

As we begin this series it is important that we lay down the foundation for why we are studying the book of Daniel. We are living in the "Time of the End" that not only the book of Daniel foretold but the Prophets, the New Testament writers and Jesus Himself told of this "Time of the End" or "End Times". Jesus commanded us to know about this time so we would: not be afraid, not be caught unaware, ready for the rapture, stay away from false teaching, not get complacent, be found witnessing and making disciples and for us to know that He Loves Us.

John 1:1 KJV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

<u>John 1:14 KJV</u>

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Why did God send Jesus to earth? why did He have to go into a body? Because He Loves Us...

John 3:16-17 KJV

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Saved from what? Hell...there is only 2 places that we will spend eternity, heaven or hell.

2 Peter 3:9 AMPC

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, <u>not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.</u>

It's not His desire that anyone goes to hell - but is it yours? God is giving people time, but it is not limitless. Time or the "Time Of The End" is running out. Since the beginning of time, starting in Genesis, God's Word has been preparing us for the "Time of the End".

Jesus spent much of His earthly ministry especially at the end of His 33rd on earth year sharing with His Disciples what it would look like at the "Time of the End". Remember, you and I are His disciples as well, so this message is for us...Bible says so. (in the latter days, at the end of days, at the end of time, at the time of the end is used all throughout Old and New Testament).

Jesus shared in the gospels what it would look like at the *Time of the End* and also the importance of the promised Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is needed to remind us of the "things" that we have heard and have read. It is there for unlimited power to do the "things" that the Bible says we can do and not what man has often made it up into being - a false manifestation or a false reason.

<u>John 14:25-29 AMPC</u>

25 I have told you these things while I am still with you.

26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], <u>He will</u> <u>teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you</u> <u>of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.</u>

27 Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]

28 You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am. 29 And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does

take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.

Jesus is telling us, the disciples that He had to go but, that He is coming back. He's telling us what it's going to look like before it happens so we would not be afraid or be caught unaware...because He loves us so much. He then continues in Luke Chapter 21 and Matthew Chapters 23 and 24 on what it will look like at the "Time of the End" as well.

Luke 21:6-8 AMPC

6 As for all this that you [thoughtfully] look at, the time will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down. 7 And they asked Him, Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when this is about to occur?

8 And He said, <u>Be on your guard and be careful that you are not led</u> <u>astray; for many will come in My name [appropriating to themselves</u> <u>the name Messiah which belongs to Me]</u>, saying, I am He! and, The time is at hand! Do not go out after them.

As you keep reading this chapter Jesus says don't be afraid/fear not. Why? because there will be wars and rumors of wars. You're going to be hated by friends/coworkers and family for doing what righteous. The Bible says that churches will kick Bible believing Christians out (not the itching ear Christians) and governments would come against the true believer for speaking and acting in obedience to God's Word.

In Matthew Chapter 24, it parallels Luke Chapter 21 (synoptic gospels) when the disciples asked Jesus about the signs of His return. Jesus didn't tell them "it's none of your business".

He didn't say, don't worry about it... He didn't say just focus on love or grace... He didn't say it's no big deal and don't listen to people when they speak of my return...He didn't say that it was not for them to know....He said the opposite. He gave them a very detailed answer, He gave them along with you and I, and all of His Disciples a command.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, <u>when ye shall see all these things, know that it is</u> <u>near,</u> even at the doors.

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also <u>when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass,</u> <u>you may know</u> of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

The word "recognize" used in Matthew 24:33 in the original Greek is in the imperative mode (a form of a verb) which means it is a command! We are commanded by Jesus to know when His return is near. When we read the words of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations", we understand and know that the word "go" is a command. We know that Jesus is commanding us to take action and that action is to "GO" "and make disciples of all nations".

There is no difference between the word "go" in the Great Commission and the word "recognize" in Matthew 24 in terms of them both being a command. We are commanded to know the season we are in.

Do you believe that Jesus would command you and I to know the season of His return without telling us how to know when that season is? Do you believe that Jesus would give you a command that is impossible for us to obey?

Many in the church today have been mislead into believing that since no man knows the day or hour of the Lord's return, we can't know for certain that His return is at hand; many take it to the next step, treating the eminency of Jesus' return as almost a form of heresy or at a minimum nothing to be discussed in serous Biblical circles outside of the acknowledgement that at some point in the future He will return.

This is what Gods Word says about that...

Isaiah 56:10-12 AMPC

10 [Israel's] watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, they love to slumber.

11 Yes, the dogs are greedy; they never have enough. And such are the shepherds who cannot understand; they have all turned to their own way, each one to his own gain, from every quarter [one and all].

12 Come, say they, We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink! And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.

There are pastors (preachers/teachers), the watchmen on the tower who are more concerned (Matthew 23) about their buildings, budgets and not disturbing their job security by offending people in the church with the truth than blowing the trumpet and warning Jesus is coming. Jesus keeps telling us (the disciples) more about what it will look like...

Matthew 24:36-44 AMPC

36 But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

37 As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the [very] day when Noah went into the ark,

39 And they did not know or understand until the flood came and swept them all away—so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

40 At that time two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Watch therefore [[a]give strict attention, be cautious and active], for you do not know in what kind of a day [[b]whether a near or remote one] your Lord is coming.

43 But understand this: had the householder known in what [part of the night, whether in a [c]night or a morning] watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be [d]undermined and broken into.

44 You also must be ready therefore, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him.

So, how can we be ready? read the Word, believe it and act on it.

Colossians 3:17 AMPC

17 And whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in [dependence upon] His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him. Remember, since the beginning of time God has been showing us the end...He is not trying to sneak up on anyone.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] <u>remember the former things, [which I did] of old;</u> for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 <u>Declaring the end and the result from the beginning</u>, and <u>from</u> <u>ancient times the things that are not yet done</u>, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

In the days we are living, it is vital that we read God's Word. It will tell us not only what is happening or the signs that were foretold to remind us that Jesus is coming but how to navigate life, relationships, finances, physical, emotional and the spiritual "things". In John Chapter 14, we are reading the very Words that Jesus who tells trust me and have peace.

<u>John 14:1-21 AMPC</u>

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

<u>3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.</u>

4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, <u>we do not know where You are going, so</u> <u>how can we know the way?</u>

6 Jesus said to him, <u>I am the Way and the Truth and the Life</u>; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

7 If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.

8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father—that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.

9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize and know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the ([a]His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you.] 12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

13 And I will do [I Myself will grant] whatever you ask in My Name [as [b]presenting all that I Am], so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

14 [Yes] I will grant [I Myself will do for you] whatever you shall ask in My Name [as [c]presenting all that I Am].

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—

17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless]; I will come [back] to you.

19 Just a little while now, and the world will not see Me any more, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also.

20 At that time [when that day comes] you will know [for yourselves] that I am in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I [am] in you.

21 <u>The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who</u> [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.] As we study the book of Daniel, I want you to understand that the unbeliever and many christians will give you a hard time about the "Time Of The End", God said so…

<u>2 Peter 3:1-6 AMPC</u>

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 <u>That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior</u> [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

<u>3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers</u> (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 <u>And say, Where is the promise of His coming?</u> For since the forefathers fell asleep, <u>all things have continued exactly as they did</u> <u>from the beginning of creation.</u>

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

<u>6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water</u> <u>and perished.</u>

You and I need to stay strong in what the Bible says because it is the truth...Noah believed, he did what God instructed him to do and the moment Noah and his family were safe, judgment came upon all.

John 8:32 AMPC

32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

Ecclesiastes 1:9 AMPC

9 <u>The thing that has been—it is what will be again</u>, and that which has been done is that which will be done again; and there is nothing new under the sun.

God's Word is what will be used to judge at the end of time - not another author, not another denomination, not what you think and not what you feel.

In this series we will focus in on the predictions, prophecies, dreams and visions that deal with the "Time of the End". We will be going through many passages and stories from this great apocalyptic book of Daniel.

Daniel 12:4 AMPC

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great.

Daniel 12:4 KJV

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

I believe with all my heart that we are in the first time in history since the book of Daniel was written that these prophecies can now be understood. As we go through this study you will see that we are the generation that has the knowledge of the book of Daniel where we can unseal and unlock many of the cryptic references and symbolism that Daniel saw and wrote down over 2600 hundred years ago.

The book of Daniel is an apocalyptic book. There are 2 major apocalyptic books in the Bible, one of course is Daniel and the other is the book of Revelation. They are written almost 700 years apart.

<u>Revelation 1:1 KJV</u>

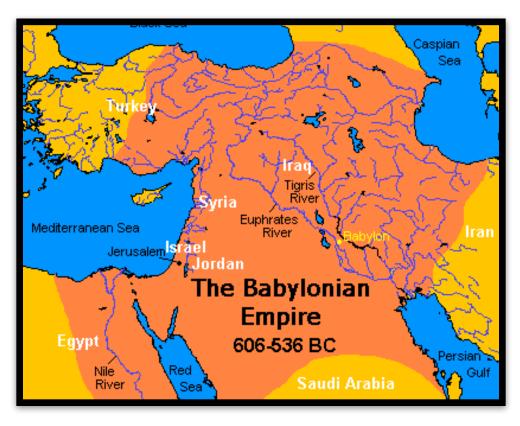
1 <u>The Revelation (the apocalypse the revealing) of Jesus Christ</u>, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants <u>things which must shortly</u> <u>come to pass</u>; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Revelation 1:1 AMPC

1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine <u>mysteries]</u>. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants <u>certain things which must shortly and speedily come to</u> <u>pass in their entirety</u>. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,

Apocalyptic or apocalyptic books, are "revealing" or means "to be revealed". There are several apocalyptic books in the Bible and these books often use strange symbolism like animals and other things that once we understand why an dhow they are used, help reveal other passages in Gods' Word. These symbols represent something literal and the specific animal emblems in the prophecies of Daniel represent the empires of Bible prophecy.

However, the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation work together. The book of Revelation is a continuation of the book of Daniel giving much more detail than what Daniel actually saw.



To give you a little background on Daniel. He wrote this book from Babylon. He was taken captive as a young man by King Nebuchadnezzar and he wrote the book of Daniel while in Babylonian captivity.

Daniel 1:1-6 AMPC

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with a part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar [Babylonia] to the house of his god and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

3 And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility—

4 Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, and understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand and serve in the king's palace—and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king assigned for them a daily portion of his own rich and dainty food and of the wine which he drank. They were to be so educated and so nourished for three years that at the end of that time they might stand before the king.

6 Among these were of the children of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

Daniel was from the royal seed and John was from the priestly seed or family according to church history. Daniel was called a prophet by Jesus and by definition a prophet (one who foretells the future) is never wrong.

<u>Matthew 24:15 KJV</u>

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, <u>spoken of</u> <u>by Daniel the prophet</u>, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Matthew 24:15 AMPC

15 So when you see the appalling sacrilege [the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate], <u>spoken of by the prophet Daniel</u>, standing in the Holy Place—let the reader take notice and ponder and consider and heed [this]—



The "Never Wrong" Prophet Daniel saw visions of the "Time of the End" and the vision of the return of Jesus the Messiah.

Daniel 2:34 AMPC

34 As you looked, a [Stone was cut out without human hands, which smote the image on its feet of iron and [baked] clay [of the potter] and broke them to pieces.

Daniel 2:34 KJV

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

The eternal kingdom of God, the Messianic kingdom, will extend over "the whole earth," and all who reject Jesus, the Messiah, the Stone, will be crushed. Daniel saw it in a form of a stone cut out without hands (not an empire or government of this world ruled by man) crushing down on the kingdoms of this world. What is interesting is that Daniel is told (in the book of Daniel) to seal his book until the time of the end when knowledge would be increased.

Daniel 12:4 AMPC

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Daniel 12:4 KJV

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Then, almost 700 years later John is told in the book of Revelation, don't seal your book.

Revelation 22:10 AMPC

10 And he [further] told me, <u>Do not seal up the words of the prophecy</u> of this book and make no secret of them, for the time when things are brought to a crisis and the period of their fulfillment is near.

Revelation 22:10 KJV

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

I believe the reason that John is told not to seal the book and Daniel is the book of Daniel is incomplete without the book of Revelation. Meaning there are *things* in the book of Revelation that helps further explain or reveal the visions of Daniel. The visions of Daniel compliments the book or Revelation.

By the time that John got his full revelation of the apocalypse of the last days, it mixes and matches so perfect with the book of Daniel that these 2 books are inseparable.

During our study, we are going to work with these 2 books together and not just Daniel to get a complete picture of the "Time Of The End".

One of the biggest differences between these two is that Daniel wrote for the nation of Israel, meaning Daniels prophecies basically concerns the nation of Israel. However, Johns prophecy involves Israel and it also involves the church. Jesus addresses the churches through John in Revelation chapter 2 and chapter 3. From that point on he deals with Israel and the gentile nations of the world. So both Daniel, in the book of Daniel and John in the book of Revelation, deal with the gentile nations and gentile empires that are going to effect Israel, the jewish people and the city of Jerusalem. This is very important to understand and remember.

There are 5 chapters in the book of Daniel that are significant when you want to understand the "Time of the End". Studying these chapters you can see how prophecy comes to a climax at the "End of Days" and what will happen at that specific time in history.

- **1. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Of The Metallic Image** Daniel Chapter 2
- **2. The Dream of the Tree Stump w/the Brass & Iron Band** Daniel Chapter 4 - This is a prophetic dream
- **3.** The Vision of the Four Great Beasts Rising from the Sea Daniel Chapter 7 The great sea is the Mediterranean sea
- **4. The Vision of the Ram and the He Goat** Daniel Chapter 8
- **5. The Interpretation of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy** Daniel Chapter 9

These five chapters, (2, 4, 7, 8 and 9) specifically contain and conceal symbolic cyphers and words that must be unlocked or unsealed. The reason this must be done at the "Time of the End" is for people to understand what the Prophet Daniel was talking about.

There are images of the Beast that Daniel saw in his vision in the book of Daniel along with another images that we will talk about later in the book of Revelation that combines the Beasts together to give us a clue about the antichrist and his kingdom...where he will come from.

Why Do Apocalyptic Books Use Symbolism ?

Why do apocalyptic books and these writers, the prophets in the Bible use symbolism? Why would God have them write about: a goat with 4 horns coming out of his head? A ram with 2 horns and one is bigger than the other? a beast with a body like a leopard, feet like a bear, mouth like a lion? Why the symbolism, why can't God just say here's the empire and here's the nations?

1. God used symbols that people of that day were familiar with.

It is very important that you understand that we use symbolism as well today. When we use the seal of or an image of an eagle we think of the United States.



When we see a bear, we think of Russia...



When you think of a lion you think of Britain, England...



God used symbolism in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation that the people were familiar with in that day.

2. The nature of the animals matched the nature of the king or kingdom it represented.

For instance, if you have a leopard it represents Alexander the Greats kingdom in Greece. A leopard is extremely fast and Alexander conquered the known world starting from the time he was in his early twenties till the time he was 32. He was very quick in his conquering. So, once again, God uses the nature of the animals by matching them with the nature of the king or kingdom it represented.



3. God wants you to search out scripture for the interpretation.

God wants you and I to search out the truth. He wants us to search out the mystery of it because it is the order of a king to search out secrets. The reason God uses symbolism is if you know the scripture, the symbol will interpret itself.

As an example, if I say serpent, what does it represent? When you study the Bible you know that the serpent represents satan. So, a symbol is known by the Bible itself. The Bible itself will interpret a symbol.

4. Symbolism can hide the meaning to protect the writer and symbolism itself.

Let me give you an example. Why did John conceal the idea that mystery Babylon was Rome in Revelation Chapter 17 and 18 ?

<u>Revelation 17:10-11, 18 KJV</u>

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 17:10-11, 18 AMPC

10 And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.

11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.

18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth.

The city ruling over the great kings of the earth or mystery Babylon they all know it's Rome. *Note: The government of Mystery Babylon will be in the Iraq/Syria/Lebanon/S.Turkey area and the religion of Mystery Babylon will be set in Rome - 7th empire.* So, why did John conceal this idea or prophecy by calling it mystery Babylon?

Because, among the Jews they would veil the name of Rome by using the name Babylon. The reason why they would do this is because the babylonians and the romans both destroyed Jerusalem and they both destroyed the temple. In addition, they both took the treasures, they both took the jewish people captive, and both temples by Babylon and in Rome were destroyed on the 9th of Av on the jewish calendar.

The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and John wrote the book of Revelation about 25 years later. So when talking about Rome, he could never of used the word **"Rome"**. John could never predict that **"Rome"** would be destroyed in print.

The reason why is the book or scroll which is Revelation would never of been allowed to be taken off of the Isle of Patmos after the Emperor Domitian died and John was released. Revelation would been considered a political scroll which was antagonistic towards Rome and they would have burned it and destroyed it.



The Emperor Domitian banished John the Revelator to the Isle of Patmos (Revelation 1:9-10), A.D. 95. He was Roman emperor from 81 AD to 96 AD. Domitian was the third and last emperor of the Flavian dynasty. Domitian's youth and early career were largely spent in the shadow of his brother Titus, who gained military renown during the First Jewish–Roman War.



The point is, God had to veil the truth of what was going to happen in the future in symbolism so it could be searched out by prophets, wise men and the Bible scholars of today to know exactly what it meant. So, we need to understand that there is a reason that God used symbolism because the ancient empires in Daniels day were very much aware of symbols.

Some background on this book: Daniel was written in Hebrew in chapter 1 and in chapters 9-12. But, it was written in Aramaic in chapters 2-8. There has been questions about why the book of Daniel is written in part with Aramaic. The Aramaic of that particular day that the book of Daniel is written was part of the common language of that area amongst the Gentile nations.

It may have been that Daniel was prophesying in chapters 2-8 which deals allot with Gentile empires. He may have wanted to make sure that these Gentile nations understood what he was saying.

Daniel actually deals with five empires. Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece, Rome and Mystery Babylon. Four of them he sees through symbolism very clearly but one of them, which is the 5th empire, is the empire of the antichrist which carries over to the the 6th empire he sees. (this is actually the 8th Empire of the Bible). Which is the Little Horn that rises up amongst the 10 kings at the end of days.

The 8 Kingdoms Of Bible Prophecy

- 1. Egypt (prior to the book of Daniel)
- 2. Assyria (prior to the book of Daniel)
- 3. Babylon
- 4. Media / Persia
- 5. Greece
- 6. Rome (all the kingdoms up until today)
- 7. Mystery Babylon (first 42 months of the tribulation)
- 8. Beast antichrist/false prophet (rule the last 42 months)

Daniel 7:8 KJV

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Daniel 7:8 AMPC

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 great things.

Daniel 8:9 KJV

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

Daniel 8:9 AMPC

9 Out of littleness and small beginnings one of them came forth [Antiochus Epiphanes], a horn whose [impious presumption and pride] grew exceedingly great toward the south and toward the east and toward the ornament [the precious, blessed land of Israel].

Not only did Daniel see the empires of: Babylon, Media Persia, Greece and Rome, but he saw the very End of Days. He saw the tribulation empires coming to power which was that Little Horn with a mouth speaking great things (the antichrist) having ten kings underneath him.

What Is The Time Of The End?

The prophetic time frame Daniel covers started 2,600 years ago from where we are today. Beginning with Babylon and going to the "End Of Days" or "Time Of The End". Daniel writes five times that he is talking about the "Time Of The End". The phrase, "Time Of The End" is a Hebrew phrase meaning the time prior to the messiah returning to earth.

Daniel 8:17 AMPC

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, O son of man, for the [fulfillment of the] vision belongs to [events that shall occur in] the <u>time of the end.</u>

Daniel 11:35 AMPC

35 And some of those who are wise, prudent, and understanding shall be weakened and fall, [thus, then, the insincere among the people will lose courage and become deserters. It will be a test] to refine, to purify, and to make those among [God's people] white, even to the <u>time of the end</u>, because it is yet for the time [God] appointed.

Daniel 11:40 AMPC

40 And at the <u>time of the end</u> the king of the South shall push at and attack him, and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass through.

Daniel 12:4 AMPC

4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the <u>time</u> <u>of the end.</u> [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great.

Daniel 12:9 AMPC

9 And he [the angel] said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed till the <u>time of the end.</u>

The book of Daniel has numerous events predicted that are parallel to the book of Revelation. I will continue to emphasize this throughout this series because it is very important to remember this as it will give us a better understanding of the book of Daniel. Here are just a few from chapters 2,3 and 4 from the Book of Daniel.

Revelation 13:1-2

The beast unites a 10 horned empire. <u>Daniel Chapter 2</u>

The image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream has 10 toes.

Revelation Chapters 4-19

The beast's kingdom lasts for 7 years - 42 months and 42 months.

Daniel Chapter 4

Nebuchadnezzar has a 7 year breakdown symbolizing the 7 year Tribulation.

Revelation 13:11-16

The image of the beast was worshipped and those who refused were killed.

Daniel Chapter 3

The image of Nebuchadnezzar was to be worshipped or they would be killed.

King Nebuchadnezzar lives like a beast or a wild man during those 7 years. He is an animal which is a picture of the antichrist who is described as an animal (nature) and possessed by a spirit in Revelation Chapter 13 (throughout Revelation).

Daniel 4:31-36 AMPC

31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you,

32 And you shall be driven from among men and your dwelling will be with the living creatures of the field. You will be made to eat grass like the oxen, and seven times [or years] shall pass over you until you have learned and know that the Most High [God] rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will.

33 That very hour the thing was [in process of] being fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and did eat grass like oxen [as Daniel had said he would], and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until his hair grew like eagles' [feathers] and his nails [were] like birds' [claws].

34 And <u>at the end of the days [seven years]</u>, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding and the right use of my mind returned to me; and I blessed the Most High [God] and I praised and honored and glorified Him Who lives forever, Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion; and His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. And He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand or say to Him, What are You doing?

36 Now at the same time my reason and understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me, and my counselors and my lords sought me out; I was reestablished in my kingdom, and still more greatness [than before] was added to me.

<u> Daniel 4:31-36 KJV</u>

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

When you look at Daniel Chapters 1-4, especially the prophetic parts, you find a foreshadowing of the Revelation that is to come. In chapter 2, there is the ten toes. Chapter 3 contains the image that he has built and you die if you don't worship it. Then in chapter 4, the seven year breakdown. So concealed in the story of Daniel, in Babylon is the actual revelation found in the New Testament (Revelation Chapter 13). This is about the antichrist, the ten kings, killing those who will not worship the image of the beast, and later a seven year Tribulation which is a picture of King Nebuchadnezzar's breakdown.