

## VISIONS OF THE PROPHET DANIEL

The Prophet Daniel received prophecies from the late 7th century to the mid 6th century BC. The 3 Visions concerned 4 historical empires that succeeded each other.

Vision of Daniel chapter 2: The Statue: *to take place in the final days*. Vision received circa 604/3 BC. All dates are approximate and may vary according to scholar.

Vision of statue Daniel 2:31-45	Interpretation of vision and historical fulfillment
1. Head of fine gold	Babylonian Empire; vs. 38 Daniel to Babylonian king <i>you are the golden head</i> .
2. Chest and arms of silver	Persian Empire was composed of the Medes and the Persians.
3. Belly and thighs of bronze	Greeks of Alexander the Great. Alexander the Great begins the conquest of the Medo-Persian Empire in 335BC. Final Persian defeat by Greeks at the battle of Arbela in 331 BC. The Greeks split into 4 lesser kingdoms after Alexander's death in 323 BC. 2 of those kingdoms, Greek Egypt and Greek Syria, fought for control of Judah.
4. Legs of iron, feet part iron , part clay	The 4 smaller Greek kingdoms were conquered by the 4 <sup>th</sup> world empire, Rome, in campaigns from 197-63BC, including Judah in 63BC. In the 4th century Rome split into the Western Empire centered in Rome and the Eastern Empire centered in Constantinople [2 legs]. The feet which are only part iron may represent the 10 Roman provinces.
5. The stone that struck the statue to become a greater kingdom = Jesus "the cornerstone"	The 5 <sup>th</sup> kingdom that was "everlasting (Dan 2:44; 7:14, 18, 27; : The 4th kingdom was prophesized to be conquered by a 5th kingdom: <i>...the God of heaven will set up a kingdom it will shatter and absorb all the previous kingdoms and itself last forever</i> " [2:44-45]. The Kingdom of Heaven on earth = the New Covenant Church

Vision of Daniel chapter 7: the 4 Beasts (vision circa 553/2BC):

Vision of beasts Daniel 7:1-28	Interpretation and historical fulfillment
1. Lion with wings	Babylon [Lion with wings was the royal symbol of Babylon]
2. Bear with 3 ribs in its mouth	Persians conquer the 3 provinces of Babylon: Lydia in 546BC; Babylon in 539BC; and Egypt in 525BC.
3. Leopard with 4 wings and 4 heads	Alexander the Great and his 4 generals who won his victories and who divided his empire
4. 4th beast with 10 horns	Rome with her 10 client kings who rule her 10 provinces [or 10 Caesars from Augustus Caesar and the birth of Christ to Vespasian and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the end of the Old Covenant]

Vision of Daniel chapter 8: The Ram and the He-Goat (vision circa 551/0 BC):

Animals in vision Daniel 8:1-27	Interpretation and historical fulfillment
Ram with 2 horns	The Persian empire was formed from the Medes and the Persians
He-goat with one horn	Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire (invasion 336BC; defeated Persians at Issus in 333; final victory at Arbela in 331 BC)
He-goat's one horn becomes 4	Alexander the Great's empire is divided among his 4 generals (323 BC)

The little horn that grows toward the "Land of Splendor"	The Seleucid Greeks expanded the empire from Syria to Asia Minor to the Indus River and became the largest of the 4 Greek empires, dominating even the Promised Land of the Jews 200-142BC.
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**CORRELATION OF DREAMS AND VISIONS IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

	Images from chapter 2	Beasts from chapter 7	Beasts from chapter 8	World Kingdoms
T I M E  of the  G E N T I L E S	Head of gold	Like a lion with eagle's wings		Babylon 606-539BC
	Chest and arms of silver	Like a bear	Ram with two horns	Medo-Persia 539-331BC
	Belly and thighs of bronze	Like a leopard with four wings and four heads	Male goat with one great horn, four horns and little horn	Alexander the Great - Greece kingdoms 332-146BC
	Legs of iron, feet of iron and clay	Incomparable beast with ten horns and little horn		Rome/ her province Judea 146BC- the birth of Christ
	Stone that becomes a great mountain	Messiah and Saints receive the Kingdom of God		5 <sup>th</sup> Kingdom = Kingdom of God*

\* THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

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## SUMMARY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

BIBLICAL PERIOD	#8 THE EXILE							
FOCUS	History of Daniel	God's Plan for the Time of the Gentile Nations				God's Plan of salvation for His Covenant people		
COVENANT	SINAI COVENANT [Davidic Covenant]							
SCRIPTURE	1:1-----2:1-----5:1-----6:1-----7:1-----8:1-----9:1-----12:13-----14:42							
DIVISION	Daniel's captivity and early years in Exile	Vision of king #1 of Babylon	Vision of king # 2 of Babylon	Decree of Darius the Mede	Vision of the Four Beasts	Vision of the Ram and Goat	Vision of the 70 weeks/ prophecy of the Messiah	Story of Susanna's virtue/ Story of Bel and the dragon
TOPIC	Daniel's back-ground	Daniel Interprets Visions and Risks His life for His Faith			Angels Gabriel and Michael interpret Daniel's Visions		The boy Daniel defends a daughter of Israel/ God defends Daniel	
LANGUAGE	Hebrew	Aramaic [the language of Assyria & Babylon]				Hebrew		
LOCATION	CITY OF BABYLON under the Babylonian Empire				BABYLON under the Persian Empire			
TIME	606/5 BC - 536 BC							

### TIME LINE B.C. WORLD EMPIRES:

-----ASSYRIAN---BABYLON---PERSIAN-----GREEK

Divided Kingdom---Southern Kingdom

(70 yr exile for Judah)

<b>c.873-853</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>587/6</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>445-3</b>	<b>332</b>
Elijah's Ministry	Israel conquered by Assyria	Judah conquered by Babylon	Persians conquer Babylon -Judah's Exiles return #1	Temple rebuilt to Judah/ return #2	Ezra's mission to Judah/ return #2	Nehemiah rebuilds Jerusalem's walls/ return #3	conquest of Persia by Alexander the Great completed

“BORN ONCE,  
DIE TWICE –  
BORN TWICE,  
DIE ONCE”

Next week's readings for Biblical Period 9: THE RETURN FROM EXILE  
**LESSONS 21-22**

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| 1. Cyrus, King of Persia and the Decree of Return      | 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Isaiah 44:28; 45:1-13; Daniel 10:1 |
| 2. Return of the Exiles                                | Ezra 1:1-2:70   |
| 3. The Summons to Rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem      | Haggai 1:1-15   |
| 4. The 8 Visions of the Prophet Zechariah              | Zechariah 1:1-6:15  |
| 5. The Jerusalem Temple is Rebuilt                     | Ezra 3:1-6:22   |
| 6. Ezra Returns to Jerusalem                           | Ezra 7:1-8:36   |
| 7. The Reforms of Ezra                                 | Ezra 9:1-10:44  |
| 8. Esther, Queen of Persia                             | Esther 1:1-10:3   |
| 9. Nehemiah Returns/ Jerusalem's Walls Are Rebuilt     | Nehemiah 3:1-4:23   |
| 10. Ezra Reads the Law to the People                   | Nehemiah 8:1-9:38   |
| 11. The Prophecy of Malachi                            | Malachi 3:1-3; 3:19-24                                    |
| 12. Alexander the Great and the Conquest Of the Levant | 1 Maccabees 1:1-10  |

WORLD POWER [all dates are BC]

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE-----						ALEXANDER THE GREAT
539	538	516	483-473	458	444	333
Persian King Cyrus conquers Babylon	<b>Decree of Cyrus allows return to Judah</b> #1 return led by Zerubbabel descendant of King David. Judah becomes a Persian vassal state	<b>Temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt!</b>	<b>Esther</b> Queen of Persia	#2 return led by the priest/ scribe <b>Ezra</b>	#3 return led by <b>Nehemiah</b> the walls of Jerusalem are rebuilt	Greeks defeat Persians at the Battle of Issus \captures Judah in 332BC