

The Historical Setting in the Book of Daniel 12

Date:	3rd year of Cyrus = 537/ 6 BC	Dan's Age	~82/3 years old
Kingdom	Medo-Persia	King	Darius/Cyrus
Events	<p><u>v1-3 Events in the Great Distress</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at that time Michael will arise & a time of great distress occurs (v1) • Righteous Jews will be rescued (v1) • a resurrection to everlasting life & another to disgrace & everlasting contempt (v2) • reward for those with insight & those who lead many to righteousness (v3) 	<p><u>v4-14 The Chronology of the End</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • book sealed until the end of time (v4) • many will go back and forth (v4) • knowledge will increase (v4) • <u>The Question:</u> "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" (v5-6) • <u>The Answer:</u> a time, times & 1/2 a time & all events completed as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people (v7) • <u>Daniel's Question:</u> "What will be the outcome of these events?" • <u>Angel's Answer:</u> 	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key Words and Phrases</u></p> <p>behold (1x), Daniel (3x), time(s) (9x), the end (5x)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> time, times 1/2 time 1,290 days 1,335 days </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Abomination of Desolation Stop to sacrifices Power of holy people shattered Blessed- ness </p>	
Title	The End of the Age		

Luke 21:34-36

pres act imp, prosecho = to give attention, to give heed, pay close attention to, be watchful => a constant vigil

34 “Be on guard,

aor pass subj, bareo = to weigh down, burden, overcome, tdepress, to be made heavy by eating & drinking too much

that your hearts may not be weighted down

Kardia=inner self, mind, will, intention, desire

kraipale = drunken dissipation; common in medical writers for the nausea that follows a debauch

with dissipation

and

methe = intoxication, intemperance in drinking, that which intoxicates

drunkenness

merimna = care, concern, anxiety, worry, a feeling of apprehension or distress in view of possible danger or misfortune

and

the worries of life,

and

biotikos = belonging to daily life, worldly, secular, everyday; pertaining to the support or luxury of life

aiphnidios = unexpectedly, suddenly

that day come on you suddenly

ephistemi aor. act. subj. = to come upon (suddenly and unexpectedly)

like a trap;

pagis = snare, trap, whatever makes fast or holds fast

35

for

pres mid (dep) ptc, kathemai = to sit, to dwell

it will come upon all those who dwell

Fut mid (dep) ind, epeiserchomai = to come in over

on the face of all the earth.

36 “But
de

pres act imp, agrupneo, to be awake, to stay awake, to be alert, to be watchful, to make an effort to learn what might be a potential future threat

keep on the alert at all times,

kairos = season, appropriate or opportune time, occasion, appointed time, set time

praying

pres mid (dep) ptc, deomai, to request, to pray, to make one’s need known, to beseech, to ask

in order that

you may have strength

aor act subj, katischuo, to have the strength to / against, to be able to, to prevail against or over

aor act Inf, ekpheugo, to flee, escape, run away

to escape all these things

pres act ptc, mello, to be about to

that are about to take place,

pres mid (dep) inf, ginomai, to become, to happen

and

aor pass Inf, histemi, to stand

emprosthen., in front of

to stand before the Son of Man.“

- Philo characterizes drunkenness generally as a mark of the blind & foolish man who is a slave to the material world (on “*Drunkenness*”)
- Others describe drunkenness as producing inability to preserve one’s self-control & forcing one to commit many distasteful acts
- Ancient Greek religions believed that drunkenness induced a state of hypersensitivity that catapulted one into communion with the deities



The Resurrections of Believers and Unbelievers

A Resurrection of Life (John 5:29)

To Everlasting Life (Daniel 12:2)

The First Resurrection (Rev 20:5, 6)

1 Corinthians 15:21-28:

In Christ all shall be made alive,

but each in his own order:

a. Christ the first fruits

b. after that those who are Christ's at His coming

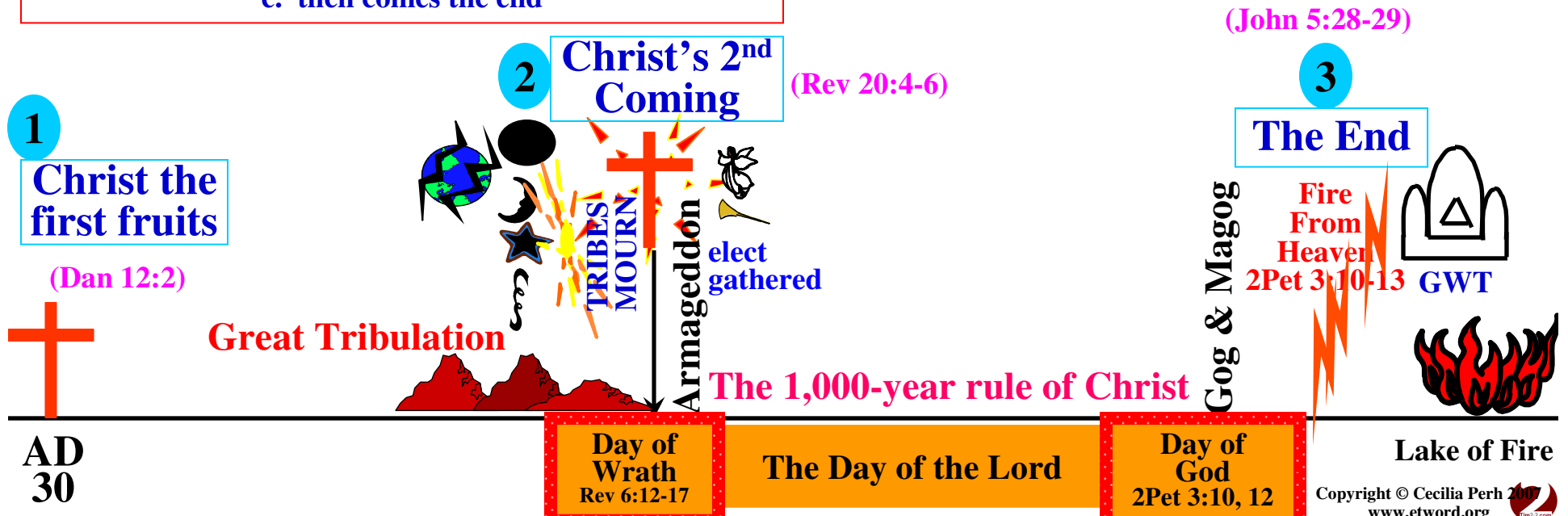
c. then comes the end

A Resurrection of Judgment

(John 5:29)

To Disgrace and Everlasting Contempt (Daniel 12:2)

The Second Death (Rev 20:6)



Daniel 12:1-3

1 “**Now**

at that time

Michael Arises

Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people,

will arise.

amad, 521x, to stand, remain, endure, take one's stand; to stand still, stop (moving or doing), cease; to make a stand, hold one's ground; to arise, appear, come on the scene, stand forth, appear, rise up or against; to stand with, take one's stand, be appointed

And

there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation

Tribulation occurs

until that time;

and

at that time

Jews Rescued

your people,

everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Rashi, a Jewish rabbi says that this word means to “stand up, stand still”, i.e., Michael will “stand still” or “stop” doing what he normally does, i.e., stop his activity of restraining the demonic forces of Satan, thereby allowing Antichrist to reveal his true identity to the world & vent his full fury on God’s people.

2 “**And**

many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake,

these to everlasting life,

but

the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

Resurrection

3 “**And**

those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven,

and

those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Reward

As many commentators agree, the chapter division at this point is less than satisfactory, with no real break between the last verse of chapter 11 and the first verse of chapter 12. Daniel 11:40–12:4 is one paragraph. Daniel 12:1-4 describes the final events of human history paving the way for the second coming of Christ, the defeat of His enemies, and the establishment of His kingdom. They sum up for Daniel the destiny of Israel as a nation, the saints, and the wicked. Verse 4 contains Daniel's instructions to conceal what has been revealed to him.

Verses 5-7, a final vision of two angels and of the glorified Lord, raises and answers the question, "How long will these wonders be?" Verses 8-13, the final paragraph, explore the outcome of the events. The text can be outlined:

- (1) Israel and the Last Days 11:40–12:13
- (2) Israel and the "little horn" 11:40-45
- (3) Israel's distress and deliverance 12:1-4
- (4) The length of Israel's distress 12:5-7
- (5) The outcome Israel's distress 12:8-13

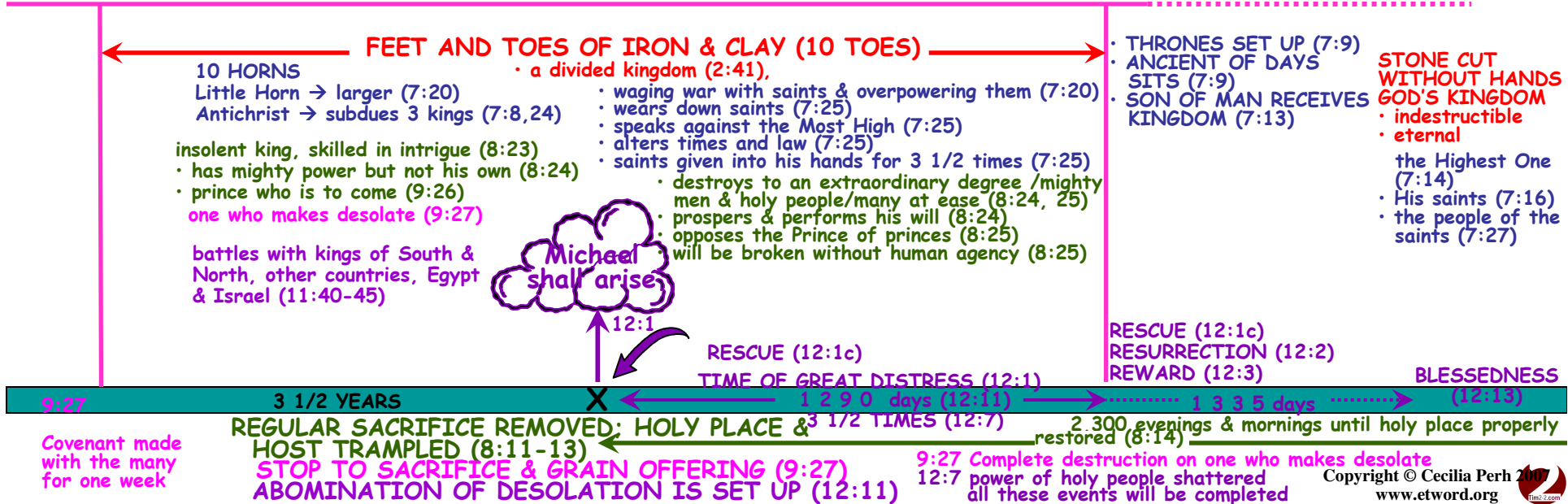
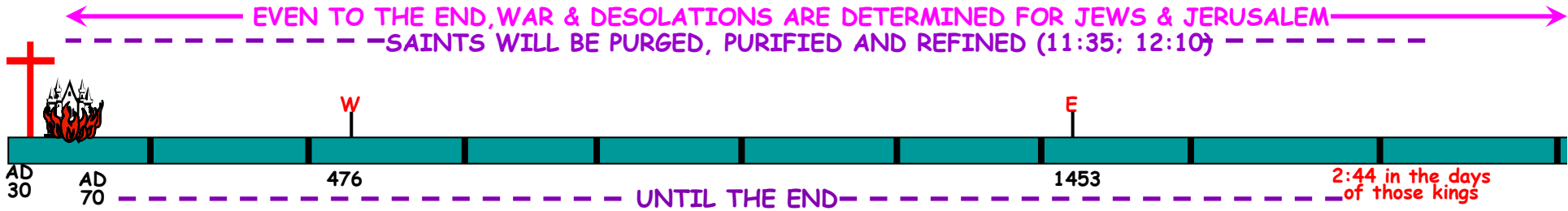
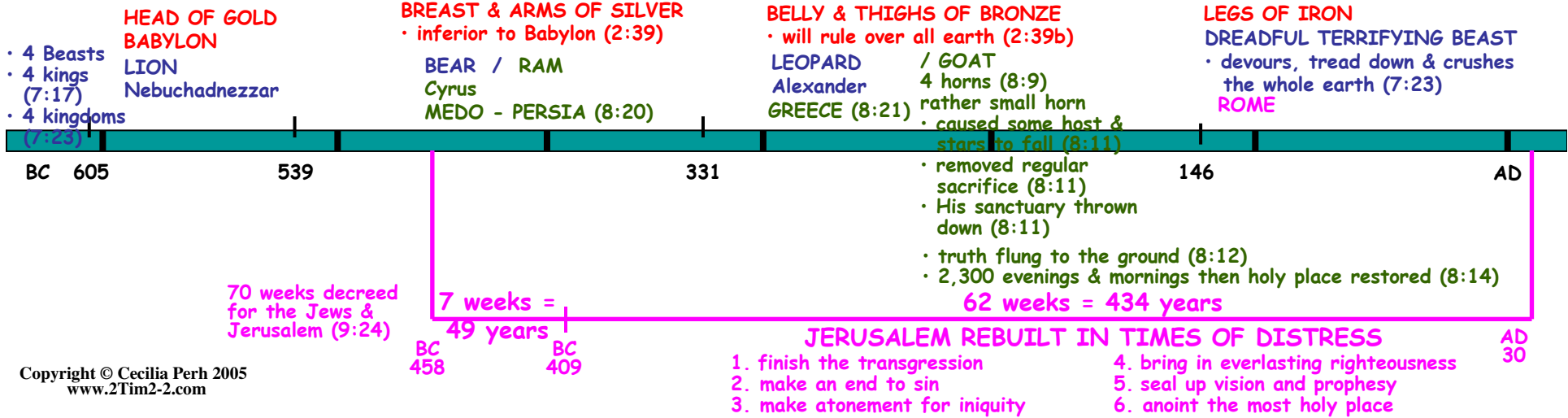
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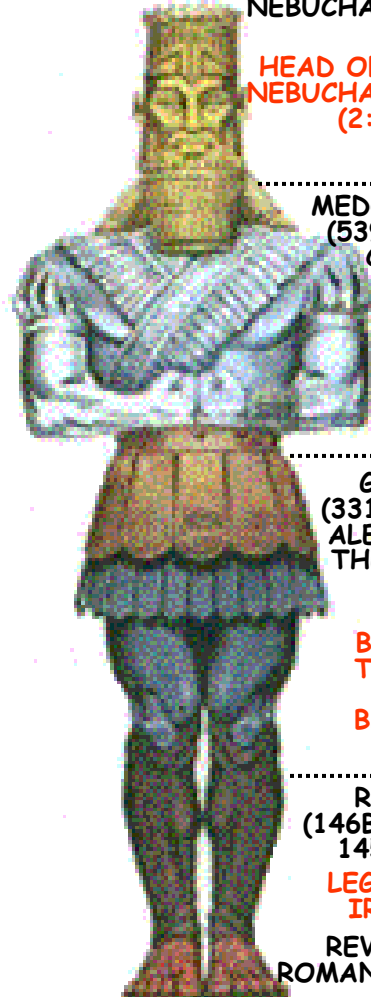







- Daniel conceals these words and seals up the book until the end of time (12:4,9)
- Daniel enters into rest and rises again for his allotted portion at the end of the age (12:13)
- Many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase (12:4)
- Battles with the king of the South (11:40) and wins (11:42)
- The king of the North storms against him with chariots, horsemen, and many ships (11:40)
- He enters countries, overflows them, and passes through (11:40)
- He also enters the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall but Edom, Moab and Ammon escape (11:41)
- He fights against other countries, and Egypt will not escape (11:42)
- He plunders Egypt (11:43)
- Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels (11:43)
- He is disturbed by rumors from the East and the North (11:44)
- He goes forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many (11:44)
- He pitches his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain (11:45a)
- At that time Michael, the great prince, arises (12:1)
- A time of distress occurs in Israel (12:1)
- the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up (12:11)
- It would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed (12:7)
- At that time believing Jews will be rescued (12:1)
- Many are purged, purified & refined; the wicked will act wickedly, & none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand (12:10)
- There will be 1,290 days (12:11) until they shatter the power of the holy people (12:7) / until these events are completed (12:7)
- He will come to his end, and no one will help him (11:45b)
- How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! – the kingdom comes!
- Many of those who sleep will awake to everlasting life (12:2)
- the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt (12:2)
- Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, & those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever (12:3)

The Events in Daniel 11:36-12:13





THE BOOK OF DANIEL

	<p>BABYLON (605-539BC) NEBUCHADNEZZAR</p> <p>HEAD OF GOLD = NEBUCHADNEZZAR (2:37)</p>	<p>LION WITH EAGLE'S WINGS</p>  <p>BABYLON</p>			
	<p>MEDO-PERSIA (539-331BC) CYRUS</p> <p>BREAST & ARMS OF SILVER</p>	<p>BEAR WITH 3 RIBS IN ITS MOUTH</p>  <p>MEDO-PERSIA</p>	<p>RAM WITH 2 HORNS = MEDO-PERSIA (8:20)</p> 	<p>DECREE TO REBUILD & RESTORE JERUSALEM</p> <p>447 BC</p> <p>7 WEEKS</p>	<p>FOUR KINGS ARISE FROM PERSIA (11:1-2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAMBYSES 2. SMERDIS 3. DARIUS I 4. AHASUERES-XERXES
	<p>GREECE (331-146 BC) ALEXANDER THE GREAT</p> <p>BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE</p>	<p>LEOPARD WITH 4 WINGS & 4 HEADS</p>  <p>GREECE</p>	<p>MALE GOAT 4 HORNS = GREECE (8:21) ---> 1 HORN = ALEXANDER THE GREAT</p> 	<p>62 WEEKS</p> <p>AD 30</p> <p>MESSIAH THE PRINCE CUT OFF</p>	<p>A MIGHTY KING (11:3)</p> <p>KINGDOM DIVIDED TO 4 WINDS (11:4)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CASSANDER 2. LYSIMACHUS 3. SELEUCUS 4. PTOLEMY <p>CONFLICTS BETWEEN NORTH & SOUTH (11:5-35)</p>
	<p>ROME (146BC-476 / 1453AD)</p> <p>LEGS OF IRON</p> <p>REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE</p> <p>FEET & TOES OF IRON & CLAY (10 TOES)</p>	<p>DREADFUL, TERRIFYING BEAST 10 HORNS & LITTLE HORN</p>  <p>ROME</p>	<p>RATHER SMALL HORN = ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES / ANTICHRIST</p>  <p>HOLY PLACE PROPERLY RESTORED = 2,300 EVENINGS & MORNINGS</p>	<p>CHURCH AGE</p> <p>PRINCE WHO IS TO COME</p> <p>ONE WHO MAKES DESOLATE COVENANT MADE WITH THE MANY</p> <p>1 WEEK</p>	<p>THE ANTICHRIST (11:36-45)</p> <p>12:1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MICHAEL WILL ARISE 2. TIME OF DISTRESS 3. RESCUE FOR JEWS <p>TIME, TIMES & 1/2 TIME = 1,290 DAYS BLESSEDNESS = 1,335 DAYS</p>
	<p>MILLENNIUM</p> <p>STONE CUT WITHOUT HANDS A MOUNTAIN THAT FILLED THE WHOLE ERATH</p>	<p>GOD'S KINGDOM</p> <p>SON OF MAN RECEIVES KINGDOM</p>			<p>RESURRECTION (12:2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EVERLASTING LIFE 2. DISGRACE & EVERLASTING CONTEMPT
DANIEL 2	DANIEL 7	DANIEL 8	DANIEL 9	DANIEL 11 & 12	



**Daniel 2 -
Neb's Dream
of a Statue
and a Stone**



Gold
Babylon

Silver

Bronze

Iron

Stone



**Iron and
Clay**

**Daniel 7 -
Daniel's
Vision of 4
Beasts & the
Son of Man**

Lion

Bear

Leopard

D. T. Beast

- * **10 Horns**
- * **Little Horn**
→ larger
- **Ancient of Days sits**
- **Son of Man receives kingdom**

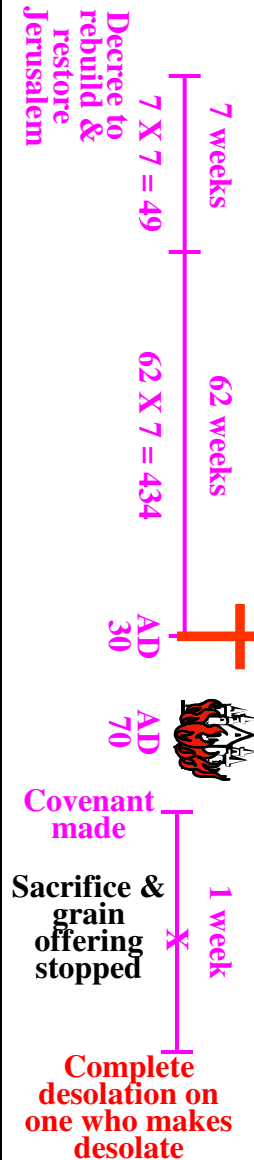
**Daniel 8 -
Daniel's Vision
of a Ram, a
Goat, 4 Horns,
a Little Horn**

Ram
= Medo-Persia

Goat
= Greece
Conspicuous horn
= Alexander
4 Horns
Little Horn
= Antiochus Epiphanes

Final Horn
= Antichrist

**Daniel 9 -
Daniel's
Vision of the
70 Weeks**



**Daniel 10-12 - Daniel's Final
Vision of the Latter Days**

10:1-9 Vision of the Man in Linen

10:10-21 Warfare in the Heavens

11:1-2 Persian History

11:3-4 Early Grecian History

11:5-20 The Kings of the North & South

11:21-35 A Despicable Person
= Antiochus Epiphanes

11:36-45 The Wilful King
v36-39 **General Policies & Practices**
v40-45 **Specific Military Activities**

12:1-3 The Great Distress

- v1 **Michael arises**
Rescue
- v2 **Resurrection**
- everlasting life
- disgrace & everlasting contempt
- v3 **Reward**

12:4-31 Tribulation Chronology



The Basic Biblical Picture of Prophecy

