Is 60:12 q Dn 2:35 r At 10:25; 14:13 s Er 6:10 t Dn 3:28,29; 4:34-37 u Dt 10:17 v Pv 14:35; 21:1 w Dn 2:6 x Dn 4:9; 5:11 y Dn 1:7; 3:12 z Et 2:19,21; 3:1 **Chapter 3:** a Dn 4:1; 6:25

sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 “And whoever does not fall down and worship will the same hour ^bbe cast into the midst of a fiery furnace.”

7 ¶ Now at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations and the languages, fell down *and* worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ Therefore at that time, certain Chaldeans ^ccame near and accused the Jews.

9 They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, ^d“O king, live forever.

10 “You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery and dulcimer and all kinds of music, will fall down and worship the golden image.

11 “And whoever does not fall down and worship, he should be cast into the midst of a fiery furnace.

12 “There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, *namely* Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, these, O king, ^fhave not regarded your desires. They do not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image that you have set up.”

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* ^grage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, “*Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image that I have set up?”

15 “Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, ^h*very well*. But if you do not worship, you will be cast the same hour into the midst of a fiery furnace. ⁱAnd who *is* this God who will deliver you out of my hands?”

16 ¶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, ^jwe do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

17 “If it is *so*, our ^kGod whom we serve is able to ^ldeliver us from the fiery furnace. And He will deliver *us* out of your hand, O king.

18 “But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor ^mworship the golden image that you have set up.”

19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He *then* spoke and commanded to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 Then he commanded the most mighty men who *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego *and* to cast *them* into the

b Jr 29:22 **c** Dn 6:12,13 **d** Dn 2:4; 5:10; 6:6,21 **e** Dn 2:49 **f** Dn 1:8; 6:12,13 **g** Dn 2:12; 3:19 **h** Lk 13:9 **i** Ex 5:2 **j** Mt 10:19 **k** Is 26:3,4 **l** 1 Sm 17:37 **m** Jb 13:15

burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their mantles, their tunics, their turbans and their *other* garments. And they were cast into the midst of the fiery furnace.

22 Therefore, because the king's commandment was urgent and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fell down bound into the midst of the fiery furnace.

24 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished and rose up in haste. He spoke and said to his counsellors, "Did we not cast three bound men into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

25 He answered and said, "Behold, I see four men loose *and* walking in the midst of the fire. And they are not harmed. And the form of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the fiery furnace *and* spoke. And he said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God, come out! Come *here!*" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors and captains and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men on whose bodies the fire had

no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, nor were their garments affected, nor had the smell of fire *even* come upon them.

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed is the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who has sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him. And they have defied the king's word, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

29 "Therefore, I make a decree that all people, nations or languages, who speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, will be cut in pieces and their houses will be made a refuse heap, because there is no other god who can deliver in this way."

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Chapter 4

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Tree

1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations and languages who dwell in all the earth, "Peace be multiplied to you.

2 "I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the High God has worked toward me.

3 "How great are His signs! And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 ¶ "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest

n Is 43:2 o Ps 34:7 p Dn 4:2,3,17,34,35 q Hb 11:34 r Ps 34:7,8 s Dn 6:26 t Dn 2:46,47; 4:34-37 u Dn 2:5 v Dn 6:27 Chapter 4: a Dn 3:4; 6:25 b Dn 3:26 c 2 Sm 7:16 d Dn 2:44; 4:34; 6:26

in my house and prospering in my palace.

5 “I saw a dream that made me afraid. ^eAnd the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head ^ftroubled me.

6 “Therefore, I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me so that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 ^g“Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers came. And I told the dream before them, but they did not make known to me its interpretation.

8 “But at last Daniel came in before me, ^hwhose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god and ⁱin whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. And before him I told the dream, *saying*,

9 “O Belteshazzar, ^jmaster of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen and its interpretation.

10 “These *were* the visions of my head in my bed. I saw and behold, a ^ktree in the midst of the earth and its height *was* great.

11 “The tree grew and was strong, and its height reached to heaven. And it *was* visible to the end of the whole earth.

12 “Its leaves *were* beautiful and its fruit bountiful. And in it *was* food for all. ^lThe beasts of the field had shade

under it and the birds of the heaven dwelt in its branches, and all creatures were fed from it.

13 ¶ “I saw in the visions of my head on my bed, and behold, ^ma watcher and ⁿa holy one came down from heaven.

14 “He cried aloud and said thus, ^o“Cut down the tree and cut off his branches. Shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. ^pLet the beasts get away from under it and the birds from its branches.

15 “Nevertheless, leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of heaven and *let* its portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

16 “Let his heart be changed from man’s and let a beast’s heart be given to him. And let seven ^qtimes pass over him.

17 “This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers and the demand by the word of the holy ones, in order ^rthat the living may know that the ^sMost High rules in the kingdom of men and ^tgives it to whoever He wills and sets over it the ^ulowliest of men.”

18 “This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation ^vsince all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation. But you *are* able, ^wfor the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you.”

e Dn 2:28,29 f Dn 2:1 g Dn 2:2 h Dn 1:7 i Dn 2:11; 4:18; 5:11,14 j Dn 2:48; 5:11 k Ez 31:3 l Lm 4:20 m Dn 4:17,23 n Dt 33:2 o Ez 31:10-14 p Ez 31:12,13 q Dn 11:13; 12:7 r Ps 9:16; 83:18 s Dn 2:21; 4:25,32; 5:21 t Jr 27:5-7 u 1 Sm 2:8 v Gn 41:8,15 w Dn 4:8,9; 5:11,14

Daniel's Interpretation

19 ¶ Then Daniel, ^xwhose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour. And his thoughts ^ytroubled him. The king spoke and said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the ^zdream or its interpretation trouble you.” Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, the dream *favors* those who hate you and its interpretation to your enemies.

20 ^a“The tree that you saw that grew and was strong, whose height reached to the heaven and was visible to all the earth,

21 “whose leaves *were* fair and its fruit abundant, and in it *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged—

22 ^b“*it is* you, O king, who have grown and become strong. For your greatness is grown and reaches to heaven, ^cand your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 ¶ ^d“And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, ‘Cut the tree down and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* ^ehis portion *be* with the beasts of the field until seven times pass by for him.’

24 “This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the Most High who has come on my lord the king:

25 “They will ^fdrive you from men and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field. And they will make ^gyou eat grass as oxen, and they will wet you with the dew of heaven. And seven times will pass over you ^huntil you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and ⁱgives it to whoever He wills.

26 ¶ “And inasmuch as they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots, your kingdom will be sure to you after you come to know that ^jHeaven rules.

27 “Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you and ^kbreak off your sins by *doing* righteousness and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. ^lPerhaps there may be a ^mprolonging of your prosperity.”

Fulfillment of the Dream

28 ¶ All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king ⁿspoke and said, “Is not this great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?”

31 ¶ ^oWhile the word *was* in the king’s mouth there ^pfell a voice from heaven, *saying*, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken, ‘The kingdom has departed from you.’

32 “And ^qthey will drive you from men and your dwelling *will be* with

x Dn 4:8 y Dn 7:15,28; 8:27 z 2 Sm 18:32 a Dn 4:10-12 b Dn 2:37,38 c Jr 27:6-8 d Dn 4:13-15 e Dn 5:21 f Dn 4:32; 5:21 g Ps 106:20 h Dn 4:2,17,32 i Jr 27:5 j Mt 21:25 k 1 Pt 4:8 l Ps 41:1-3 m 1 Kg 21:29 n Pv 16:18 o Lk 12:20 p Dn 4:24 q Dn 4:25

the beasts of the field. They will make you eat grass as oxen, and seven times will pass over you until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whoever He wills.”

33 The same hour the thing was fulfilled on Nebuchadnezzar. And he was driven from men and ate grass as oxen. And his body was wet with the dew of heaven until his hair was grown like eagles’ *feathers* and his nails like birds’ *claws*.

34 ¶ “And ^tat the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven and my understanding returned to me. And I blessed the Most High and I praised and honored Him ^owho lives forever, whose dominion *is* ^uan everlasting dominion and His kingdom *is* from generation to generation.

35 ^w“And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* accounted as nothing. And ^vHe does according to His will in the army of heaven and *among* the inhabitants of the earth. And ^wno one can restrain His hand or say to Him, ^x“What are You doing?”

36 ¶ “At the same time my reason returned to me, and ^yfor the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me. And my counsellors and my lords sought me, and I was ^zestablished in my kingdom and excellent majesty was ^aadded to me.

37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, ^bpraise and extol and honor the King of heaven, ^call whose works *are* truth

and His ways justice. ^dAnd those that walk in pride He is able to humble.”

Chapter 5

Writing on the Wall

1 ¶ Belshazzar the king ^amade a great feast to a thousand of his lords. And he drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the gold and silver vessels ^bthat his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them.

3 So they brought the golden ^cvessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God that *was* at Jerusalem. Then the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, drank from them.

4 They drank wine and ^dpraised the gods of gold and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood and of stone.

5 ¶ ^eIn the same hour fingers of a man’s hand came forth and wrote opposite the candlestick on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace. And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king’s countenance was changed. And his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loose, and his ^fknees smote one against another.

7 ^gThe king cried aloud to bring in the ^hastrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers. The king spoke and

r Dn 4:26 s Rv 4:10 t Lk 1:33 u Is 40:15,17 v Ps 115:3; 135:6 w Jb 34:29 x Rm 9:20 y Dn 4:26 z 2 Ch 20:20 a Pv 22:4 b Dn 2:46,47; 3:28,29 c Ps 33:4 d Ex 18:11 **Chapter 5:** a Et 1:3 b Dn 1:2 c 2 Ch 36:10 d Rv 9:20 e Dn 4:31 f Ez 7:17; 21:7 g Dn 4:6,7; 5:11,15 h Is 47:13

said to the wise *men* of Babylon, "Whoever will read this writing and show me its interpretation will be clothed with scarlet and *have* a chain of gold around his neck. And ^hhe will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise *men* came in. ⁱBut they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king its interpretation.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly ^ktroubled and his countenance was changed in him. And his lords were perplexed.

10 ¶ *Now* the queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house. The queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever. Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance be changed.

11 ^l"There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans *and* soothsayers.

12 "Inasmuch as an excellent spirit and knowledge and understanding, interpreting of dreams and solving riddles, and solving of difficult problems, were found in this Daniel, ^mwhom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called and he will show the interpretation."

13 ¶ Then Daniel ⁿwas brought in before the king. The king spoke and

said to Daniel, "Are you the Daniel who *was* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah?"

14 "I have even heard of you, that the ^oSpirit of God *is* in you and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

15 "And now the ^pwise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me so that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation. But they could not reveal the interpretation of the thing.

16 "Now I have heard of you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. ^qNow if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you will be clothed with scarlet and *have* a chain of gold around your neck. And you will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

17 ¶ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be to yourself and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

18 "O king, the ^rMost High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty and glory and honor.

19 "Because of the majesty that He gave him, ^sall peoples, nations and languages, trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished ^the slew, and whomever he wished he saved, *he allowed* to live. And whomever he wished he elevated, and

i Dn 6:2,3 j Dn 2:27; 4:7; 5:15 k Dn 2:1; 5:6 l Dn 2:48; 4:8,9,18 m Dn 1:7; 4:8 n Dn 4:8,9,18; 5:11,12 o Dn 5:7,8 p Dn 5:7,29 q Dn 2:37,38; 4:17,22,25 r Jr 27:7

whomever he wished he humbled.

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

21 “And he was ^udriven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the beasts and his dwelling *was* with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen and his body was wet with the dew of heaven ^vuntil he realized that the Most High God ruled in the kingdom of men and *that* He appoints over it whomever He so chooses.

22 “And you his son, O Belshazzar, ^whave not humbled your heart, though you knew all this.

23 ^x“But you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And they have brought the ^yvessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine in them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, ^zthat do not see nor hear, nor know. And the God in whose hand your breath *is*, and ^awhose *are* all your ways, you have not glorified.

24 “Then was the part of the hand sent from Him, and this writing was written.

25 ¶ “And this *is* the writing that was written, ‘MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.’

26 “This *is* the interpretation of the message. MENE: God has numbered

your kingdom and finished it.

27 “TEKEL: ^bYou are weighed in the balances and are found lacking.

28 “PERES: Your kingdom is divided and given to the ^cMedes and ^dPersians.”

29 Then Belshazzar commanded and they clothed Daniel with scarlet and *put* a chain of gold around his neck and made a proclamation concerning him, ^ethat he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ ^fIn that night Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

31 ^gAnd Darius the Mede took the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

Chapter 6

Daniel and the Lion's Den

1 ¶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 princes who should be over the whole kingdom,

2 and over these three presidents (of whom Daniel *was* first), so that the princes might give account to them, and the king would suffer no loss.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes ^abecause an excellent spirit *was* in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole realm.

4 ^bThen the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could find no occasion or fault, forasmuch as he *was* faithful, nor was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then these men said, “We will not

s Dn 2:12,13; 3:6 t Dn 4:30,37 u Dn 4:32,33 v Ez 17:24 w 2 Ch 33:23; 36:12 x Dn 5:3,4 y Ex 40:9 z Ps 115:5,6 a Jr 10:23 b Ps 62:9 c Dn 5:31; 9:1 d Dn 6:28 e Dn 5:7,16 f Jr 51:31,39,57 g Dn 2:39; 9:1
Chapter 6: a Dn 5:12 b Ec 4:4

find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.”

6 ¶ Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king and said thus to him, “King Darius, live forever.

7 “All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors and the princes, the counsellors and the captains, have ^dconsulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever will ask a petition from any god or man for thirty days, besides you, O king, he will be cast into the den of lions.

8 “Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing so that it not be changed according to the ^elaw of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.”

9 Therefore, King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house. And his windows being open in his room ^ftoward Jerusalem, he kneeled on his knees ^gthree times a day and prayed. And he gave thanks before his God, as he always did.

11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 ^hThen they went and spoke before the king concerning the king’s decree, “Have you not signed a decree that every man who will ask *a petition* of any god or man within thirty days, besides from you, O king, will be cast into the den of lions?”

The king answered and said, “The thing *is* true according to the ⁱlaw of the Medes and Persians, that may not be revoked.”

13 Then they answered and said before the king, “That Daniel ^jwho *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah ^kpays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, ^lwas greatly displeased with himself. So he set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him. And he labored until the setting of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that the ^mlaw of the Medes and Persians *is* that no decree or statute that the king establishes may be changed.”

16 Then the king commanded and they brought Daniel. And they cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spoke and said to Daniel, “Your God whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.”

17 ⁿAnd a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the ^oking sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords so that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting. Neither were instruments of music brought before him, and ^phis sleep went from him.

c Ne 2:3 d Ps 59:3; 62:4; 64:2-6 e Et 1:19; 8:8 f Jh 2:4 g Ps 55:17 h Dn 3:8-12 i Dn 6:8,15 j Dn 1:6; 5:13 k Dn 3:12 l Mk 6:26 m Dn 6:8,12 n Lm 3:53 o Mt 27:66 p Dn 2:1

19 Then the ^aking arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried out in a tone of anguish to Daniel. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, ^ris your God whom you serve continually able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever.

22 "My God has sent His angel and has ^sshut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me. Inasmuch as before him innocency was found in me, and also before you, O king, I have committed no crime."

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad for him. And he commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no manner of harm was found on him ^tbecause he believed in his God.

24 ¶ Then the king commanded and ^uthey brought those men who had accused Daniel. And they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, ^vtheir children and their wives. And the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces before they came at the bottom of the den.

25 ¶ ^wThen King Darius wrote to all people, nations and languages who dwell in all the earth, "Peace be multiplied to you.

26 ^x"I make a decree, that in every dominion of my kingdom men

^ytreble and fear before the God of Daniel. ^zFor He *is* the living God and enduring forever. And His kingdom is one that will not be ^adestroyed and His dominion *will be* forever.

27 "He delivers and rescues, and ^bHe works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

28 ¶ So this Daniel prospered ^cin the reign of Darius and in the reign of ^dCyrus the Persian.

Chapter 7

Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts

1 ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon ^eDaniel had a dream and ^fvisions of his head on his bed. He then wrote the dream *and* told the summary of the matters.

2 Daniel spoke and said, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven were stirring on the great sea.

3 "And four great beasts ^gcame up from the sea, different one from another.

4 "The first *was* ^hlike a lion and had eagle's wings. I looked until its wings were plucked and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet as a man. And a ⁱman's heart was given to it.

5 "And behold another beast, a second, like a bear. And it raised itself up on one side, and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said to it, 'Arise! Devour much flesh!'

q Dn 3:24 r Dn 3:17 s Dn 2:4; 6:6 t Dn 3:28 u Hb 11:33 v Hb 11:33 w Dt 19:18,19 x Dt 24:16 y Dn 4:1 z Dn 3:29 a Ps 99:1 b Dn 4:34; 6:20 c Dn 2:44; 4:3; 7:14,27 d Dn 4:2,3 e Dn 1:21 f Er 1:1,2 **Chapter 7:** a Am 3:7 b Dn 2:28 c Rv 13:1; 17:8 d Dt 28:49 e Dn 4:16,34 f Dn 2:39

6 “After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, that had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast had also ^ffour heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a ^bfourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and trampled down the remainder with its feet. And it *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it. And ⁱit had ten horns.

8 “I considered the horns, and behold, ^jthere came up among them another little horn, before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. And behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the ^keyes of man and a ^lmouth speaking great things.

9 ¶ ^m“I looked until the thrones were cast down and the ⁿAncient of Days sat, ^owhose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne *was like* the fiery flame *and* ^pits wheels *as* burning fire.

10 ^q“A fiery stream issued and came out from before Him. ^rThousands upon thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. ^sThe judgment was set and the books were opened.

11 “I then looked because of the voice of the great words that the horn spoke. ^tI looked *even* until the beast was slain and his body destroyed and

given to the burning flame.

12 “As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away. Yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13 ¶ ^u“I saw in the night visions, and behold, ^vone ^wlike the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven. And He came to the Ancient of Days. And they brought Him near before Him.

14 ^x“And there was given Him dominion and glory and sovereignty, so that ^yall peoples, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an ^zeverlasting dominion that will not pass away. And His sovereignty will not be destroyed.

Interpretation of Daniel's Dream

15 ¶ ^a“I, Daniel, was distressed in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 “I came near to one of them who stood by and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 “These great beasts that are four, *are* four kings *who* will arise out of the earth.

18 “But the ^bsaints of the Most High will take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

19 “Then I desired to know the truth of the fourth beast that was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth *were of* iron and his nails *of* bronze, *who* de-

g Dn 8:8,22 h Dn 2:40 i Rv 12:3; 13:1 j Dn 8:9 k Rv 9:7 l Rv 13:5,6 m Rv 20:4 n Ps 90:2 o Rv 1:14 p Ez 1:15 q Is 30:33; 66:15 r Rv 5:11 s Rv 20:11-15 t Rv 19:20; 20:10 u Mt 24:30; 26:64; Mk 13:26; 14:62; Lk 21:27; Rv 1:7,13; 14:14 v Mt 28:18; Jn 3:35,36; 1 Co 15:27; Ep 1:22; Ph 2:9-11; Rv 1:6; 11:15 w Dn 3:4 x Mc 4:7; Lk 1:33; Jn 12:34; Hb 12:28 y Is 60:12-14

voured, broke in pieces and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 “and of the ten horns that *were* in its head, and the other *horn* that came up and before whom three fell, even of the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

21 “I beheld, and the *same* horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them

22 “until the Ancient of Days came and *judgment* was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

23 ¶ “Thus he said, ‘The fourth beast will be the *fourth* kingdom on earth that will be different from all kingdoms. And it will devour the whole earth and will trample it down and break it in pieces.

24 “And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that will arise. And another will rise after them, and he will be different from the first. And he will subdue three kings.

25 ^d“And he will speak *great* words against the Most High, and will *wear* down the saints of the Most High. And he will *intend* to change times and laws. And they will be *given* into his hand ^hfor a time, times and half a time.

26 ¶ “But *the* court will have its session, and they *will* take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* forever.

27 “And the *kingdom* and domin-

ion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, ^hwhose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom. And ^mall dominions will serve and obey Him.’

28 “At this point the word ended. As for me, Daniel, ⁿmy thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed in me. But I ^okept the matter in my heart.”

Chapter 8

Vision of the Ram and Goat

1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, *even to* me Daniel, after that which appeared to me ^aat the first.

2 I saw in a vision. Now it came to pass when I looked that I *was* at ^bShushan *in* the palace, that *is* in the province of Elam. And I saw in a vision and I was by the River Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there stood before the river a ram that had *two* horns. And the *two* horns *were* high, but one *was* ^chigher than the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward, so that no beast could stand before him, nor *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand. ^dBut he did according to his desire and became great.

5 ¶ And as I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth. And it did not touch the ground. And the

z Rv 11:7; 13:7; 17:14 a Rv 1:6 b Dn 2:40 c Rv 13:1; 17:12 d Rv 13:1-6 e Rv 17:6 f Dn 2:21 g Rv 13:7; 18:24 h Rv 12:14 i Dn 2:35; 7:10,22 j Rv 19:20 k Dn 7:14,18,22 l Lk 1:33,34 m Is 60:12 n Dn 8:27 o Lk 2:19,51 **Chapter 8:** a Dn 7:1 b Et 1:2; 2:8 c Dn 7:5 d Dn 5:19

goat *had* a notable ^ehorn between his eyes.

6 Then he came to the ram that had *two* horns that I saw standing before the river. And he ran to him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with rage against him. And he smote the ram and broke his two horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore, the male goat became very great. And when he was strong, the great horn was broken. And in its place came up four notable ones toward the ^ffour winds of heaven.

9 ¶ ^gAnd out of one of them came forth a little horn that became exceedingly great toward the south and ^htoward the east and toward the ⁱpleasant *land*.

10 ^jAnd it became great, *even* to the ^khost of heaven. And ^lit cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and trampled on them.

11 ^mYes, he magnified *himself* even as the ⁿprince of the host. ^oAnd by him the ^pdaily *sacrifice* was taken away and the place of His sanctuary was cast down.

12 Because of transgression, ^qthe army will be given *over to the horn* along with the regular sacrifice. And it will ^rcast truth to the ground and ^sperform *its will* and prosper.

13 ¶ Then I heard ^tone saint speaking and another saint said to that certain *saint* who spoke, “How long *will be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice* and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?”

14 And he said to me, “For 2,300 days. Then the sanctuary will be cleansed.”

Interpretation of Daniel's Vision

15 ¶ Now it came to pass when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and ^usought for the meaning, then behold, there stood before me ^vone *who had* the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice ^wbetween *the banks of Ulai* that called and said, ^x“Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision.”

17 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was afraid and ^yfell on my face. But he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision refers to the time of the end.”

18 ^zNow as he was speaking with me, I fainted to the ground on my face. ^aBut he touched me and set me upright.

19 Then he said, “Behold, I will make you know what will be in the last end of the indignation, for at the ^bappointed time the end *will come*.”

20 “The ram that you saw having *two horns are* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 “And the male goat *is* the king of

e Dn 8:8,21; 11:3 f Dn 7:6; 8:22; 11:4 g Dn 11:21 h Dn 11:25 i Ps 48:2 j Dn 11:28 k Is 14:13 l Rv 12:4 m Dn 8:25; 11:36,37 n Ja 5:14 o Dn 11:31; 12:11 p Ex 29:38 q Dn 11:31 r Is 59:14 s Dn 8:4; 11:36 t Dn 4:13,23 u 1 Pt 1:10 v Ez 1:26 w Dn 12:6,7 x Lk 1:19,26 y Rv 1:17 z Lk 9:32 a Ez 2:2 b Hk 2:3

Greece. And the great horn that is between his eyes is the ^cfirst king.

22 ^d“The broken *horn* and the four *horns that stood up in its place represent* four kingdoms that will arise from *his* nation, but not with his power.

23 ¶ “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fulness, a king of ^efierce appearance, understanding sinister schemes, will stand up.

24 “And his power will be mighty, ^fbut not by his own power. And he will destroy fearfully and ^gwill prosper and thrive, and ^hwill destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 “And through his policy also he will ⁱcause deceit to prosper in his hand. ^jAnd he will magnify *himself* in his heart and by peace will destroy many. ^kHe will also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he will be ^lbroken without human means.

26 “And the vision of the evening and the morning that was told *is* true. Therefore, ^mseal up the vision, for it *will be* for many days *in the future.*”

27 ¶ ⁿAnd I Daniel fainted and was sick *many* days. Afterward, I rose up and did the king’s business. And I was astonished at the vision, but no one understood *it*.

Chapter 9

Daniel’s Prayer

1 ¶ In the first year of ^aDarius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes who was made king over the

realm of the Chaldeans,

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by scrolls the number of the years *revealed as* the word of the LORD to ^bJeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 ^cThen I set my face toward the Lord God to make requests by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and made my confession. And I said, “O Lord, the ^dgreat and awesome God who keeps the covenant and mercy with those who love Him and with those who keep His commandments.

5 ^e“We have sinned and have committed iniquity. And we have done wickedly and have rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and from Your judgments.

6 ^f“Neither have we hearkened 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 “O Lord, ^grighteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as *it is* this day, to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel *who are* near and *who are* far off, throughout all the countries to which You have driven them because of their trespass that they have trespassed against You.

8 “O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of

c Dn 11:3 d Dn 11:4 e Dt 28:50 f Rv 17:13 g Dn 11:36 h Dn 7:25 i Dn 11:21 j Dn 8:11-13; 11:36; 12:7 k Rv 19:19,20 l Jb 34:20 m Ez 12:27 n Dn 7:28; 8:17 **Chapter 9:** a Dn 1:21 b 2 Ch 36:21 c Ne 1:4 d Ex 20:6 e 1 Kg 8:47,48 f 2 Ch 36:15 g Ne 9:33

face, to our kings, to our princes and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9 ^h“To the Lord our God *belongs* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him.

10 “Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in His laws that He set before us by His servants the prophets.

11 “Yes, ⁱall Israel has transgressed Your law, even by departing, that they might not obey Your voice. Therefore, the curse is poured on us and the oath that *is* written in the ^jlaw of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him.

12 “And He has ^kconfirmed His words that He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing on us a great evil. ^lFor under the whole heaven *it* has not been done as *it* has been done on Jerusalem.

13 ^m“As *it is* written in the law of Moses *that* all this evil has come on us. ⁿYet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God so that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

14 “Therefore, the LORD has ^owatched on the calamity and brought it upon us. For the LORD our ^pGod *is* righteous in all His works that He does. For we did not obey His voice.

15 ¶ “And now, O Lord our God ^qwho has brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made a ^rname for Yourself, as *it*

is this day—we have sinned. We have done wickedly.

16 “O Lord, ^saccording to all Your righteousness, I beseech You, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, ^tYour holy mountain. Because of our sins and for the ^uiniquities of our fathers, ^vJerusalem and your people *have become* a ^wreproach to all *who are* around us.

17 “Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, ^xand for the ^yLord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary ^zthat is desolate.

18 ^a“O my God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and ^bbehold our desolations, and the city ^cthat is called by Your name. For we do not present our supplications before You for our righteousnesses, but for Your great mercies.

19 “O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, hearken and act. For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay. For Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

The Seventy “Sevens”

20 ¶ And while I *was* speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God,

21 yes, while I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man ^dGabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the begin-

h Ps 130:4,7 i Is 1:3-6 j Lv 26:14 k Zc 1:6 l Lm 1:12; 2:13 m Dt 28:15-68 n Is 9:13 o Jr 31:28; 44:27 p Ne 9:33 q Ne 1:10 r Ne 9:10 s 1 Sm 12:7 t Zc 8:3 u Ex 20:5 v Lm 2:16 w Ps 79:4 x Nm 6:24-26 y Lm 5:18 z Jn 16:24 a Is 37:17 b Ex 3:7 c Jr 25:29 d Dn 8:16

ning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening offering.

22 And he informed *me* and talked with me. And he said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications the command came forth and I have come to show *you*, for you *are* greatly ^abeloved. Therefore, understand the matter and ^cconsider the vision.

24 ¶ "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and ^sto make reconciliation for iniquity, and ^hto bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and ⁱto anoint the Most Holy.

25 "Know therefore and understand *that* from the going forth of the command to restore and to build Jerusalem until the ^jMessiah the ^kPrince *will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. The street will be built again and the wall, even in distressful times.

26 "And after sixty-two weeks the ^lMessiah will be cut off, ^mbut not for Himself. And ⁿthe people of the prince who will come ^owill destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will be* with a flood, and to the end of the war desolations are decreed.

27 "And he will confirm the ^pcovenant with ^qmany for one week. And in the midst of the week, he will cause the sacrifice and the offering

to cease. And on the wing of abominations *will be* one who makes desolate, ^reven until the consummation that is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

Chapter 10

Daniel's Vision of a Man

1 ¶ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose ^aname was called Belteshazzar. And the message *was* true, but the time appointed *was* of great conflict. And he understood of the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning *for* three full weeks.

3 I ate no delicacies, nor did meat or wine come into my mouth. Neither did I anoint myself at all until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 ¶ And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that *is* the Tigris, **5** that I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in ^blinen whose waists *was* ^cclothed with fine gold from Uphaz.

6 His body also *was* like beryl and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire and his arms and his feet like the color of polished bronze. ^dAnd the sound of his words *was* 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 fear

e Dn 10:11,19 f Mt 24:15 g Is 53:10 h Rv 14:6 i Ps 45:7 j Jn 1:41; 4:25 k Is 55:4 l Is 53:8; Mt 27:50; Mk 9:12; 15:37; Lk 23:46; 24:26; Jn 19:30; At 8:32 m 1 Pt 2:21 n Mt 22:7 o Mt 24:2; Mk 13:2; Lk 19:43,44 p Is 42:6 q Mt 26:28 r Dn 11:36 **Chapter 10:** a Dn 1:7 b Ez 9:2; 10:2 c Rv 1:13; 15:6 d Rv 1:15

fell on them so that they fled in order to hide themselves.

8 Therefore, I was left alone and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me. For my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet I heard the voice of his words. And when I heard the voice of his words, I fell unconscious with my face to the ground.

10 ¶^e And behold, a hand touched me so that *it* set me on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, ^fa man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you and stand upright, for to you am I now sent.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, ^g“Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to discipline yourself before your God, ^hyour words were heard and I have come in response to your words.

13 ⁱ“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But behold, ^jMichael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 “Now I have come to make you understand what will befall your people ^kin the latter days, ^lfor the vision pertains to the days yet *to come*.”

15 ¶^m And when he had spoken such words to me, ⁿI turned my face toward the ground and I became speechless.

16 And behold, ^oone like the ^pappearance of the sons of men ^qouched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. And he said to him who stood before me, “O my lord, by the vision ^rmy sorrows have overwhelmed me and I have retained no strength.

17 “For how can the servant of this my lord talk with you my lord? As for me, there remains no strength in me, nor is there breath left in me.”

18 ¶^s Then there came again and touched me ^tone like the appearance of a man. And he strengthened me.

19 ^uAnd he said, “O man greatly beloved, ^vdo not fear. Peace ^wbe to you. Be strong, yes, be strong.” And when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened. And I said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight ^xwith the prince of Persia. And when I have gone out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.

21 “But I will show you that which is inscribed in the scripture of truth. And *there is* no one who upholds me against these, ^ybut Michael your prince.

Chapter 11

1 ¶^z “Also in the ^{aa}first year of ^{ab}Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and to strengthen him.

Kings of the South and North

2 “And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, there will stand up yet three

e Dn 9:21 f Dn 9:23 g Rv 1:17 h At 10:4 i Dn 10:20 j Dn 10:21; 12:1 k Dn 2:28 l Dn 8:26; 10:1 m Dn 8:18; 10:9 n Dn 8:15 o Jr 1:9 p Dn 10:8,9 q Dn 10:11 r Jg 6:23 s Dn 10:13 t Rv 12:7 **Chapter 11:** a Dn 9:1

kings in Persia, and the fourth will be far richer than all *of them*. And by his strength through his riches he will stir up all against the realm of Greece.

3 “Then ^aa mighty king will stand up who will rule with great dominion and ^ddo according to his will.

4 “And when he has arisen, ^ehis kingdom will be broken and will be divided toward the four winds of heaven, and not among his posterity, ^fnor according to his dominion that he ruled. For his kingdom will be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 “And the king of the south will become strong, along with *one* of his princes. And he will be strong above him and have dominion. His dominion *will be* a great dominion.

6 “After some years they will form an alliance, for the king’s daughter of the south will come to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power. But she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who begat her, as well as he who supported her in *those* times.

7 “But out of a branch of her roots will *one* stand up in his place who will come with an army. And he will enter into the fortress of the king of the north and will deal with them and will prevail.

8 “And he will also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold. And he will

continue *more* years than the king of the north.

9 “But one will come against the realm of the king of the south, but will return to his own land.

10 “However, his sons will be stirred up and will assemble a multitude of great forces. And *one* will certainly come and ^goverflow and pass through. Then he will return and be stirred up, *even* to ^hhis fortress.

11 ¶ “And the king of the south will be ⁱmoved with rage, and will go out and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north. And he will set forth a great multitude, but the ^jmultitude will be given into his hand.

12 “When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cast down tens of thousands. But he will not prevail.

13 “Then the king of the north will return and will set forth a multitude greater than the former, and he will certainly come after certain years with a great army and with great riches.

14 ¶ “And in those times many will stand up against the king of the south. Also, the violent men of your people will exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they will ^kfall.

15 “So the king of the north will come and ^lcast up a mount and take the most fortified cities. And the arms of the south will not withstand, nor his chosen people, nor *will there be any* strength to withstand.

16 “But he who comes against him will ^mdo according to his own will

b Dn 5:31 **c** Dn 7:6; 8:5 **d** Dn 8:4; 11:16,36 **e** Zc 2:6 **f** Dn 8:22 **g** Is 8:8 **h** Dn 11:7 **i** Pv 16:14 **j** Ps 33:10,16 **k** Jb 9:13 **l** Ez 4:2; 17:17 **m** Dn 8:4,7

and ⁿno one will stand against him. And he will stand in the glorious land and will have power over it.

17 “He will also ^oset his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him. *And* thus he will do. And he will give him the daughter of women, corrupting her. But she will not stand *on his side* or ^pbe for him.

18 “After this he will turn his face to the coastlands and will take many. But a ruler will bring to an end the reproach against them. And with reproach removed, he will turn back on him.

19 “Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land. But he ^qwill stumble and fall, and ^rnot be found.

20 ¶ “Then *there* will stand up in his place a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he will be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

21 “And in his place ^swill stand up a vile person to whom they will not give the honor of the kingdom. But he will come in peaceably and obtain the kingdom by intrigue.

22 “And with the arms of a ^tflood they will be flooded away from before him, and will be broken, yes, ^ualso the ruler of the covenant.

23 “And after the alliance *made* with him, he will ^vwork deceitfully. For he will come up and will become strong with a few people.

24 “He will enter peaceably even on the fertile places of the province.

And he will do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’ fathers. He will distribute among them the plunder, the spoil and the riches. And he will devise his plans against the strongholds, but *only* for a time.

25 “Then he will stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south will be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army, but he will not stand. For they will devise plans against him.

26 “Yes, those who feed from the portion of his food will destroy him, and his army will be swept away. And many will fall down slain.

27 “Then both of these kings’ hearts *will be* to do mischief. And they will speak lies at one table, but to no avail, for the end *will still be* at the ^wappointed time.

28 “Then he will return into his land with great riches, and his heart *will be* against the holy covenant. And he will take action and *then* return to his *own* land.

29 ¶ “At the appointed time he will return and come toward the south. But it will not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 ^x“For the ships of Chittim will come against him. Therefore, he will be grieved and return and have indignation against the holy covenant. So will he do. He will even return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 “And forces will stand on his side and ^ythey will desecrate the sanctu-

n Ja 1:5 o 2 Ch 20:3 p Dn 9:26 q Jr 46:6 r Ps 37:36 s Dn 7:8 t Dn 9:26 u Dn 8:10,11 v Dn 8:25 w Hk 2:3 x Jr 2:10 y Dn 8:11-13; 12:11

ary of strength, and will take away the daily *sacrifice*. And they will place *there* the abomination of desolation.

32 “And such as do wickedly against the covenant, he will corrupt by flattery. But the people who do know their God will be strong, and take action.

33 “And those who understand among the people will instruct many. Yet for *many* days they will fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder.

34 “Now when they fall, they will be aided with a little help. But many will cleave to them with flattery.

35 “And *some* of them of understanding will fall, to test them, and ²to purge and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end, because *it is* yet for an appointed time.

The King Who Exalts Himself

36 ¶ “And the king will do according to his will. And he will ^aexalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and will speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and will prosper until the indignation is accomplished. For that which is determined will be done.

37 “Neither will he ^bregard the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god. For he will magnify himself above all.

38 “But in his place he will honor the god of fortresses. And a god whom his fathers did not know he will honor with gold and silver and

with precious stones and pleasant things.

39 “Thus he will attack the strongest strongholds with a strange god whom he will acknowledge *and* increase with glory. And he will cause them to rule over many and will divide the land for gain.

40 ¶ “And at the ^ctime of the end, the king of the south will attack him. And the king of the north will come against him ^dlike a whirlwind, with chariots and with ^ehorsemen and with many ships. And he will enter into the countries and will overwhelm *them* and pass over.

41 “He will enter also into the glorious land and many *countries* will be overthrown. But these will escape out of his hand, *even* ^fEdom and Moab, and the prominent of the children of Ammon.

42 “He will stretch forth his hand also on the countries. And the land of ^gEgypt will not escape.

43 “But he will have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians *will be* ^hat his heels.

44 “But news out of the east and out of the north will trouble him. Therefore, he will go forth with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.

45 “And he will plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas on the ⁱglorious holy mountain. ^jBut he will come to his end and no one will help him.

z Dn 12:10 a Dn 7:8,25 b Is 14:13 c Dn 11:27,35; 12:4,9 d Is 21:1 e Rv 9:16 f Is 11:14 g Jl 3:19 h Ez 11:8 i Ps 48:2 j Rv 19:20

Chapter 12*End of Times*

1 ¶ “And at that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. ^aAnd there will be a time of trouble such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time. And at that time your people ^bwill be delivered, everyone who will be found ^cwritten on the scroll.

2 “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, ^dsome to everlasting life and some to shame *and* ^eeverlasting contempt.

3 “And those who are wise will ^fshine as the brightness of the firmament. ^gAnd those who turn many to righteousness ^has the stars forever and ever.

4 “But you, O Daniel, ⁱseal up the words and seal the scroll, until the time of the end. Many will ^jrun to and fro and knowledge will be increased.”

5 ¶ Then I, Daniel, looked, and there were two others standing, one on this side of the bank of the river and the other on that side of the ^kbank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in ^llinen who *was* on the waters of

the river, ^m“How long *will it be* to the end of these wonders?”

7 And I heard the Man clothed in linen who *was* on the waters of the river, when He ⁿheld up His right hand and His left hand to heaven, and swore by Him ^owho lives forever that *it will be* ^pfor a time, times, and a half. And ^qwhen the power of the ^rholy people has been scattered, all these *things* will be finished.

8 And I heard, but did not understand. Then I said, “O my Lord, what *will be* the end of these *things*?”

9 Then he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 ^s“Many will be purified and made white and tested, ^tbut the wicked will do wickedly. And none of the wicked will understand. However, ^uthe wise will understand.

11 “And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* will be taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* 1,280 days.

12 “Blessed *is* he who waits and attains to 1,335 days.

13 “But go your way to the end, for ^vyou will enter into rest and ^wrise for your inheritance at the end of the ages.”

Chapter 12: a Jr 30:7 b Rm 11:26 c Ez 32:32 d Jn 5:28,29 e Is 66:24 f Mt 13:43 g Js 5:19,20 h 1 Co 15:41 i Rv 22:10 j Am 8:12 a Jr 30:7 b Rm 11:26 c Ex 32:32 d Jn 5:28,29 e Is 66:24 f Mt 13:43 g Js 5:19,20 h 1 Co 15:41 i Rv 22:10 j Am 8:12 k Dn 10:4 l Ez 9:2 m Dn 8:13; 12:8 n Dt 32:40 o Dn 4:34 p Dn 7:25 q Lk 21:24 r Dn 3:24 s Zc 13:9 t Is 32:6,7 u Jn 7:17; 8:47 v Rv 14:13 w Ps 1:5