Daniel

1 In the third year of the reign of King
Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of
Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.
2 The Lord gave King Jehoiakim of Judah into
his hand, along with some of the vessels from
the house of God. He brought them to the land
of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the
vessels in his god's treasury.
3 The king told Ashpenaz, chief of his eunuchs,
to bring in some Israelites from the royal family
and the nobility:
4 young men without any physical defect,
handsome, skilled in every kind of wisdom,
knowledgeable and discerning, and capable of
serving in the king's palace. He was to teach
them the literature and language of the
Chaldeans.
5 The king assigned them a daily portion of his
own food and the wine he drank. They were to
be trained for three years, after which they
would serve before the king.
6 Among them were Daniel, Hananiah,
Mishael, and Azariah, from the people of Judah.
7 The chief of the eunuchs gave them names:
he named Daniel Belteshazzar, Hananiah
Shadrach, Mishael Meshach, and Azariah
Abednego.
8 But Daniel resolved in his heart not to defile
himself with the king's food or the wine he

drank. So he asked the chief of the eunuchs to
allow him not to defile himself.
9 God granted Daniel favor and compassion in
the sight of the chief of the eunuchs.
10 The chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I
fear my lord the king, who has assigned your
food and drink. Why should he see you looking
more haggard than the other young men your
age? You would put my head in danger with the
king.”
11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the
chief of the eunuchs had put in charge of Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
12 “Please test your servants for ten days. Let
us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.
13 Then compare our appearance with that of
the young men who eat the king’s food, and deal
with your servants according to what you see.”
14 He agreed to this and tested them for ten
days.
15 At the end of ten days they looked better
and were better nourished than all the young
men who ate the king’s food.
16 So the steward kept taking away their
assigned food and the wine they were to drink,
and giving them vegetables.
17 God gave these four young men knowledge
and understanding in every kind of literature
and wisdom. Daniel also understood every kind
of vision and dream.
18 At the end of the time the king had set for
presenting them, the chief of the eunuchs
brought them before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 The king spoke with them, and among them
all none was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah,
Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the king's
service.
20 In every matter of wisdom and
understanding that the king asked them about,
he found them ten times better than all the
magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.
21 Daniel remained until the first year of King
Cyrus.

2

1 In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's
reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. His spirit
was troubled, and sleep left him.
2 The king ordered the magicians, enchanters,
sorcerers, and Chaldeans to be summoned to tell
him his dreams. They came and stood before the
king.
3 The king said to them, "I have had a dream,
and my spirit is troubled to understand it."
4 The Chaldeans answered the king in
Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants
the dream, and we will give its interpretation."
5 The king answered the Chaldeans, "My
decision is firm: if you do not tell me the dream
and its interpretation, you will be torn limb
from limb, and your houses will be turned into
rubbish heaps.
6 But if you tell me the dream and its
interpretation, you will receive gifts, rewards,
and great honor from me. So tell me the dream
and its interpretation."

7 They answered a second time, “Let the king
tell his servants the dream, and we will give its
interpretation.”
8 The king answered, “I know for certain that
you are buying time, because you see that my
decision is firm.
9 If you do not tell me the dream, there is only
one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak
lying and corrupt words before me until the
situation changes. So tell me the dream, and I
will know that you can give me its
interpretation.”
10 The Chaldeans answered the king, “There is
no one on earth who can do what the king asks.
No king, however great and powerful, has ever
asked anything like this of any magician,
enchanter, or Chaldean.
11 What the king asks is difficult. No one can
tell it to the king except the gods, whose
dwelling is not with mortals.”
12 At this the king became angry and flew into
a rage. He ordered all the wise men of Babylon
to be put to death.
13 The decree went out that the wise men were
to be killed, and they sought Daniel and his
companions to put them to death.
14 Then Daniel spoke with prudence and
discretion to Arioch, chief of the king’s guard,
who had gone out to kill the wise men of
Babylon.
15 He asked Arioch, the king’s officer, “Why is
the king’s decree so harsh?” Then Arioch
explained the matter to Daniel.

16 Daniel went in and asked the king to give
him time so that he could tell the king the
interpretation.
17 Then Daniel went home and told his
companions Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah
about the matter,
18 so that they would seek mercy from the God
of heaven concerning this mystery, and Daniel
and his companions would not perish with the
rest of the wise men of Babylon.
19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in
a night vision, and Daniel blessed the God of
heaven.
20 Daniel said,
"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
for wisdom and might are his.
21 He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and establishes kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge
to those who have understanding.
22 He reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness, and light
dwells with him.
23 To you, God of my fathers, I give thanks and
praise, for you have given me wisdom and
might.
You have now made known to me what we
asked of you;
you have made known to us the king's
matter."
24 So Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king
had appointed to put the wise men of Babylon to
death. He went and said to him, "Do not kill the

wise men of Babylon. Take me before the king,
and I will tell the king the interpretation."
25 Then Arioch hurried Daniel before the king
and said to him, "I have found a man among the
exiles from Judah who can tell the king the
interpretation."
26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was
Belteshazzar, "Are you able to tell me the dream
I saw and its interpretation?"
27 Daniel answered the king, "No wise men,
enchanters, magicians, or diviners can tell the
king the mystery he has asked about.
28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals
mysteries, and he has made known to King
Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the latter
days. This is your dream and the visions that
passed through your mind as you lay on your
bed:
29 As you lay on your bed, O king, your
thoughts turned to what would happen after
this. He who reveals mysteries made known to
you what will happen.
30 As for me, this mystery was not revealed to
me because I have more wisdom than anyone
else alive, but so that the interpretation might be
made known to the king and you might
understand the thoughts of your heart.
31 You were looking, O king, and there before
you was a great statue. This enormous statue,
dazzling in splendor, stood before you, and its
appearance was terrifying.
32 The statue's head was of fine gold, its chest
and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,

33 its legs of iron, and its feet partly of iron and
partly of clay.
34 As you watched, a stone was cut out without
hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and
clay and crushed them.
35 Then the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold
were all crushed together and became like chaff
on summer threshing floors. The wind carried
them away, and no trace of them was found. But
the stone that struck the statue became a great
mountain and filled the whole earth.
36 This was the dream. Now we will tell the
king its interpretation.
37 You, O king, are the king of kings. The God
of heaven has given you the kingdom, power,
might, and glory.
38 Wherever people dwell, he has given into
your hand human beings, the beasts of the field,
and the birds of the heavens, and has made you
ruler over them all. You are the head of gold.
39 After you another kingdom will arise,
inferior to yours, and then a third kingdom, of
bronze, which will rule over the whole earth.
40 A fourth kingdom will be strong as iron.
Just as iron crushes and shatters everything, and
as iron breaks all these things, it will crush and
break them.
41 As you saw the feet and toes partly of
potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a
divided kingdom. Yet it will have some of the
firmness of iron, just as you saw iron mixed
with clay.
42 As the toes of the feet were partly iron and

partly clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong
and partly brittle.
43 As you saw iron mixed with clay, they will
mingle through human offspring, but they will
not hold together, just as iron does not mix with
clay.
44 In the days of those kings, the God of
heaven will establish a kingdom that will never
be destroyed. Its rule will not be left to another
people. It will crush and put an end to all these
kingdoms, but it will stand forever.
45 This is the meaning of the stone you saw cut
from the mountain without hands, crushing the
iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. The great God
has made known to the king what will happen
after this. The dream is certain, and its
interpretation is trustworthy."

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell facedown
and bowed before Daniel. He ordered that an
offering and incense be presented to him.
47 The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is
God of gods, Lord of kings, and a revealer of
mysteries, since you have been able to reveal
this mystery."
48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave
him many great gifts. He made him ruler over
the entire province of Babylon and chief of the
prefects over all the wise men of Babylon.
49 At Daniel's request, the king appointed
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the
affairs of the province of Babylon. Daniel
remained at the king's gate.

3

1 King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue
about ninety feet high and nine feet wide. He set
it up on the plain of Dura in the province of
Babylon.
2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the
satraps, prefects, governors, counselors,
treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the
provincial officials to come to the dedication of
the statue he had set up.
3 So the satraps, prefects, governors,
counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and
all the provincial officials gathered for the
dedication of the statue King Nebuchadnezzar
had set up. They stood before the statue
Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
4 The herald proclaimed loudly, “You are
commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages:
5 When you hear the sound of the horn, flute,
lyre, harp, psaltery, bagpipe, and every kind of
music, you must fall down and worship the gold
statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.
6 Whoever does not fall down and worship
will immediately be thrown into a blazing
furnace.”
7 So as soon as all the peoples heard the sound
of the horn, flute, lyre, harp, psaltery, and every
kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and
languages fell down and worshiped the gold
statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
8 At that time some Chaldeans came forward
and maliciously accused the Jews.

9 They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king,
live forever!
10 You, O king, have issued a decree that
everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute,
lyre, harp, psaltery, bagpipe, and every kind of
music must fall down and worship the gold
statue.
11 Whoever does not fall down and worship is
to be thrown into a blazing furnace.
12 There are some Jews whom you have
appointed over the affairs of the province of
Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
These men pay no attention to you, O king. They
do not serve your gods or worship the gold
statue you have set up.”
13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury,
ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to
be brought in. These men were brought before
the king.
14 Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true,
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do
not serve my gods or worship the gold statue I
have set up?
15 Now, if you are ready, when you hear the
sound of the horn, flute, lyre, harp, psaltery,
bagpipe, and every kind of music, fall down and
worship the statue I have made. But if you do
not worship, you will immediately be thrown
into a blazing furnace. And what god can
deliver you from my hands?”
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
answered the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we have
no need to give you an answer in this matter.

17 If that is so, our God whom we serve is able
to deliver us from the blazing furnace, and he
will deliver us from your hand, O king.
18 But even if not, let it be known to you, O
king, that we will not serve your gods or
worship the gold statue you have set up."

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury,
and the expression on his face changed toward
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered
the furnace heated seven times as hot as it was
usually heated.
20 He commanded mighty warriors from his
army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
and throw them into the blazing furnace.
21 So these men were bound in their cloaks,
trousers, caps, and other clothing, and thrown
into the blazing furnace.
22 Because the king's command was so harsh
and the furnace so intensely hot, the flames
killed the men who carried Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego up to it.
23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, fell bound into the blazing
furnace.
24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished
and rose in haste. He said to his counselors, "Did
we not throw three men bound into the fire?"
They answered the king, "Certainly, O king."
25 He said, "Look! I see four men unbound,
walking in the fire, and they are unharmed. The
fourth looks like a son of the gods."

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the
opening of the blazing furnace and said,

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of
the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of
the fire.
27 The satraps, prefects, governors, and the
king’s counselors gathered around and saw that
the fire had had no power over these men’s
bodies. The hair on their heads was not singed,
their cloaks were unchanged, and no smell of
fire clung to them.
28 Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God
of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent
his angel and delivered his servants who trusted
in him! They defied the king’s command and
surrendered their bodies rather than serve or
worship any god except their own God.
29 So I issue this decree: anyone of any people,
nation, or language who speaks disrespectfully
of the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
will be torn limb from limb, and his house will
be turned into a rubbish heap. For no other god
can deliver like this.”
30 Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego prosper in the province of
Babylon.

4

1 King Nebuchadnezzar, to all peoples, nations,
and languages dwelling throughout the earth:
May peace abound to you!
2 I am pleased to tell of the signs and wonders
the Most High God has done for me.

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

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house
and flourishing in my palace.
5 I had a dream that frightened me. As I lay on
my bed, the thoughts and visions in my mind
alarmed me.
6 So I issued a decree that all the wise men of
Babylon should be brought before me to tell me
the interpretation of the dream.
7 Then the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans,
and diviners came in. I told them the dream, but
they did not tell me its interpretation.
8 At last Daniel came before me. His name was
Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the
spirit of the holy gods was in him. I told him the
dream:
9 “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know
that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that
no mystery is too difficult for you. Tell me the
visions of the dream I saw and its interpretation.
10 These were the visions in my mind as I lay
on my bed: I looked, and there was a tree in the
midst of the earth, and its height was great.
11 The tree grew tall and strong. Its top
reached the heavens, and it could be seen to the
ends of the whole earth.
12 Its foliage was beautiful and its fruit
abundant, and there was food on it for all. The
beasts of the field found shade beneath it, the

birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and
all living creatures were fed from it.
13 As I watched the visions in my mind while
lying on my bed, a watcher, a holy one, came
down from heaven.
14 He called out loudly, ‘Cut down the tree and
lop off its branches. Strip off its foliage and
scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from beneath
it and the birds from its branches.
15 But leave its stump and roots in the ground,
bound with iron and bronze, among the grass of
the field. Let him be drenched with the dew of
heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in
the grass of the earth.
16 Let his human mind be changed and the
mind of a beast be given to him, and let seven
periods of time pass over him.
17 This sentence is by decree of the watchers,
and this decision by the word of the holy ones,
so that the living may know that the Most High
rules over the kingdom of mankind. He gives it
to whomever he wishes and sets over it the
lowliest of men.’
18 This is the dream that I, King
Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar,
tell me its interpretation, for none of the wise
men of my kingdom can tell me its
interpretation. But you can, for the spirit of the
holy gods is in you.”
19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar,
was stunned for a while, and his thoughts
alarmed him. The king said, “Belteshazzar, do
not let the dream or its interpretation alarm
you.” Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, may the

dream be for those who hate you, and its
interpretation for your enemies!
20 The tree you saw, which grew tall and
strong, whose top reached the heavens and
which could be seen throughout the earth,
21 whose foliage was beautiful and whose fruit
was abundant, which had food for all, beneath
which the beasts of the field lived and in whose
branches the birds of the heavens nested—
22 it is you, O king! You have grown great and
strong. Your greatness has grown and reached
the heavens, and your dominion reaches the
ends of the earth.
23 The king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming
down from heaven and saying, 'Cut down the
tree and destroy it, but leave its stump and roots
in the ground, bound with iron and bronze,
among the grass of the field. Let him be
drenched with the dew of heaven, and let his
portion be with the beasts of the field until
seven periods of time pass over him.'
24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is
the decree of the Most High that has come upon
my lord the king:
25 You will be driven away from people, and
your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field.
You will be made to eat grass like oxen and be
drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven
periods of time will pass over you, until you
know that the Most High rules over the kingdom
of mankind and gives it to whomever he wishes.
26 The command to leave the tree's stump and
roots means that your kingdom will be kept for

you after you recognize that heaven rules.
27 Therefore, O king, may my counsel be
acceptable to you: break with your sins by
practicing righteousness, and with your
iniquities by showing mercy to the poor.
Perhaps your prosperity may be prolonged."
28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.
29 At the end of twelve months, he was walking
on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon.
30 The king said, "Is this not great Babylon,
which I have built as a royal residence by my
mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"
31 While the words were still in the king's
mouth, a voice came from heaven: "It is
declared to you, King Nebuchadnezzar: the
kingdom has departed from you.
32 You will be driven away from people, and
your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field.
You will be made to eat grass like oxen, and
seven periods of time will pass over you until
you know that the Most High rules over the
kingdom of mankind and gives it to whomever
he wishes."
33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against
Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven away from
people and ate grass like oxen. His body was
drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair
grew like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds'
claws.
34 At the end of those days, I, Nebuchadnezzar,
lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason
returned to me. I blessed the Most High and
praised and honored him who lives forever,

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation
to generation.
35 All the inhabitants of the earth are counted as
nothing.
He does according to his will among the
host of heaven and the inhabitants of the
earth.
No one can restrain his hand or say to him,
“What have you done?”
36 At that time my reason returned to me, and
my majesty and splendor were restored to me
for the glory of my kingdom. My counselors and
nobles sought me out. I was reestablished in my
kingdom, and still greater majesty was added to
me.
37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and
honor the King of heaven. All his works are true
and his ways are just, and he is able to humble
those who walk in pride.

5

1 King Belshazzar held a great feast for a
thousand of his nobles, and he drank wine
before the thousand.
2 As he tasted the wine, Belshazzar ordered
the gold and silver vessels that his father
Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in
Jerusalem to be brought in, so that the king, his
nobles, his wives, and his concubines could
drink from them.
3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had
been taken from the temple, the house of God in

Jerusalem. The king, his nobles, his wives, and
his concubines drank from them.
4 They drank wine and praised the gods of
gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.
5 At that very moment, the fingers of a human
hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the
wall of the king's palace, opposite the
lampstand. The king saw the hand as it wrote.
6 Then the king turned pale, and his thoughts
terrified him. The joints of his hips went slack,
and his knees knocked together.
7 The king cried out loudly for the enchanters,
Chaldeans, and diviners to be brought in. He
said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads
this writing and tells me its interpretation will
be clothed in purple, with a gold chain around
his neck, and will rule as third in the kingdom."
8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but
they could not read the writing or tell the king
its interpretation.
9 King Belshazzar became greatly alarmed and
turned pale, and his nobles were bewildered.
10 The queen, hearing the words of the king
and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. She
said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your
thoughts alarm you or your face grow pale.
11 There is a man in your kingdom who has
the spirit of the holy gods. In your father's days,
light, understanding, and wisdom like the
wisdom of the gods were found in him. King
Nebuchadnezzar, your father, appointed him
chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans,
and diviners—your father, the king.

12 For an extraordinary spirit, knowledge, and
understanding were found in Daniel, along with
the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles,
and unravel difficulties. The king named him
Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he
will tell the interpretation."
13 Then Daniel was brought before the king.
The king said to Daniel, "Are you Daniel, one of
the exiles of Judah whom my father the king
brought from Judah?
14 I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in
you, and that light, understanding, and
extraordinary wisdom are found in you.
15 Now the wise men, the enchanters, have
been brought before me to read this writing and
tell me its interpretation, but they could not
explain its meaning.
16 But I have heard that you can give
interpretations and unravel difficulties. Now, if
you can read the writing and tell me its
interpretation, you will be clothed in purple,
with a gold chain around your neck, and will
rule as third in the kingdom."
17 Then Daniel answered the king, "Keep your
gifts for yourself, and give your rewards to
someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the
writing to the king and tell him its
interpretation.
18 O king, the Most High God gave your father
Nebuchadnezzar kingship, greatness, glory, and
majesty.
19 Because of the greatness he gave him, all
peoples, nations, and languages trembled and

feared before him. He killed whomever he
wished and kept alive whomever he wished; he
exalted whomever he wished and humbled
whomever he wished.
20 But when his heart grew proud and his
spirit hardened in arrogance, he was deposed
from his royal throne, and his glory was taken
away.
21 He was driven away from people, and his
mind was made like that of the beasts. He lived
with the wild donkeys and was fed grass like
oxen. His body was drenched with the dew of
heaven until he knew that the Most High God
rules over the kingdom of mankind and
appoints over it whomever he wishes.
22 But you, his son Belshazzar, have not
humbled your heart, though you knew all this.
23 Instead, you have exalted yourself against
the Lord of heaven. The vessels of his house
were brought before you, and you, your nobles,
your wives, and your concubines drank wine
from them. You praised the gods of silver, gold,
bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see
or hear or know. But you have not honored the
God in whose hand is your breath and to whom
all your ways belong.
24 So the hand was sent from his presence, and
this writing was inscribed.
25 This is the writing that was inscribed:
‘Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.’
26 This is the interpretation of the matter:
Mene—God has numbered your kingdom and
brought it to an end.
27 Tekel—you have been weighed in the

balances and found wanting.
28 Peres—your kingdom has been divided and
given to the Medes and Persians."
29 Then Belshazzar gave the order, and Daniel
was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed
around his neck, and a proclamation was made
that he would rule as third in the kingdom.
30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the
Chaldeans, was killed.
31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom
when he was about sixty-two years old.

6

1 Darius was pleased to appoint 120 satraps
over the kingdom, stationed throughout the
kingdom,
2 with three administrators over them, of
whom Daniel was one. The satraps were to
report to them so that the king would suffer no
loss.
3 This Daniel distinguished himself above the
administrators and satraps because an
extraordinary spirit was in him, and the king
planned to place him over the whole kingdom.
4 Then the administrators and satraps sought
grounds for a charge against Daniel in his
conduct of the kingdom's affairs. But they could
find no ground for a charge or corruption,
because he was faithful. No negligence or
corruption was found in him.
5 Then these men said, "We will find no
ground for a charge against this Daniel unless
we find it in connection with the law of his God."

6 So these administrators and satraps came as
a group to the king and said to him, “O King
Darius, live forever!
7 All the kingdom’s administrators, prefects,
satraps, counselors, and governors have agreed
that the king should establish a royal edict and
enforce this prohibition: anyone who makes a
petition to any god or man except you, O king,
for thirty days is to be thrown into the lions’ den.
8 Now, O king, establish the prohibition and
sign the document, so that it cannot be changed,
according to the law of the Medes and Persians,
which cannot be repealed.”
9 So King Darius signed the document and the
prohibition.
10 When Daniel learned that the document
had been signed, he went to his house. The
windows of his upper room were open toward
Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt, prayed,
and gave thanks before his God, just as he had
done before.
11 Then these men came together and found
Daniel making petitions and pleading before his
God.
12 They approached the king and spoke about
the royal prohibition: “Did you not sign a
prohibition that anyone who makes a petition to
any god or man except you, O king, for thirty
days must be thrown into the lions’ den?” The
king answered, “The matter stands, according to
the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot
be repealed.”
13 Then they said to the king, “Daniel, one of

the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you,
O king, or to the prohibition you signed. He
makes his petition three times a day."
14 When the king heard this, he was deeply
distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel.
Until sunset he worked to rescue him.
15 Then these men came as a group to the king
and said, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the
Medes and Persians that no prohibition or edict
the king establishes can be changed."
16 Then the king gave the order, and Daniel
was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The
king said to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve
continually, he will deliver you."
17 A stone was brought and placed over the
mouth of the den. The king sealed it with his
own signet ring and the signet rings of his
nobles, so that nothing concerning Daniel could
be changed.
18 Then the king went to his palace and spent
the night fasting. No diversions were brought
before him, and sleep fled from him.
19 At the first light of dawn, the king rose and
hurried to the lions' den.
20 As he approached the den, he cried out to
Daniel in an anguished voice. The king said to
Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has
your God, whom you serve continually, been
able to deliver you from the lions?"
21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live
forever!
22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions'
mouths, and they have not harmed me, because

I was found innocent before him. Nor have I
done any harm to you, O king."
23 Then the king was overjoyed for him and
ordered Daniel to be lifted out of the den. Daniel
was lifted out of the den, and no injury was
found on him, because he had trusted in his God.
24 The king gave the order, and the men who
had maliciously accused Daniel were brought in
and thrown into the lions' den, along with their
children and wives. Before they reached the
bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them
and crushed all their bones.
25 Then King Darius wrote to all peoples,
nations, and languages dwelling throughout the
earth: "May peace abound to you!
26 I issue this decree: throughout the
dominion of my kingdom, people must tremble
and fear before the God of Daniel.
For he is the living God, and he endures forever.
His kingdom will never be destroyed, and
his dominion will last to the end.
27 He delivers and rescues, and he works signs
and wonders in heaven and on earth.
He has delivered Daniel from the power of
the lions."
28 So this Daniel prospered during the reign of
Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the
Persian.

7

1 In the first year of King Belshazzar of
Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions in his
mind as he lay on his bed. Then he wrote down

the dream and related the substance of the matter.
2 Daniel said, “I was watching in my vision at
night, and the four winds of heaven were
stirring up the great sea.
3 Four great beasts came up out of the sea,
each different from the others.
4 The first was like a lion and had eagles’
wings. As I watched, its wings were plucked off.
It was lifted from the ground and made to stand
on two feet like a man, and a human mind was
given to it.
5 Then there was another beast, a second, like
a bear. It was raised up on one side and had
three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was
told, ‘Rise and devour much flesh!’
6 After this I watched, and there was another,
like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its
back. The beast had four heads, and dominion
was given to it.
7 After this I watched in the night visions, and
there was a fourth beast, terrifying, dreadful,
and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth.
It devoured and crushed, and trampled what
remained with its feet. It was different from all
the beasts before it, and it had ten horns.
8 As I considered the horns, another horn, a
little one, rose among them, and three of the
former horns were uprooted before it. This horn
had eyes like human eyes and a mouth speaking
arrogant words.

9 I watched until thrones were set in place and
the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was white as snow, and the hair
of his head like pure wool.
His throne was flames of fire, and its wheels
were burning fire.
10 A river of fire flowed and came out from
before him.
A thousand thousands served him, and ten
thousand times ten thousand stood before
him.
The court sat, and the books were opened.
11 Then I watched because of the sound of the
arrogant words the horn was speaking. I kept
watching until the beast was killed, its body
destroyed and given over to the burning fire.
12 As for the other beasts, their dominion was
taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a
season and a time.
13 I watched in the night visions, and there with
the clouds of heaven came one like a son
of man.
He approached the Ancient of Days and was
brought before him.
14 He was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom,
so that all peoples, nations, and languages
would serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that will not pass away, and his kingdom
will never be destroyed.
15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed
within my body, and the visions in my mind
alarmed me.
16 I approached one of those standing there
and asked him the truth about all this. He spoke

to me and made known to me the interpretation
of these things:
17 ‘These four great beasts are four kings who
will arise from the earth.
18 But the holy ones of the Most High will
receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom
forever, forever and ever.’
19 Then I wanted to know the truth about the
fourth beast, which was different from all the
others and exceedingly terrifying. Its teeth were
iron and its claws bronze. It devoured and
crushed, and trampled what remained with its
feet.
20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns
on its head and the other horn that rose, before
which three fell. That horn had eyes and a
mouth speaking arrogant words, and it looked
greater than its companions.
21 As I watched, that horn waged war against
the holy ones and prevailed over them,
22 until the Ancient of Days came, and
judgment was given in favor of the holy ones of
the Most High. Then the time came for the holy
ones to possess the kingdom.
23 He said, ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth
kingdom on earth, different from all the other
kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth,
trample it, and crush it.
24 The ten horns are ten kings who will arise
from that kingdom. Another will arise after
them, different from the former kings, and he
will subdue three kings.
25 He will speak against the Most High and
wear down the holy ones of the Most High. He

will intend to change times and law, and they
will be given into his hand for a time, times, and
half a time.
26 But the court will sit, and his dominion will
be taken away, to be annihilated and destroyed
completely.
27 Then the kingdom, dominion, and greatness
of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be
given to the people of the holy ones of the Most
High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and all dominions will serve and obey him.'
28 Here the matter ends. As for me, Daniel, my
thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my face grew
pale, but I kept the matter in my heart."

8

1 In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, a
vision appeared to me, Daniel, after the one that
had appeared to me before.
2 I looked in the vision, and as I looked, I was
in the citadel of Susa, in the province of Elam. In
the vision I saw that I was beside the Ulai Canal.
3 I lifted my eyes and saw a ram standing
before the canal. It had two high horns, but one
was higher than the other, and the higher one
came up last.
4 I saw the ram charging westward,
northward, and southward. No beast could
stand before it, and no one could deliver from
its power. It did as it pleased and grew great.
5 As I considered this, a male goat came from
the west across the whole earth without

touching the ground. The goat had a prominent horn between its eyes.
6 It came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing before the canal and charged at it with furious strength.
7 I saw it draw close to the ram, enraged against it. It struck the ram and broke its two horns. The ram had no strength to stand before it. The goat hurled it to the ground and trampled it, and no one could deliver the ram from its power.
8 The male goat grew exceedingly great, but at the height of its strength the great horn was broken. Four prominent horns rose in its place toward the four winds of heaven.
9 Out of one of them came a horn, small at first, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, the east, and the Beautiful Land.
10 It grew as high as the host of heaven and cast some of the host and some of the stars to the ground and trampled them.
11 It exalted itself even against the Prince of the host. The regular offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was thrown down.
12 Because of rebellion, a host will be handed over along with the regular offering. It will cast truth to the ground and act and prosper.
13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who was speaking, “How long will the vision last concerning the regular offering, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the handing over of the sanctuary and the host to be trampled?”

14 He said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and
mornings; then the sanctuary will be restored to
its rightful state.”
15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was
seeking to understand it, there before me stood
someone with the appearance of a man.
16 I heard a human voice from between the
banks of the Ulai, calling, “Gabriel, make this
man understand the vision.”
17 He came near where I stood. As he
approached, I was terrified and fell facedown.
He said to me, “Understand, son of man, that the
vision concerns the time of the end.”
18 As he spoke with me, I fell into a deep sleep,
facedown on the ground. But he touched me
and set me on my feet.
19 He said, “I will make known to you what
will happen in the latter part of the indignation,
for it concerns the appointed time of the end.
20 The ram you saw with the two horns
represents the kings of Media and Persia.
21 The shaggy male goat is the king of Greece,
and the great horn between its eyes is the first
king.
22 The horn that was broken and the four that
arose in its place mean that four kingdoms will
arise from that nation, but without his strength.
23 In the latter part of their reign, when the
rebels have reached their full measure, a
fierce-faced king, skilled in riddles, will arise.
24 His power will become great, but not by his
own power. He will cause astonishing
destruction, and he will prosper and act. He will

destroy the mighty and the people of the holy ones.
25 Through his cunning he will make deceit
prosper in his hand, and in his heart he will
exalt himself. He will destroy many while they
are at ease. He will rise against the Prince of
princes, but he will be broken without human
hand.
26 The vision of the evenings and mornings
that has been told is true. But you must keep the
vision secret, for it concerns many days to
come."
27 I, Daniel, was exhausted and ill for days.
Then I rose and attended to the king's business.
I was appalled by the vision, and no one
understood it.

9

1 In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus,
of Median descent, who had been made king
over the kingdom of the Chaldeans,
2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel,
understood from the books the number of years
that, according to the word of the LORD to
Jeremiah the prophet, must pass over the
desolations of Jerusalem: seventy years.
3 So I turned my face toward the Lord God,
seeking him in prayer and pleas for mercy, with
fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.
4 I prayed to the LORD my God and made
confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and
awesome God, who keeps covenant and
steadfast love with those who love him and keep
his commandments,

5 we have sinned and committed iniquity,
acted wickedly and rebelled, turning away from
your commandments and your judgments.
6 We have not listened to your servants the
prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings,
our princes, our fathers, and all the people of
the land.
7 Righteousness belongs to you, O Lord, but
shame of face belongs to us, as it does this
day—to the people of Judah, the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the
lands where you have driven them because of
their unfaithfulness to you.
8 O LORD, shame of face belongs to us, to our
kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we
have sinned against you.
9 To the Lord our God belong compassion and
forgiveness, though we have rebelled against
him.
10 We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD
our God by walking in his laws, which he set
before us through his servants the prophets.
11 All Israel has transgressed your law and
turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. So the
curse and the oath written in the law of Moses,
the servant of God, have been poured out upon
us, because we have sinned against him.
12 He has fulfilled the words he spoke against
us and against our judges who judged us,
bringing great calamity upon us. Nothing under
the whole heaven has been done like what has
been done to Jerusalem.
13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this

calamity has come upon us. Yet we have not
sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning
from our iniquity and giving heed to your truth.
14 The LORD watched over this calamity and
brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is
righteous in all the works he has done, and we
have not obeyed his voice.
15 Now, O Lord our God, who brought your
people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty
hand and made a name for yourself that
endures to this day, we have sinned; we have
acted wickedly.
16 O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous
acts, please turn your anger and wrath away
from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain.
Because of our sins and the iniquities of our
fathers, Jerusalem and your people have
become a reproach to all those around us.
17 Now, our God, hear the prayer of your
servant and his pleas for mercy. For the Lord's
sake, let your face shine upon your desolate
sanctuary.
18 Incline your ear, my God, and hear; open
your eyes and see our desolations and the city
that bears your name. For we present our pleas
before you not because of our righteous deeds,
but because of your great mercies.
19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen
and act! Do not delay, for your own sake, my
God, for your city and your people bear your
name."
20 While I was still speaking and praying,
confessing my sin and the sin of my people

Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD
my God for the holy mountain of my God,
21 while I was still speaking in prayer, Gabriel,
the man I had seen in the earlier vision, reached
me in utter weariness at about the time of the
evening offering.
22 He instructed me and spoke with me,
saying, “Daniel, I have now come out to give you
insight and understanding.
23 At the beginning of your pleas a word went
out, and I have come to tell you, for you are
greatly beloved. So consider the word and
understand the vision.
24 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your
people and your holy city: to restrain
transgression, to seal up sins, to atone for
iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to
seal vision and prophet, and to anoint a most
holy place.
25 Know and understand: from the going out
of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
until an anointed one, a prince, there will be
seven weeks. For sixty-two weeks it will be
rebuilt, with a square and a moat, but in
troubled times.
26 After the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one
will be cut off and will have nothing. The people
of a prince who is to come will destroy the city
and the sanctuary. Its end will come with a
flood, and until the end there will be war;
desolations have been decreed.
27 He will make a firm covenant with many for
one week, and for half the week he will put an

end to sacrifice and grain offering. On a wing of abominations there will be a desolator, until the complete destruction that has been decreed is poured out on the desolator."

10

1 In the third year of King Cyrus of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. The word was true and concerned a great conflict. He understood the word and had understanding of the vision.

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

3 I ate no delicacies; neither meat nor wine entered my mouth, and I did not anoint myself with oil until the three full weeks were over.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, I was on the bank of the great river, the Tigris.

5 I lifted my eyes and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.

6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes like flaming torches. His arms and feet gleamed like polished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the roar of a multitude.

7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision. The men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great terror fell upon them, and they fled to hide.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; my appearance was ravaged, and I retained no strength.

9 Then I heard the sound of his words. As I
heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep
sleep, facedown, with my face to the ground.
10 Then a hand touched me and brought me
trembling onto my knees and the palms of my
hands.
11 He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved man,
understand the words I am speaking to you and
stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.”
As he spoke these words to me, I stood
trembling.
12 Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for
from the first day you set your heart to
understand and to humble yourself before your
God, your words were heard. I have come
because of your words.
13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia stood
against me for twenty-one days. Then Michael,
one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I
remained there beside the kings of Persia.
14 I have come to make you understand what
will happen to your people in the latter days, for
the vision concerns days yet to come.”
15 As he spoke these words to me, I turned my
face toward the ground and was speechless.
16 Then one in human likeness touched my
lips. I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to
the one standing before me, “My lord, because of
the vision pains have come upon me, and I have
retained no strength.
17 How can this servant of my lord speak with
my lord? Now no strength remains in me, and
no breath is left in me.”

18 Again one with the appearance of a man
touched me and strengthened me.
19 He said, “Do not fear, greatly beloved man.
Peace be to you! Be strong; be strong!” As he
spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let
my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”
20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have
come to you? Now I will return to fight against
the prince of Persia. When I go out, the prince of
Greece will come.
21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the
writing of truth. No one supports me against
these except Michael, your prince.”

11

1 “As for me, in the first year of Darius the
Mede, I stood to support and protect him.
2 Now I will tell you the truth. Three more
kings will arise in Persia, and a fourth will be
far richer than all of them. When he has grown
strong through his riches, he will stir up
everyone against the kingdom of Greece.
3 Then a mighty king will arise, rule with great
dominion, and do as he pleases.
4 But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom
will be broken and divided toward the four
winds of heaven. It will not pass to his
descendants or retain the dominion with which
he ruled, for his kingdom will be uprooted and
given to others besides these.
5 The king of the south will grow strong, but
one of his princes will grow stronger than he
and will rule with a great dominion.

6 After some years they will form an alliance.
The daughter of the king of the south will come
to the king of the north to make an agreement.
But she will not retain the strength of her arm,
and neither he nor his arm will endure. She will
be handed over, along with those who brought
her, her father, and the one who supported her
in those times.
7 A shoot from her roots will arise in his place.
He will advance against the army and enter the
fortress of the king of the north. He will act
against them and prevail.
8 He will also carry their gods, their cast
images, and their precious vessels of silver and
gold captive to Egypt. For some years he will
refrain from attacking the king of the north.
9 Then he will enter the kingdom of the king of
the south, but return to his own land.
10 His sons will prepare for war and gather a
multitude of great forces. One will advance,
sweeping through like a flood. He will return
and wage war as far as his fortress.
11 The king of the south will become enraged
and march out to fight the king of the north. The
king of the north will raise a great multitude,
but the multitude will be given into his
opponent's hand.
12 When the multitude is carried away, his
heart will grow proud. He will strike down tens
of thousands, but he will not prevail.
13 The king of the north will again raise a
multitude greater than the first. After a period
of years, he will surely come with a great army

and abundant resources.
14 In those times many will rise against the
king of the south. The violent among your own
people will also rise to fulfill the vision, but they
will stumble.
15 The king of the north will come, build a
siege ramp, and capture a fortified city. The
forces of the south will not stand, not even his
chosen troops; they will have no strength to
stand.
16 The one who comes against him will do as
he pleases, and no one will stand before him. He
will stand in the Beautiful Land, with
destruction in his hand.
17 He will set his face to come with the
strength of his whole kingdom, bringing terms
of agreement that he will carry out. He will give
him a daughter to bring it to ruin, but she will
not stand with him or be for him.
18 Then he will turn his face toward the
coastlands and capture many. But a commander
will put an end to his insolence and turn that
insolence back upon him.
19 Then he will turn his face toward the
fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble
and fall and be found no more.
20 In his place will arise one who sends a
collector of tribute through the splendor of the
kingdom. Within a few days he will be broken,
but neither in anger nor in battle.
21 In his place will arise a contemptible man to
whom royal majesty has not been given. He will
come in a time of security and seize the
kingdom through intrigue.

22 Overwhelming forces will be swept away
before him and broken, along with the prince of
the covenant.
23 From the time an alliance is made with him,
he will act deceitfully. He will rise and become
strong with only a few people.
24 In a time of security he will enter the richest
parts of the province and do what neither his
fathers nor his fathers' fathers did. He will
scatter plunder, spoil, and possessions among
them. He will devise his plans against fortresses,
but only for a time.
25 He will stir up his strength and courage
against the king of the south with a great army.
The king of the south will prepare for war with
a great and exceedingly powerful army, but he
will not stand, because plots will be devised
against him.
26 Those who eat his choice food will break
him. His army will surge like a flood, and many
will fall slain.
27 The hearts of both kings will be set on evil,
and they will speak lies at the same table. But it
will not succeed, for the end still awaits the
appointed time.
28 He will return to his land with great riches,
and his heart will be set against the holy
covenant. He will act, then return to his land.
29 At the appointed time he will return and
enter the south, but the latter time will not be
like the former.
30 For ships of Kittim will come against him,
and he will lose heart and turn back. He will
rage against the holy covenant and act. He will

return and give attention to those who forsake
the holy covenant.
31 Forces from him will arise, profane the
sanctuary, the fortress, remove the regular
offering, and set up the abomination that causes
desolation.
32 He will corrupt those who violate the
covenant through flattery. But the people who
know their God will stand strong and act.
33 The wise among the people will give
understanding to many, but for a time they will
fall by sword and flame, captivity and plunder.
34 When they fall, they will receive a little
help, but many will join them through flattery.
35 Some of the wise will fall, to refine, purify,
and make them white until the time of the end,
for it still awaits the appointed time.
36 The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt
and magnify himself above every god and speak
astonishing things against the God of gods. He
will prosper until the indignation is complete,
for what has been decreed will be done.
37 He will pay no regard to the gods of his
fathers or to the desire of women. He will regard
no god, for he will magnify himself above all.
38 Instead, he will honor the god of fortresses.
A god his fathers did not know he will honor
with gold, silver, precious stones, and costly gifts.
39 He will act against the strongest fortresses
with a foreign god. Those he acknowledges he
will shower with honor, making them rulers
over many and distributing land for a price.
40 At the time of the end, the king of the south

will charge against him, and the king of the
north will storm against him with chariots,
horsemen, and many ships. He will enter the
lands, sweeping through like a flood.
41 He will enter the Beautiful Land, and many
lands will fall. But these will escape from his
hand: Edom, Moab, and the principal part of the
Ammonites.
42 He will stretch out his hand against the
lands, and the land of Egypt will not escape.
43 He will rule over the hidden treasures of
gold and silver and all the precious things of
Egypt. The Libyans and Cushites will follow in
his steps.
44 But reports from the east and the north will
alarm him. He will go out in great fury to
destroy and annihilate many.
45 He will pitch his palatial tents between the
seas and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he
will come to his end, and no one will help him."

12

1 "At that time Michael will arise, the great
prince who stands over the people of your
nation. There will be a time of distress unlike
any since a nation first existed until that time.
But at that time your people will be
delivered—everyone found written in the book.
2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the
earth will awake, some to everlasting life, and
some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 The wise will shine like the brightness of the
expanse, and those who lead many to
righteousness like the stars forever and ever.
4 But you, Daniel, close up the words and seal
the book until the time of the end. Many will
run to and fro, and knowledge will increase."
5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and there were two
others standing, one on this bank of the river
and the other on that bank of the river.
6 One said to the man clothed in linen, who
was above the waters of the river, "How long
until the end of these wonders?"
7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was
above the waters of the river, as he raised his
right hand and his left hand toward heaven and
swore by him who lives forever: "It will be for a
time, times, and half a time. When the
shattering of the power of the holy people is
complete, all these things will be finished."
8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I said,
"My lord, what will be the outcome of these
things?"
9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words
are closed up and sealed until the time of the
end.
10 Many will be purified, made white, and
refined. The wicked will act wickedly, and none
of the wicked will understand, but the wise will
understand.
11 From the time the regular offering is
removed and the abomination that causes
desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.
12 Blessed is the one who waits and reaches
the 1,335 days.

13 But you, go your way to the end. You will
rest, and you will rise to your allotted portion at
the end of the days."

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