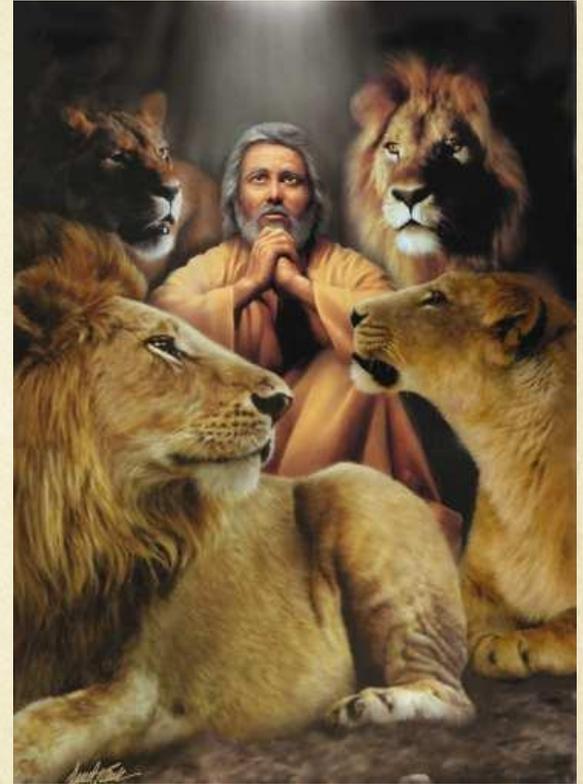


Survey of Daniel and The
End of the Age

Who Was Daniel?

- **Author:** The Book of Daniel identifies the Prophet Daniel as its author ([Daniel 9:2](#); [10:2](#)).
- Jesus mentions Daniel as the author as well ([Matthew 24:15](#)).¹
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Daniel was likely written between 540 and 530 B.C.²
- **Purpose of Writing:** In 605 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon had conquered Judah and deported many of its inhabitants to Babylon – Daniel included. Daniel served in the royal court of Nebuchadnezzar and several rulers who followed Nebuchadnezzar. The Book of Daniel records the actions, prophecies, and visions of the Prophet Daniel.³



Babylon

Daniel prophecies return
with other prophets

Medio-Persia

Jews return under Nehemiah, Ezra, during Esther's Time

Greece

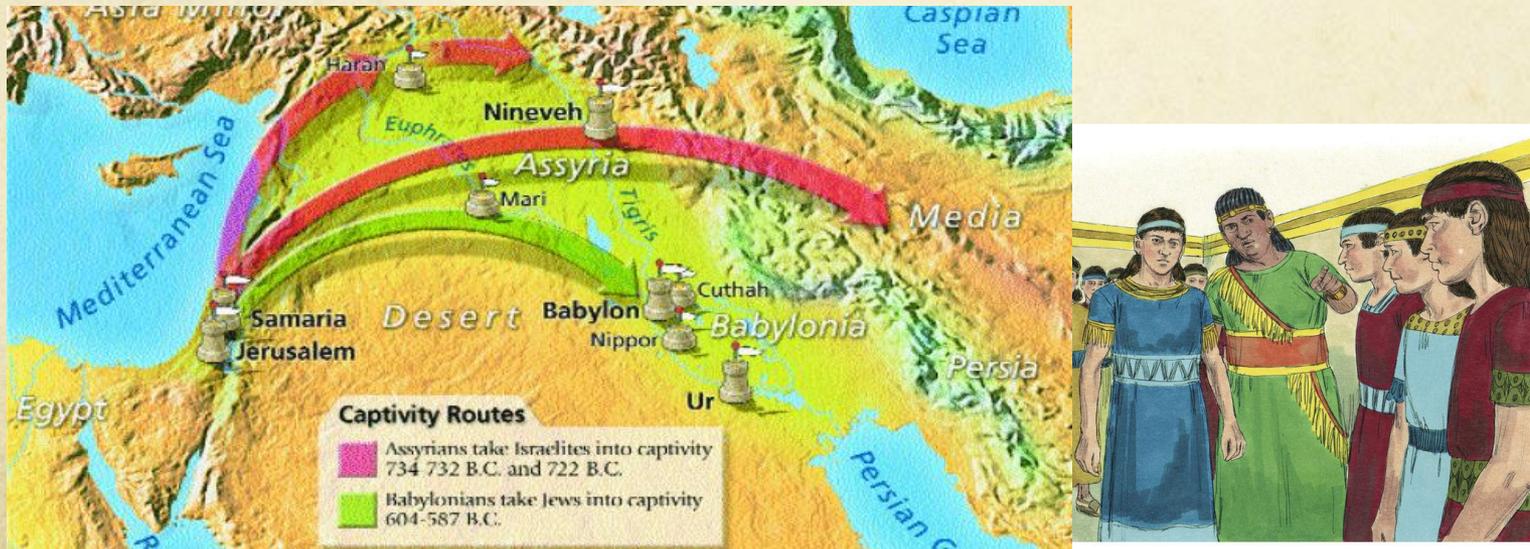
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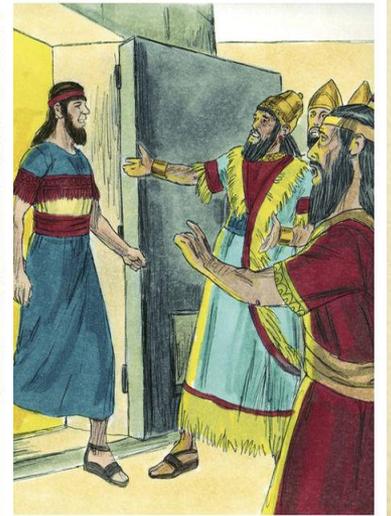
Alexander the Great
Split Between 4 Generals
Antiochus Ephiphanes

Rome

continues until after Christ

Brief Summary:





- Daniel chapter 5 records Nebuchadnezzar's son Belshazzar misusing the items taken from the Temple in Jerusalem and receiving a message from God, written into the wall, in response. Only Daniel could interpret the writing, a message of coming judgment from God. Daniel is thrown into the lions' den for refusing to pray to the emperor, but was miraculously spared.



- Chapter 7 God gave Daniel a vision of four beasts. The four beasts represented the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.□

Statue
from
Neb's
Dream in
Daniel 2



Babyl
on
Medio-Persian

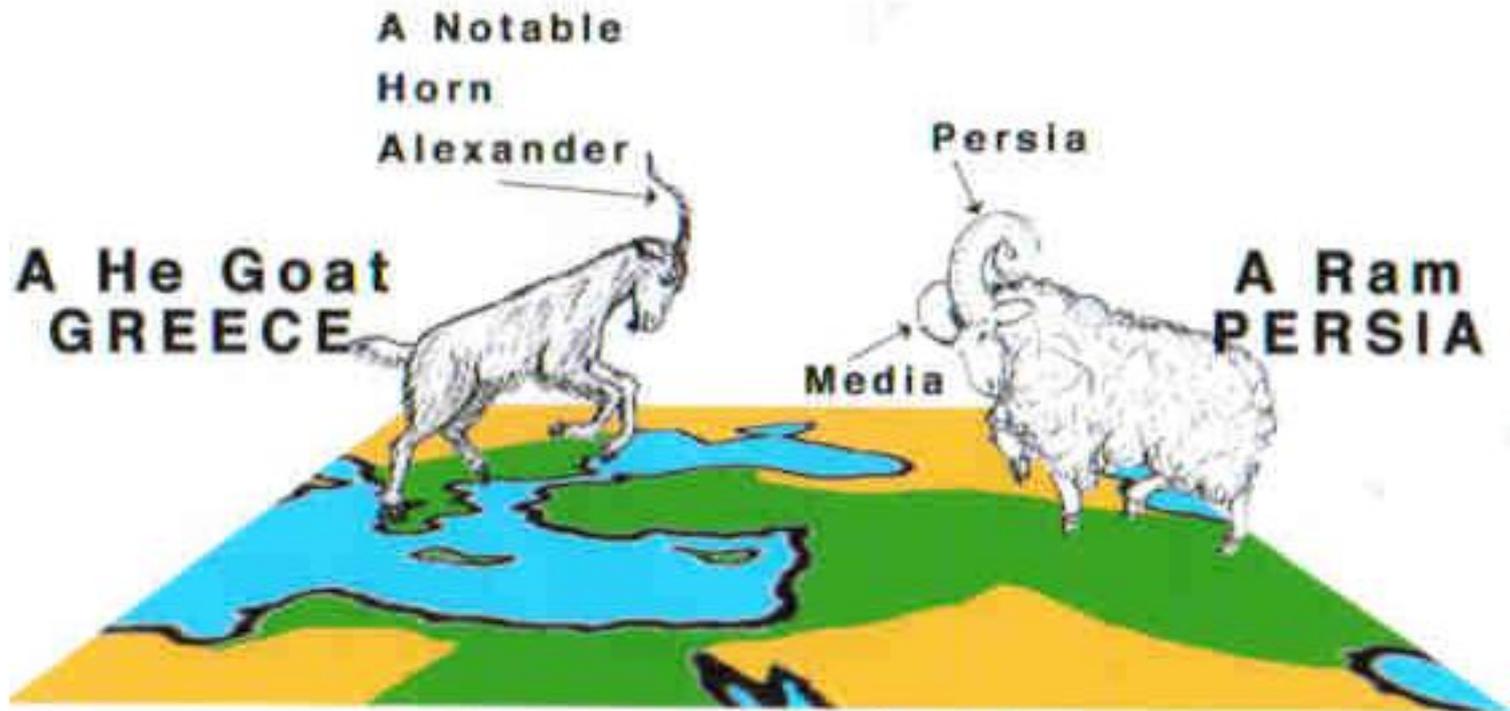
Greec
e
Rome

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There are many different perspectives of what happened after the Fall of the Roman Empire. This particular visual represents the view of the split between Catholicism and Protestantism. Some believe the legs are the East/West Split of the Roman Empire. Others believe the toes are the 10 kingdoms of European nations created after the fall of the Roman Empire. All of the theories are too numerous to mention and more are still being formulated.



- Chapters 8-12 contain a vision involving a ram, a goat, and several horns – also referring to future kingdoms and their rulers
- Chapter 8 is a more detailed perspective of how the Media-Persian Empire would be overtaken by Greece



Daniel ch 8

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy

The content of that prophecy, as recorded in Daniel 9:24-27, is as follows:

- 24 - *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.*
- 25 - *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (49 years), and threescore and two weeks the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*
- 26 - *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, (434 years + 49 years=483 years=30A.D. Jesus begins ministry): but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27- And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, (possible that this "he" is Jesus because He did confirm covenant and sacrifices and offerings did cease as His prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem came to pass) and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SEVENTY WEEKS

- **(1) to bring transgression to an end**
- **(2) to make an end for sin**
- **(3) to make reconciliation for iniquity**
- **(4) to bring in everlasting righteousness**
- **(5) to seal up the vision and prophesy**
- **(6) to anoint the most Holy**
- ¶This context sets forth the primary purpose of Jesus Christ's mission to Earth. First, the Messiah would come to deal with the problem of human sin. He would "finish transgression," make an "end of sins," and effect "reconciliation for iniquity."
- That theme is developed gloriously throughout the New Testament (Read Matthew 1:21; 20:28; 26:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 2:24; Revelation 1:5).¶¶

Decoding the Weeks

○ The “seventy weeks” of Daniel’s prophecy are divided into three segments

○ (1) **seven weeks**

= 49 years

○ (2) **62 weeks**

= 434 years

GENERALLY ACCEPTED

= 483 years total from
Decree given to
rebuild Jerusalem
Ezra, Nehemiah,
Esther

○ (3) **one week (70th).**

= 30 AD Jesus Born!

***often in Scripture 1 day = 1 year**

-Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:6

*not unusual for
specific dates to
vary slightly

70th week has more than one Option.

Option One- Jesus Fulfilled the First 3.5 Days of the Week and we are presently in the gap called “The Age of the Gentiles” or the “Church Age.”

The “midst of the week” (3½ years) reflects the time of the Lord’s preaching ministry. This segment of the prophecy concludes in A.D. 33 – the year of the Savior’s death. ¶¶The First half of the SEVENTIETH WEEK of Daniel pertained to the 3 ½ years ministry of Jesus Christ on earth from the day of His Water Baptism at the River Jordan till his death in 33 ½ A.D. This fulfilled the verses “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off”

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Option One Visual



The Crucifixion/Resurrection/Ascension/Book of Acts etc. began

The Church Age/Gentile Age until the final 3 1/2 years and

The End of the Present Age

- There are numerous theories concerning Daniel's 70 weeks of chapter 9. This overview is intended to simply familiarize you with the basics. These things were not written to confuse us, but to prepare and encourage us. Some aspects are commonly accepted and historical while other aspects are waiting upon further revelation.

Daniel 12:9

And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed
till the time of the end."