The Book of Daniel

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim
king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 The Lord†
gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with
some of the vessels of the house of God;‡ and he
carried them into the land of Shinar to the house
of his god. He brought the vessels into the treasure
house of his god.

3 The king spoke to Ashpenaz, the master of
his eunuchs, that he should bring in some of the
children of Israel, even of the royal offspring§ and
of the nobles: 4 youths in whom was no defect,
but well-favored, skillful in all wisdom, endowed
with knowledge, understanding science, and who
had the ability to stand in the king's palace; and
that he should teach them the learning and the
language of the Kasdim. 5 The king appointed for
them a daily portion of the king's delicacies and of
the wine which he drank, and that they should be
nourished three years, that at its end they should
stand before the king.

6 Now among these of the children of Judah
were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
7 The prince of the eunuchs gave names to them:

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† **1:2** The word translated "Lord" (mixed case) is "Adonai." ‡ **1:2** The Hebrew word rendered "God" is "" (Elohim). § **1:3** or, seed

to Daniel he gave the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God made Daniel find kindness and compassion in the sight of the prince of the eunuchs. 10 The prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths who are of your own age? Then you would endanger my head with the king."

11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 12 "Test your servants, I beg you, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then let our faces be examined before you, and the face of the youths who eat of the king's delicacies; and as you see, deal with your servants." 14 So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.

15 At the end of ten days, their faces appeared fairer and they were fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate of the king's delicacies. 16 So the steward took away their delicacies and the wine that they were given to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom;

and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 At the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 The king talked with them; and among them all was found no one like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore stood they before the king. 20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters who were in all his realm.

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

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1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep went from him. 2 Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Kasdim be called to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 The king said to them, “I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.”

4 Then the Kasdim spoke to the king in the Syrian language, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

5 The king answered the Kasdim, “The thing has gone from me. If you don’t make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be cut in

pieces, and your houses will be made a dunghill.
6 But if you show the dream and its interpretation,
you will receive from me gifts, rewards, and great
honor. Therefore show me the dream and its
interpretation."

7 They answered the second time and said, "Let
the king tell his servants the dream, and we will
show the interpretation."

8 The king answered, "I know of a certainty that
you are trying to gain time, because you see the
thing has gone from me. 9 But if you don't make
known to me the dream, there is but one law
for you; for you have prepared lying and corrupt
words to speak before me, until the situation
changes. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will
know that you can show me its interpretation."

10 The Kasdians answered the king and said,
"There is not a man on the earth who can show the
king's matter, because no king, lord, or ruler has
asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter,
or Chaldean. 11 It is a rare thing that the king
requires, and there is no other who can show it
before the king except the gods, whose dwelling
is not with flesh."

12 Because of this, the king was angry and very
furious, and commanded that all the wise men of
Babylon be destroyed. 13 So the decree went out,
and the wise men were to be slain. They sought
Daniel and his companions to be slain.

14 Then Daniel returned answer with counsel
and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's
guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men
of Babylon. 15 He answered Arioch the king's

captain, "Why is the decree so urgent from the
king?" Then Arioch made the thing known to
Daniel. 16 Daniel went in, and desired of the king
that he would appoint him a time, and he would
show the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the
thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
his companions: 18 that they would desire mercies
of the God of heaven concerning this secret, that
Daniel and his companions would not perish with
the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then the
secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the
night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
20 Daniel answered,

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever;
for wisdom and might are his.
21 He changes the times and the seasons.
He removes kings and sets up kings.
He gives wisdom to the wise,
and knowledge to those who have understanding.
22 He reveals the deep and secret things.
He knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with him.
23 I thank you and praise you,
O God of my fathers,
who have given me wisdom and might,
and have now made known to me what we desired of you;
for you have made known to us the king's matter."

24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom
the king had appointed to destroy the wise men

of Babylon. He went and said this to him: “Don’t
destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in
before the king, and I will show to the king the
interpretation.”
25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king
in haste, and said this to him: “I have found a man
of the children of the captivity of Judah who will
make known to the king the interpretation.”
26 The king answered Daniel, whose name was
Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me
the dream which I have seen, and its interpreta-
tion?”
27 Daniel answered before the king, and said,
“The secret which the king has demanded can’t
be shown to the king by wise men, enchanters,
magicians, or soothsayers; 28 but there is a God
in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made
known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in
the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your
head on your bed are these:
29 “As for you, O king, your thoughts came on
your bed, what should happen hereafter; and he
who reveals secrets has made known to you what
will happen. 30 But as for me, this secret is not
revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more
than any living, but to the intent that the interpre-
tation may be made known to the king, and that
you may know the thoughts of your heart.
31 “You, O king, saw, and behold,† a great im-
age. This image, which was mighty, and whose

† **2:31** “Behold”, from “”, means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

brightness was excellent, stood before you; and its
appearance was terrifying. 32 As for this image,
its head was of fine gold, its chest 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 saw until a stone was cut out without hands,
which struck the image on its feet that were of
iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then
the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the
gold were broken in pieces together, and became
like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The
wind carried them away, so that no place was
found for them. The stone that struck the image
became a great mountain and filled the whole
earth.

36 "This is the dream; and we will tell its inter-
pretation before the king. 37 You, O king, are king
of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the
kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.
38 Wherever the children of men dwell, he has
given the animals of the field and the birds of the
sky into your hand, and has made you rule over
them all. You are the head of gold.

39 "After you, another kingdom will arise that
is inferior to you; and another third kingdom of
bronze, which will rule over all the earth. 40 The
fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, because
iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things; and
as iron that crushes all these, it will break in pieces
and crush. 41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes,
part of potters' clay and part of iron, it will be
a divided kingdom; but there will be in it of the
strength of the iron, because you saw the iron

mixed with miry clay. 42 As the toes of the feet
were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom
will be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 Whereas
you saw the iron mixed with miry clay, they will
mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they
won't cling to one another, even as iron does not
mix with clay.

44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven
will set up a kingdom which will never be de-
stroyed, nor will its sovereignty be left to another
people; but it will break in pieces and consume
all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever.
45 Because you saw that a 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 happen hereafter. The dream
is certain, and its interpretation sure."

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face,
worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they
should offer an offering and sweet odors to him.
47 The king answered to Daniel, and said, "Of a
truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord
of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you have
been able to reveal this secret."

48 Then the king made Daniel great and gave
him many great gifts, and made him rule over the
whole province of Babylon and to be chief gover-
nor over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Daniel
requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the
province of Babylon, but Daniel was in the king's
gate.

3

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of
gold, whose height 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 to gather together the local governors,
the deputies, and the governors, the judges, the
treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the
rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication
of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had
set up. 3 Then the local governors, the deputies,
and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the
counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the
provinces were gathered together to the dedica-
tion of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king
had set up; and they stood before the image that
Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald cried aloud, "To you it is com-
manded, peoples, nations, and languages, 5 that
whenever you hear the sound of the horn, flute,
zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music,
you fall down and worship the golden image that
Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. 6 Whoever
doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast into
the middle of a burning fiery furnace the same
hour."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples
heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre,
harp, pipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples,

† **3:1** A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

the nations, and the languages fell down and wor-
shiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the
king had set up.

8 Therefore at that time certain Kasdim came
near and brought accusation against the Jews.
9 They answered Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O
king, live for ever! 10 You, O king, have made a
decree that every man who hears the sound of
the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all
kinds of music shall fall down and worship the
golden image; 11 and whoever doesn't fall down
and worship shall be cast into the middle of a
burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews
whom you have appointed over the affairs of the
province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego. These men, O king, have not respected
you. They don't serve your gods, and don't wor-
ship the golden image which you have set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and fury com-
manded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
be brought. Then these men were brought before
the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar answered them, "Is
it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that
you don't serve my gods and you don't worship
the golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if
you are ready whenever you hear the sound of the
horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of
music to fall down and worship the image which
I have made, good; but if you don't worship, you
shall be cast the same hour into the middle of a
burning fiery furnace. Who is that god who will
deliver you out of my hands?"

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered

the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to
answer you in this matter. 17 If it happens, our
God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the
burning 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 or
worship the golden image which you have set up.”

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and
the form of his appearance was changed against
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He spoke,
and commanded that they should heat the fur-
nace seven times more than it was usually heated.
20 He commanded certain mighty men who were
in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery
furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their
pants, their tunics, and their mantles, and their
other clothes, and were cast into the middle of the
burning 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 Abed-
nego. 23 These three men, Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego, fell down bound into the middle of
the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was aston-
ished and rose up in haste. He spoke and said to
his counselors, “Didn’t we cast three men bound
into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “True, O king.”

25 He answered, “Look, I see four men loose,
walking in the middle of the fire, and they are

unharmed. The appearance of the fourth is like
a son of the gods.‡"
26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the
mouth of the burning fiery furnace. He spoke
and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
you servants of the Most High God, come out, and
come here!"
Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came
out of the middle of the fire. 27 The local gov-
ernors, the deputies, and the governors, and the
king's counselors, being gathered together, saw
these men, that the fire had no power on their
bodies. The hair of their head wasn't singed. Their
pants weren't changed. The smell of fire wasn't
even on them.
28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said, "Blessed be
the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
who has sent his angel and delivered his servants
who trusted in him, and have changed the king's
word, and have yielded their bodies, that they
might not serve nor worship any god except their
own God. 29 Therefore I make a decree that every
people, nation, and language which speak any-
thing evil against the God of Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego shall be cut in pieces, and their
houses shall be made a dunghill, because there is
no other god who is able to deliver like this."
30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach,
and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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1 Nebuchadnezzar the king,

‡ **3:25** Or, the Son of God.

to all the peoples, nations, and languages,
who dwell in all the earth:
Peace be multiplied to you.
2 It has seemed good to me to show the
signs and wonders that the Most High God has
worked toward me.
3 How great are his signs!
How mighty are his wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
His dominion is from generation to genera-
tion.
4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house,
and flourishing in my palace. 5 I saw a dream
which made me afraid; and the thoughts on my
bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
6 Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the
wise men of Babylon before me, that they might
make known to me the interpretation of the
dream. 7 Then the magicians, the enchanters,
the Kasdim, and the soothsayers came in; and
I told them the dream, but they didn't make
known to me its interpretation. 8 But at last,
Daniel came in before me, whose name was
Belteshazzar according to the name of my god,
and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. I told
the dream before him, saying,
9 "Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, be-
cause 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 on my bed: I saw, and behold, a tree in
the middle of the earth; and its height was great.

11 The tree grew and was strong. Its height
reached to the sky and its sight to the end of all
the earth. 12 Its leaves were beautiful, and it
had much fruit, and in it was food for all. The
animals of the field had shade under it, and the
birds of the sky lived in its branches, and all
flesh was fed from it.

13 "I saw in the visions of my head on my bed,
and behold, a holy watcher came down from the
sky. 14 He cried aloud and said this: 'Cut down
the tree, and cut off its branches! Shake off
its leaves and scatter its fruit! Let the animals
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 the sky. Let his
portion be with the animals in the grass of the
earth. 16 Let his heart be changed from man's,
and let an animal's heart be given to him. Then
let seven times pass over him.

17 " 'The sentence is by the decree of the
watchers and the demand by the word of the
holy ones, to the intent that the living may know
that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever he will, and sets up
over it the lowest of men.'

18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have
seen; and you, Belteshazzar, declare the in-
terpretation, because all the wise men of my
kingdom are not able to make known to me the
interpretation; but you are able, for the spirit of
the holy gods is in you."

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was stricken mute for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered, "Belteshazzar, don't let the dream or the interpretation, trouble you."

Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries. 20 The tree that you saw, which grew and was strong, whose height reached to the sky and its sight to all the earth; 21 whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit plentiful, and in it was food for all; under which the animals of the field lived, and on whose branches the birds of the sky had their habitation— 22 it is you, O king, that have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown, and reaches to the sky, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 "Whereas the king saw a holy watcher coming down from the sky and saying, 'Cut down the tree, and destroy it; 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 the sky. Let his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him.'

24 "This is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come on my lord the king: 25 You will be driven from men and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. You will be made to eat grass as oxen, and will be wet with the dew of the sky, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know

that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever he will. 26 Whereas it
was commanded to leave the stump of the roots
of the tree, your kingdom shall be sure to you
after you know that Heaven rules. 27 Therefore,
O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you,
and break off your sins by righteousness, and
your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor.
Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your
tranquility."

28 All this came on the King Nebuchadnezzar.
29 At the end of twelve months he was walking
in the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The king spoke
and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have
built for the royal dwelling place by the might of
my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, a
voice came from the sky, saying, "O King Neb-
uchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: 'The kingdom
has departed from you. 32 You shall be driven
from men, and your dwelling shall be with the
animals of the field. You shall be made to eat
grass like oxen. Seven times shall pass over you,
until you know that the Most High rules in the
kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he
will.' "

33 This was fulfilled the same hour on Neb-
uchadnezzar. He was driven from men and ate
grass like oxen; and his body was wet with the
dew of the sky until his hair had grown like
eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar,
lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my under-

standing returned to me; and I blessed the Most
High, and I praised and honored him who lives
forever,
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom from generation to generation.
35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;
and he does according to his will in the army of heaven,
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and no one can stop his hand,
or ask him, "What are you doing?"
36 At the same time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom,
my majesty and brightness returned to me. My
counselors and my lords sought me; and I was
established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added to me. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of
heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways
justice; and those who walk in pride he is able to
abase.

5

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a
thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the
thousand. 2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine,
commanded that the golden and silver vessels
which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out
of the temple which was in Jerusalem be brought
to him, that the king and his lords, his wives and
his concubines, might drink from them. 3 Then
they brought the golden vessels that were taken

out of the temple of God's house which was at
Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives
and his concubines, drank from them. 4 They
drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of
silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
5 In the same hour, the fingers of a man's hand
came out and wrote near the lamp stand on the
plaster of the wall of the king's palace. The king
saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the
king's face was changed in him, and his thoughts
troubled him; and the joints of his thighs were
loosened, and his knees struck one against another.
7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Kasdim, and the soothsayers. The
king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon,
"Whoever reads this writing and shows me its
interpretation shall be clothed with purple, and
have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be
the third ruler in the kingdom."
8 Then all the king's wise men came in; but they
could not read the writing, and couldn't make
known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then King
Belshazzar was greatly troubled, and his face was
changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.
10 The queen by reason of the words of the king
and his lords came into the banquet house. The
queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever; don't
let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face
be changed. 11 There is a man in your kingdom
in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the
days of your father, light and understanding and
wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found

in him. The king, Nebuchadnezzar, your father—
yes, the king, your father—made him master of
the magicians, enchanters, Kasdim, and sooth-
sayers, 12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge,
understanding, interpreting of dreams, showing
of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts were
found in the same Daniel, whom the king named
Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will
show the interpretation."

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king.
The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that
Daniel of the children of the captivity of Judah,
whom the king my father brought out of Judah?
14 I have heard of you, that the spirit of the gods
is in you and that light, understanding, and excel-
lent wisdom are found in you. 15 Now the wise
men, the enchanters, have been brought in before
me, that they should read this writing, and make
known to me its interpretation; but they could not
show the interpretation of the thing. 16 But I have
heard of you, that you can give interpretations
and dissolve doubts. Now if you can read the
writing and make known to me its interpretation,
you shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain
of gold around your neck, and shall be the third
ruler in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniel answered 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 interpreta-
tion.

18 "To you, king, the Most High God gave Neb-
uchadnezzar your father the kingdom, and great-

ness, and glory, and majesty. 19 Because of the
greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, na-
tions, and languages trembled and feared before
him. He killed whom he wanted to, and he kept
alive whom he wanted to. He raised up whom he
wanted to, and he put down whom he wanted to.
20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit
was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was
deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his
glory from him. 21 He was driven from the sons
of men, and his heart was made like the animals',
and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He
was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet
with the dew of the sky, until he knew that the
Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and
that he sets up over it whomever he will.

22 "You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled
your heart, though you knew all this, 23 but have
lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven; and
they have brought the vessels of his house before
you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your
concubines, have drunk wine from them. You
have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze,
iron, wood, and stone, which don't see, or hear,
or know; and you have not glorified the God in
whose hand your breath is, and whose are all your
ways. 24 Then the part of the hand was sent from
before him, and this writing was inscribed.

25 "This is the writing that was inscribed:
'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'

26 "This is the interpretation of the thing:
MENE: God has counted your kingdom, and
brought it to an end.

27 TEKEL: you are weighed in the balances, and
are found wanting.
28 PERES: your kingdom is divided, and given to
the Medes and Persians."
29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and they
clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of
gold about his neck, and made proclamation
concerning him, that he should be the third ruler
in the kingdom.
30 In that night Belshazzar the Kasdian King was
slain. 31 Darius the Mede received the kingdom,
being about sixty-two years old.

6

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one
hundred twenty local governors, who should be
throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them
three presidents, of whom Daniel was one, that
these local governors might give account to them,
and that the king should suffer no loss. 3 Then this
Daniel was distinguished above the presidents
and the local governors, because an excellent
spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him
over the whole realm.
4 Then the presidents and the local governors
sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching
the kingdom; but they could find no occasion or
fault, because he was faithful. There wasn't any
error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said,
"We won't find any occasion against this Daniel,
unless we find it against him concerning the law
of his God."

6 Then these presidents and local governors as-
sembled together to the king, and said this to him,
"King Darius, live forever! 7 All the presidents
of the kingdom, the deputies and the local gov-
ernors, the counselors and the governors, have
consulted together to establish a royal statute and
to make a strong decree, that whoever asks a
petition of any god or man for thirty days, except
of you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of
lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree and sign
the writing, that it not be changed, according to
the law of the Medes and Persians, which doesn't
alter." 9 Therefore King Darius signed the writing
and the decree.

10 When Daniel knew that the writing was
signed, he went into his house (now his windows
were open in his room toward Jerusalem) and
he kneeled on his knees three times a day, and
prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did
before. 11 Then these men assembled together,
and found Daniel making petition and supplica-
tion before his God. 12 Then they came near,
and spoke before the king concerning the king's
decree: "Haven't you signed a decree that every
man who makes a petition to any god or man
within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be
cast into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "This thing is true, accord-
ing to the law of the Medes and Persians, which
doesn't alter."

13 Then they answered and said before the king,
"That Daniel, who is of the children of the cap-
tivity of Judah, doesn't respect you, O king, nor

the decree that you have signed, but makes his
petition three times a day." 14 Then the king, when
he heard these words, was very displeased, and
set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he
labored until the going down of the sun to rescue
him.

15 Then these men assembled together to the
king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that
it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no
decree nor statute which the king establishes may
be changed."

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought
Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. The king
spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you
serve continually, he will deliver you."

17 A stone was brought, and laid on the mouth
of the den; and the king sealed it with his own
signet, and with the signet of his lords; that noth-
ing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then
the king went to his palace, and passed the night
fasting. No musical instruments were brought
before him; and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning,
and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 When he
came near to the den to Daniel, he cried with a
troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel,
"Daniel, servant of the living God, is 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
shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me,

because innocence was found in me before him;
and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."
23 Then the king was exceedingly glad, and com-
manded that they should take Daniel up out of the
den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no
kind of harm was found on him, because he had
trusted in his God.
24 The king commanded, and they brought those
men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them
into the den of lions—them, their children, and
their wives; and the lions mauled them, and broke
all their bones in pieces before they came to the
bottom of the den.
25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples,
nations, and languages who dwell in all the earth:
"Peace be multiplied to you.
26 "I make a decree that in all the dominion of
my kingdom men tremble and fear before the
God of Daniel.
"For he is the living God,
and steadfast forever.
His kingdom is that which will not be destroyed.
His dominion will be even to the end.
27 He delivers and rescues.
He works signs and wonders in heaven and in
earth,
who has delivered Daniel from the power of
the lions."
28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius
and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon,
Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while

on his bed. Then he wrote the dream and told the
sum of the matters.
2 Daniel spoke and said, “I saw in my vision by
night, and, behold, the four winds of the sky broke
out on the great sea. 3 Four great animals came up
from the sea, different from one another.
4 “The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings.
I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was
lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two
feet as a man. A man’s heart was given to it.
5 “Behold, there was another animal, a second,
like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and three
ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. They said
this to it: ‘Arise! Devour much flesh!’
6 “After this I saw, and behold, another, like
a leopard, which had on its back four wings of
a bird. The animal also had four heads; and
dominion was given to it.
7 “After this I saw in the night visions, and,
behold, there was a fourth animal, awesome,
powerful, and exceedingly strong. It had great
iron teeth. It devoured and broke in pieces, and
stamped the residue with its feet. It was different
from all the animals that were before it. It had ten
horns.
8 “I considered the horns, and behold, there
came up among them another horn, a little one,
before which three of the first horns were plucked
up by the roots; and behold, in this horn were
eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking
arrogantly.
9 “I watched until thrones were placed,
and one who was Ancient of Days sat.
His clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool.
His throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came out from before him.
Thousands of thousands ministered to him.
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The judgment was set.
The books were opened.
11 "I watched at that time because of the voice
of the arrogant words which the horn spoke. I
watched even until the animal was slain, and its
body destroyed, and it was given to be burned
with fire. 12 As for the rest of the animals, their
dominion was taken away; yet their lives were
prolonged for a season and a time.
13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, there
came with the clouds of the sky one like a son of
man, and he came even to the Ancient of Days, and
they brought him near before him. 14 Dominion
was given him, and glory, and a kingdom, that all
the peoples, nations, and languages should serve
him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which will not pass away, and his kingdom one
that will not be destroyed.
15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved
within my body, and the visions of my head trou-
bled me. 16 I came near to one of those who stood
by, and asked him the truth concerning all this.
"So he told me, and made me know the interpre-
tation of the things. 17 'These great animals, which
are four, are four kings, who will arise out of the
earth. 18 But the holy ones of the Most High will

receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom
forever, even forever and ever.'
19 "Then I desired to know the truth concerning
the fourth animal, which was different from all
of them, exceedingly terrible, whose teeth were
of iron, and its nails of bronze; which devoured,
broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its
feet; 20 and concerning the ten horns that were on
its head and the other horn which came up, and
before which three fell, even that horn that had
eyes and a mouth that spoke arrogantly, whose
look was more stout than its fellows. 21 I saw,
and the same horn made war with the holy ones,
and prevailed against them, 22 until the Ancient of
Days came, and judgment was given to the holy
ones of the Most High, and the time came that the
holy ones possessed the kingdom.
23 "So he said, 'The fourth animal will be a fourth
kingdom on earth, which will be different from all
the kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth,
and will tread it down and break it in pieces. 24 As
for the ten horns, ten kings will arise out of this
kingdom. Another will arise after them; and he
will be different from the former, and he will put
down three kings. 25 He will speak words against
the Most High, and will wear out the holy ones of
the Most High. He will plan to change the times
and the law; and they will be given into his hand
until a time and times and half a time.
26 " 'But the judgment will be set, and they will
take away his dominion, to consume and to de-
stroy it to the end. 27 The kingdom and the do-
minion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under

the whole sky, 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 is the end of the matter. As for me,
Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my
face was changed in me; but I kept the matter in
my heart."

8

1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshaz-
zar, a vision appeared to me, even to me, Daniel,
after that which appeared to me at the first. 2 I
saw the vision. Now it was so, that when I saw, I
was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province
of Elam. I saw in the vision, and I was by the
river Ulai. 3 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and
behold, a ram which had two horns stood before
the river. The two horns were high, but one was
higher than the other, and the higher came up last.
4 I saw the ram pushing westward, northward,
and southward. No animals could stand before
him. There wasn't any who could deliver out of
his hand, but he did according to his will, and
magnified himself.
5 As I was considering, behold, a male goat came
from the west over the surface of the whole earth,
and didn't touch the ground. The goat had a
notable horn between his eyes. 6 He came to the
ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing
before the river, and ran on him in the fury of his
power. 7 I saw him come close to the ram, and
he was moved with anger against him, and struck

the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no
power in the ram to stand before him; but he cast
him down to the ground and trampled on him.
There was no one who could deliver the ram out
of his hand. 8 The male goat magnified himself
exceedingly. When he was strong, the great horn
was broken; and instead of it there came up four
notable horns toward the four winds of the sky.

9 Out of one of them came out a little horn which
grew exceedingly great—toward the south, and
toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10 It
grew great, even to the army of the sky; and it
cast down some of the army and of the stars to the
ground and trampled on them. 11 Yes, it magnified
itself, even to the prince of the army; and it took
away from him the continual burnt offering, and
the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 The
army was given over to it together with the contin-
ual burnt offering through disobedience. It cast
down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure
and prospered.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and an-
other holy one said to that certain one who spoke,
"How long will the vision about the continual
burnt offering, and the disobedience that makes
desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the army
to be trodden under foot be?"

14 He said to me, "To two thousand and three
hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanc-
tuary will be cleansed."

15 When I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, I
sought to understand it. Then behold, there stood
before me someone with the appearance of a man.

16 I heard a man's voice between the banks of the
Ulai, which called and said, "Gabriel, make this
man understand the vision."

17 So he came near where I stood; and when he
came, I was frightened, and fell on my face; but he
said to me, "Understand, son of man, for the vision
belongs to the time of the end."

18 Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a
deep sleep with my face toward the ground; but
he touched me and set me upright.

19 He said, "Behold, I will make you know what
will be in the latter time of the indignation, for it
belongs to the appointed time of the end. 20 The
ram which you saw, that had the two horns, they
are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 The rough
male goat is the king of Greece. The great horn
that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 As for
that which was broken, in the place where four
stood up, four kingdoms will stand up out of the
nation, but not with his power.

23 "In the latter time of their kingdom, when
the transgressors have come to the full, a king of
fierce face, and understanding riddles, will stand
up. 24 His power will be mighty, but not by his
own power. He will destroy awesomely, and will
prosper in what he does. He will destroy the
mighty ones and the holy people. 25 Through his
policy he will cause deceit to prosper in his hand.
He will magnify himself in his heart, and he will
destroy many in their security. He will also stand
up against the prince of princes, but he will be
broken without human hands.

26 "The vision of the evenings and mornings
which has been told is true; but seal up the vision,
for it belongs to many days to come."
27 I, Daniel, fainted, and was sick for some days.
Then I rose up and did the king's business. I
wondered at the vision, but no one understood it.

9

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus,
of the offspring of the Medes, who was made king
over the realm of the Kasdim— 2 in the first year
of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books
the number of the years about which the LORD's†
word came to Jeremiah the prophet for the ac-
complishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even
seventy years. 3 I set my face to the Lord God,
to seek by prayer and petitions, with fasting and
sackcloth and ashes.
4 I prayed to the LORD my God, and made con-
fession, and said,

"Oh, Lord, the great and dreadful God, who
keeps covenant and loving kindness with those
who love him and keep his commandments,
5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely,
and have done wickedly, and have rebelled,
even turning aside from your precepts and
from your ordinances. 6 We haven't listened 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.

† **9:2** When rendered in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, "LORD" or "GOD" is the translation of God's Proper Name.

7 "Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but to
us confusion of face, as it is today; to the men
of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to all Israel, who are near and who are
far off, through all the countries where you
have driven them, because of their trespass that
they have trespassed against you. 8 Lord, to
us belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to
our princes, and to our fathers, because we
have sinned against you. 9 To the Lord our God
belong mercies and forgiveness, for we have
rebelled against him. 10 We haven't obeyed the
LORD our God's voice, to walk in his laws, which
he set before us by his servants the prophets.
11 Yes, all Israel have transgressed your law,
turning aside, that they should not obey your
voice.

"Therefore the curse and the oath written in
the Torah of Moses the servant of God has been
poured out on us, for we have sinned against
him. 12 He has confirmed his words, which he
spoke against us and against our judges who
judged us, by bringing on us a great evil; for
under the whole sky, such has not been done as
has been done to Jerusalem. 13 As it is written
in the Torah of Moses, all this evil has come on
us. Yet we have not entreated the favor of the
LORD our God, that we should turn from our
iniquities and have discernment in your truth.
14 Therefore the LORD has watched over the
evil, and brought it on us; for the LORD our God
is righteous in all his works which he does, and
we have not obeyed his voice.

15 "Now, Lord our God, who has brought

your people out of the land of Egypt with a
mighty hand, and have gotten yourself renown,
as it is today, we have sinned. We have done
wickedly. 16 Lord, according to all your righ-
teousness, please let your anger and your wrath
be turned away from your city Jerusalem, your
holy mountain; because for our sins and for the
iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your
people have become a reproach to all who are
around us.
17 "Now therefore, our God, listen to the
prayer of your servant and to his petitions, and
cause your face to shine on your sanctuary that
is desolate, for the Lord's sake. 18 My God, turn
your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see
our desolations, and the city which is called by
your name; for we do not present our petitions
before you for our righteousness, but for your
great mercies' sake. 19 Lord, hear. Lord, forgive.
Lord, listen and do. Don't defer, for your own
sake, my God, because your city and your peo-
ple are called by your name."

20 While I was speaking, praying, and confess-
ing 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—the man Gabriel,
whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning,
being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the
time of the evening offering. 22 He instructed
me and talked with me, and said, "Daniel, I have
now come to give you wisdom and understanding.

23 At the beginning of your petitions the com-
mandment went out, and I have come to tell you,
for you are greatly beloved. Therefore consider
the matter and understand the vision.
24 "Seventy weeks are decreed on your people
and on your holy city, to finish disobedience, to
make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for
iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to
seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the
most holy.
25 "Know therefore and discern that from the
going out of the commandment to restore and
build Jerusalem to the Anointed One,‡ the prince,
will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be
built again, with street and moat, even in troubled
times. 26 After the sixty-two weeks the Anointed
One§ will be cut off, and will have nothing. The
people of the prince who come will destroy the
city and the sanctuary. Its end will be with a flood,
and war will be even to the end. Desolations are
determined. 27 He will make a firm covenant with
many for one week. In the middle of the week he
will cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease.
On the wing of abominations will come one who
makes desolate; and even to the decreed full end,
wrath will be poured out on the desolate."

10

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a
message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was

‡ **9:25** "Anointed One" can also be translated "Messiah" (same as "Messiah").
§ **9:26** "Anointed One" can also be translated "Messiah" (same as "Messiah").

called Belteshazzar; and the message was true,
even a great warfare. He understood the message,
and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three
whole weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant food. No meat or
wine came into my mouth. I didn't anoint myself
at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 In the twenty-fourth day of the first month,
as I was by the side of the great river, which is
Hiddekel,† 5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and
behold, there was a man clothed in linen, whose
waist was adorned with pure gold of Uphaz. 6 His
body also was like beryl, and his face as the ap-
pearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming
torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished
bronze. The voice of his words was like the voice
of a multitude.

7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men
who were with me didn't see the vision, but a
great quaking fell on them, and they fled to hide
themselves. 8 So I was left alone and saw this great
vision. No strength remained in me; for my face
grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet
I heard the voice of his words. When I heard the
voice of his words, then I fell into a deep sleep on
my face, with my face toward the ground.

10 Behold, a hand touched me, which set me on
my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 He
said to me, "Daniel, you greatly beloved man,
understand the words that I speak to you, and
stand upright, for I have been sent to you, now."

† **10:4** or, Tigris River

When he had spoken this word to me, I stood
trembling.
12 Then he said to me, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel;
for from the first day that you set your heart to
understand, and to humble yourself before your
God, your words were heard. I have come for
your words’ sake. 13 But the prince of the king-
dom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; but,
behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came
to help me because I remained there with the
kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you
understand what will happen to your people in
the latter days, for the vision is yet for many days.”
15 When he had spoken these words to me, I
set my face toward the ground and was mute.
16 Behold, one in the likeness of the sons of men
touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth, and
spoke and said to him who stood before me, “My
lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows have
overtaken me, and I retain no strength. 17 For how
can the servant of this my lord talk with this my
lord? For as for me, immediately there remained
no strength in me. There was no breath left in
me.”
18 Then one like the appearance of a man
touched me again, and he strengthened me. 19 He
said, “Greatly beloved man, don’t be afraid. Peace
be to you. Be strong. Yes, be strong.”
When he spoke to me, I was strengthened, and
said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strength-
ened me.”
20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come
to you? Now I will return to fight with the prince

of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of
Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you that which
is inscribed in the writing of truth. There is no one
who holds with me against these but Michael your
prince.

11

1 "As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede,
I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

2 "Now I will show you the truth. Behold, three
more kings will stand up in Persia. The fourth
will be far richer than all of them. When he has
grown strong through his riches, he will stir up
all against the realm of Greece. 3 A mighty king
will stand up, who will rule with great dominion,
and do according to his will. 4 When he stands up,
his kingdom will be broken and will be divided
toward the four winds of the sky, but not to his
posterity, nor according to his dominion with
which he ruled; for his kingdom will be plucked
up, even for others besides these.

5 "The king of the south will be strong. One of his
princes will become stronger than him, and have
dominion. His dominion will be a great dominion.
6 At the end of years they will join themselves
together; and 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. He will also not stand, nor will his arm;
but she will be given up, with those who brought
her, and he who became the father of her, and he
who strengthened her in those times.

7 "But out of a shoot from her roots one will
stand up in his place, who will come to the army
and will enter into the fortress of the king of the
north, and will deal against them and will prevail.
8 He will also carry their gods with their molten
images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and
of gold, captive into Egypt. He will refrain some
years from the king of the north. 9 He will come
into the realm of the king of the south, but he
will return into his own land. 10 His sons will
wage war, and will assemble a multitude of great
forces which will come on, and overflow, and pass
through. They will return and wage war, even to
his fortress.

11 "The king of the south will be moved with
anger and will come out and fight with him, even
with the king of the north. He will send out a great
multitude, and the multitude will be given into his
hand. 12 The multitude will be carried off, and his
heart will be exalted. He will cast down tens of
thousands, but he won't prevail. 13 The king of the
north will return, and will send out a multitude
greater than the former. He will come on at the
end of the times, even of years, with a great army
and with abundant supplies.

14 "In those times many will stand up against
the king of the south. Also the children of the
violent among your people will lift themselves up
to establish the vision, but they will fall. 15 So the
king of the north will come and cast up a mound,
and take a well-fortified city. The forces of the
south won't stand, neither will his select troops,
neither will there be any strength to stand. 16 But

he who comes against him will do according to
his own will, and no one will stand before him.
He will stand in the glorious land, and destruction
will be in his hand. 17 He will set his face to
come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and
with him equitable conditions. He will perform
them. He will give him the daughter of women, to
destroy the kingdom, but she will not stand, and
won't be for him. 18 After this he will turn his face
to the islands, and will take many, but a prince
will cause the reproach offered by him to cease.
Yes, moreover, he will cause his reproach to turn
on him. 19 Then he will turn his face toward the
fortresses of his own land; but he will stumble and
fall, and won't be found.

20 "Then one who will cause a tax collector to
pass through the kingdom to maintain its glory
will stand up in his place; but within few days he
shall be destroyed, not in anger, and not in battle.

21 "In his place a contemptible person will stand
up, to whom they had not given the honor of the
kingdom; but he will come in time of security,
and will obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22 The
overwhelming forces will be overwhelmed from
before him, and will be broken. Yes, also the
prince of the covenant. 23 After the treaty made
with him he will work deceitfully; for he will come
up and will become strong with few people. 24 In
time of security he will come even on the fattest
places of the province. He will do that which his
fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers.
He will scatter among them prey, plunder, and
wealth. Yes, he will devise his plans against the

strongholds, but only for a time.
25 "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 wage war in battle
with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but
he won't stand; for they will devise plans against
him. 26 Yes, those who eat of his delicacies will
destroy him, and his army will be swept away.
Many will fall down slain. 27 As for both these
kings, their hearts will be to do evil, and they will
speak lies at one table; but it won't prosper, for
the end will still be at the appointed time. 28 Then
he will return into his land with great wealth. His
heart will be against the holy covenant. He will
take action, and return to his own land.
29 "He will return at the appointed time and
come into the south; but it won't be in the latter
time as it was in the former. 30 For ships of
Kittim will come against him. Therefore he will
be grieved, and will return, and have indignation
against the holy covenant, and will take action. He
will even return, and have regard to those who
forsake the holy covenant.
31 "Forces from him will profane the sanctuary,
even the fortress, and will take away the continual
burnt offering. Then they will set up the abom-
ination that makes desolate. 32 He will corrupt
those who do wickedly against the covenant by
flatteries; but the people who know their God will
be strong and take action.
33 "Those who are wise among the people will
instruct many; yet they will fall by the sword and
by flame, by captivity and by plunder, many days.

34 Now when they fall, they will be helped with a
little help; but many will join themselves to them
with flatteries. 35 Some of those who are wise will
fall—to refine them, and to purify, and to make
them white, even to the time of the end, because
it is yet for the time appointed.

36 "The king will do according to his will. He will
exalt himself and magnify himself above every
god, and will speak marvelous things against the
God of gods. He will prosper until the indignation
is accomplished, for that which is determined will
be done. 37 He won't regard the gods of his fathers,
or the desire of women, or regard any god; for
he will magnify himself above all. 38 But in their
place, he will honor the god of fortresses. He will
honor a god whom his fathers didn't know with
gold, silver, and with precious stones and pleasant
things. 39 He will deal with the strongest fortresses
by the help of a foreign god. He will increase with
glory whoever acknowledges him. He will cause
them to rule over many, and will divide the land
for a price.

40 "At the time of the end the king of the south
will contend with him; and the king of the north
will come against him like a whirlwind, with char-
iots, with horsemen, and with many ships. He
will enter into the countries, and will overflow
and pass through. 41 He will enter also into the
glorious land, and many countries will be over-
thrown; but these will be delivered out of his
hand: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children
of Ammon. 42 He will also stretch out his hand
on the countries. The land of Egypt won't escape.

43 But he will have power over the treasures of
gold and of silver, and over all the precious things
of Egypt. The Libyans and the Ethiopians will
follow his steps. 44 But news out of the east and
out of the north will trouble him; and he will go
out with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep
away many. 45 He will plant the tents of his palace
between the sea and the glorious holy mountain;
yet he will come to his end, and no one will help
him.

12

1 "At that time Michael will stand up, the great
prince who stands for the children of your peo-
ple; and there will be a time of trouble, such
as never was since there was a nation even to
that same time. At that time your people will be
delivered, everyone who is 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 Those
who are wise will shine as the brightness of the
expanse. Those who turn many to righteousness
will shine as the stars forever and ever. 4 But you,
Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even
to the time of the end. Many will run back and
forth, and knowledge will be increased."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others
stood, one on the river bank on this side, and the
other on the river bank on that side. 6 One said
to the man clothed in linen, who was above the
waters of the river, "How long will it be to the end
of these wonders?"

7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was
above the waters of the river, when he held up his
right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore
by him who lives forever that it will be for a time,
times, and a half; and when they have finished
breaking in pieces the power of the holy people,
all these things will be finished.
8 I heard, but I didn't understand. Then I
said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these
things?"
9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel; for the words
are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.
10 Many will purify themselves, and make them-
selves white, and be refined, but the wicked will
do wickedly; and none of the wicked will under-
stand, but those who are wise will understand.
11 "From the time that the continual burnt offer-
ing is taken away and the abomination that makes
desolate set up, there will be one thousand two
hundred ninety days. 12 Blessed is he who waits,
and comes to the one thousand three hundred
thirty-five days.
13 "But go your way until the end; for you will
rest, and will stand in your inheritance at the end
of the days."

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