

THE BOOK OF
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CHAPTER 1

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

(Never forget that God is in control. Nebuchadnezzar is king because God chose him to be. See Jeremiah 27:6-7 where God gives all the lands into the hands of His servant, Nebuchadnezzar.)

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

(Shinar is Babylon. The word translated means the land of two rivers which are the Tigris and the Euphrates. This is the flat land in between these two rivers.)

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

(Ashpenaz is a strange name in the Hebrew tongue. It means Horseface.)

4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

(The tongue of the Chaldeans is the tongue of Babylon. Remember that Babylon means confusion. We can see in this that Nebuchadnezzar chose only the very best and the sharpest. He appreciated education. His name itself means the god of learning.)

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

(Three years should always create a point of interest. This was to give them time to learn the language and to be able to bring the knowledge of Judah unto the Babylonian king. The problem with this is that the food that the Babylonians ate was unclean. They ate scavengers and also meat that had the blood still within.)

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

(Our character must always stand on what we know is right. Daniel stood by his morals.)

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

(Don't read over this. The eunuch didn't just merely take a liking to Daniel. It was because God desired it to be. God is always in control.)

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

(Ten days is the same amount of time that each individual that is brought up before Anti-christ will be on trial. Basically, don't partake of any food other than God given food. Daniel is the Revelation of the Old Testament as Revelation is to the New Testament. Pulse means a pod. What grows in a pod? Beans, peas, lentles, and so forth. It is protein.)

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in

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all visions and dreams.

(God gave them this knowledge. Never forget to thank God for the gifts He gives.)

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

(God gave them wisdom and true wisdom puts confusion to shame to where it cannot even stand.)

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

(Cyrus is one of the few that God named even before he was born. He will be the king that will release them from this captivity.)

CHAPTER 2

1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

(He had such bad dreams that they woke him up.)

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

(Nebuchadnezzar couldn't remember his dream so he cannot tell them. They can't interpret it without knowing what it is. It is a God given dream so they would not know it anyway.)

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

(Syriack is an Aramaic language, which is Babylonian. This language will continue until chapter 7 and then it will convert back to Hebrew.)

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

(These so called "spiritual" men have no way of interpreting the dream. Only God can interpret what He gives.)

6 But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

(They were unable to tell the dream because they were fakes and frauds. Only God can give the interpretation. These men were not of God.)

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

(Remember that Daniel and the three with him are part of this department. If no one can give the king the interpretation of the dream, then they all will perish. Always remember that God is in control.)

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

(Notice the lower case on gods. Of course these so called gods can't give an interpretation. They are nothing. Only the one true God can interpret a dream.)

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

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(Again, remember that Daniel and those with him are included in this. Even though Daniel hasn't even been made aware of the dream. They knew nothing about any of this.)

13 And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon:

(Always counsel with God.)

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

(This is the first time Daniel has heard of the trouble with the dream. God is in complete control.)

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

(Not only will Daniel show the king the interpretation, he will also tell him what the dream itself was.)

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

(Always communicate. If God gives something to one of His children, it should be shared with all of His children. God will always give us a way out when we work together. Seek His counsel.)

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

(God answered his prayer so Daniel thanked God first thing. Don't ever forget to thank Him for His blessings. Daniel didn't come up with the answer, God gave it to him.)

20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

(True wisdom only comes from God.)

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

(To know understanding is to have common sense. If you don't have common sense, then God may not give you knowledge. Without common sense, knowledge is useless.)

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

(As God gives you a light, then reflect it back to others who love Him.)

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

24 Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

(We know that Daniel can give the interpretation of the dream because God gave it to him. Don't ever forget to give God the credit.)

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king:

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

(Notice that Daniel does not take credit for this. He gives God full credit. He wasn't on an ego trip.)

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

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30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.
(Again, Daniel is not taking credit.)

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

32 This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
(Iron and clay will not mix. It makes it very brittle and fragile. Just as Christianity and communism cannot mix.)

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.
(We learned of this stone in Psalms 118:22-27. It is Christ Jesus.)

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

(This wind is the Holy Spirit. This stone is the Lord Jesus Christ. The specific gravity of gold is 19.3, the specific gravity of silver is 10.51, the specific gravity of brass is 8.5, the specific gravity of iron is 7.6, and the specific gravity of clay is 1.8. This has to do with weight. It is top-heavy, so much so that the slightest breeze from the Holy Spirit will blow it over. These are seven nations stacked one on top of the other. They are spoken of in Revelation. The first, or the head, is Babylon. The second is Medial Persia, the third is Greece under the reign of Alexander, and would then be taken over by the Romans, and in 636 A.D., the Mohamadians took over the dome of the rock. They have controlled it ever since, even to this day. Then comes in the parable of the fig tree in which the good figs and the bad figs are mixed together. Anything that is against Christianity will not mix with Christianity. It is very brittle and will fall apart.)

36 This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
(Who did this? Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel? No, God in heaven did. Always give Him the credit.)

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold.
(This takes all doubt that the head of gold is Nebuchadnezzar. Take this all the way to the end times, these current times. Who is the ultimate king of Babel? Satan, and he will be here soon as anti-Christ. Babel means confusion.)

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.
(Good fig, bad fig. Again, this is a mixture that will not mix.)

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.
(Broken means brittle. This is trying to mix Christianity with communism and many other religions. It cannot stand. When you allow other religions to infiltrate Christianity, it will always be Christians who are forced to take a back seat to all others. Pushing God aside so others who don't care about Him are not offended is pushing Him aside period. Don't expect God to stand for you if you have been too lenient in Him so as not to offend someone who doesn't love Him anyway.)

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

(The "they" spoken of here is speaking of those ten kings that will come with anti-Christ when he is here. They are those fallen angels spoken of in the book of Genesis, the Nephilim. They will come to earth again in their spiritual form specifically to have sex with humans. See 1 Corinthians 10:11 where it talks about why a woman should keep her head covered. It has nothing to do with wearing a hat. It is about keeping Christ over your head as protection against these angels. They can't cleave one to another because a union like this cannot stand. God rejects it just as He did before when He destroyed the earth with a flood because of

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them. This time they will be destroyed with the stone, the return of Jesus Christ.)

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

(The one world political system falls in to nothing more than a heap. All other religions will be gone and if people choose not to love and follow God, they will be destroyed as well.)

45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

(Man did not create this stone. It is Jesus Christ. There is no getting around it, it will happen exactly as God says it will. It doesn't matter who believes in Him or not, it will happen all the same.)

46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

(Even though Nebuchadnezzar admitted that God is over all other so called gods, he still worshipped Daniel instead of God and still believed in his other gods. Even still, he will be converted in the 4th chapter and write one of the most beautiful poems for God.)

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

(In order to be wiser than the serpent, who is Satan, you have to have God's wisdom.)

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

(To sit in the gate means to be a judge. These four captives were taken and trained in the language of Aramaic and given great power and authority in this land of Babylon. Only God could cause this to happen.)

CHAPTER 3

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

(Dura is about 12 miles outside of Babylon.)

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

(This includes the four captives. Set up is a key word here because the boys are about to be set up. Gods elect will be set up in the end times also. It is their sole purpose to be delivered up before Satan when he is here as anti-Christ to prophesy against him.)

3 Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

(So the statue is 60 cubits tall and 6 cubits wide and now there are six instruments listed. This has Satan's number all over it. He will require that all bow down and worship him while he is here pretending to be our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are not to worship the one that arrives at the sixth vial, sixth trump, and the sixth seal. It is the number of Satan.)

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

(This is likened to being cast into hell. This will be the message of Satan when he is here, telling people that if they do not worship him and get on board to be raptured away, then they will be cast into hell. The reality is that those who do worship him are throwing their salvation away. Christ expects us to wait for His return.)

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king

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had set up.

(All but the captives of Judah. Understand that the wizards, the sorcerers, the astrologers and all the kings council had a good thing going with the king. They could tell him anything and he followed along with it. Then God sent Nebuchadnezzar the dream but kept him from remembering it. Only Daniel could tell him what it was and only because God gave the dream and the meaning to him. The kings council didn't like it so they will be the first to tell the king that there are those who are not worshipping the image. They are setting them up to death.)

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

(Even though they were special to him, he was angry that they would go against him. His pride is getting in his way.)

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

(He is about to find out who that God is. All they had to do was just fall down and worship the image and they would be saved from the furnace. God will forgive them, right? No. He shouldn't have to. We should be strong enough in our faith to trust Him completely and if it is time for us to go then so be it.)

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

(Basically, they are telling Nebuchadnezzar that it doesn't matter what they blow or play or how many times, they aren't going to fall down and worship the image.)

17 If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

(This is true faith. It is the kind of faith we must have in these end times.)

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

(This is a perfect example of standing against the false Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through you. This is what God's elect will do.)

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

(He was furious.)

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *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 coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

(They also had on the full gospel armor. Ephesians chapter 6 tells us what that is.)

22 Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

(It was so hot that those who took them to it were killed from the heat.)

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23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.
(Astonied means shocked and amazed.)

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

(He was the Son of God. He stepped in and protected these three. Make a note of Luke chapter 21. When God's elect are delivered up before the anti-Christ, he cannot harm one hair on your head. God protects those who love and serve Him with unwavering faith.)

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

(Here Nebuchadnezzar gives credit to God.)

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

(Satans lies cannot hurt you when you are on a mission for Almighty God.)

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

(Only God could do this. Notice that God did not prevent them from being thrown into the furnace nor did He rapture them away from their trouble. He did however see them through it. Never has God raptured anyone away from trouble so why would He do it in the end? He won't but He will see you through it if you have faith enough to allow it and not fall down and worship something else because someone in "control" tells you to.)

29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

(Here we see Nebuchadnezzar being converted. He has seen with his own eyes the power of our God Almighty. The sorcerers, wizards, magicians, and all other so called counselors thought they would be able to destroy the children from Judah who came into the land through captivity, but yet were able to show them up and were placed in positions of authority. Their plan backfired and now they faced being destroyed completely.)

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

(Again, they are promoted. God promotes us as well.)

CHAPTER 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.
(Most of this chapter is written by Nebuchadnezzar. This is a greeting from him that includes all people.)

2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

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

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

(Remember that king Nebuchadnezzar had put Daniel over all of these wise men. Yet when he needed help, he did not call for Daniel to come.)

7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

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(Think of a soothsayer as one who speaks whatever words in order to sooth things over. Kind of like one who tells you what you want to hear instead of telling you the truth because sometimes, the truth hurts and we don't want to hear it.)

8 But at the 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: and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

(Daniel came in to him, he still never called for him. Notice the lower case on god. He is still a Baal worshiper. Even after seeing the awesome signs of the Living God, he is still a believer in other gods. Trust no other religion or god. Trust only in the one true God.)

9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:
(This lets us know that this includes these end times. It includes the end of this earth age as we come closer to the dawn of the third and final earth age in which we live with our Father in heaven for all eternity.)

12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

(See Ezekiel 31:3-11. The tree spoken of is Satan. He is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He was made the most beautiful and grew too proud of himself. Nebuchadnezzar is a type for anti-Christ. God gives us these examples all throughout His word so that we can be better prepared for what is to come.)

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;
(A watcher is an angel.)

14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

(There is a time coming when he will be cut off and that time is coming very soon.)

15 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

(See Revelation 20:1-3 where Satan is cast into a pit and a seal, or a band, is placed on it that he nor his spirit can bother mankind for a thousand years. This happens at the beginning of the millennium.)

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

(There is an interesting happening in our generation now. Who was the last person to re-build Babylon? It was Saddam Huessein and the Nation of Iraq. He was the king of Babylon. This says seven times. When America sent in troops after him, he disappeared for seven months and was found in a spider hole and living like an animal. His hair was wild and unkempt and his nails were long. Never forget that God is in control and that things will always happen just as He says they will.)

17 This matter *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 ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

(Again, the watchers are angels and they get their orders from Almighty God. God will do whatever He wishes and He will use whomsoever He will. He will take the lowest man and set them up as kings and He will also take it away at His will, not ours.)

18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

19 Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonied for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

(It was a very dangerous thing for someone to interpret a dream against a king and this dream was very much against Nebuchadnezzar. This shows Daniels faith and his honesty.)

20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

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21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

(This also refers to the king of Babylon mentioned in Revelation, who is Satan. Nebuchadnezzar was only a type as was Saddam Huessein. Many people wonder why we fought a war in Iraq. It was destined to be thousands of years before it came to pass, just as the entirety of Gods word. What He says, will be.)

23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

(Seven times is the seventh dispensation when Christ returns. The seventh trump. Eight is new beginnings.)

24 This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

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

(God is on the throne and He will set up whomsoever He will and bring them down as well.)

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

(The poor would be the captives.)

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

(This is a year later.)

30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

(He is giving honor unto himself. His pride is great.)

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.

(If you don't give God the credit and fill yourself with pride, God will take away what He has given.)

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*.

(Again, Saddam Huessein was found in a spider hole with his hair wild and his nails grown long. Hiding in that hole for seven months and soldiers from a Christian Nation found him.)

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:

(Finally, Nebuchadnezzar is converted. We can't push God out and expect to continue to have blessings.)

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?

(This is Nebuchadnezzars prayer. He had seen the light. He finally recognizes the magnificence of God's plan and His will.)

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.

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(When we are pleasing to God, we also receive His blessings.)

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

(Remember that it was pride that brought Satan down. Don't let pride bring you down as well. As we come to chapter 5, king Nebuchadnezzar is gone and his grandson will rule in his place. He will be the last king because the Medes and the Persians will take over.)

CHAPTER 5

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

(This is Belshazzar, which means prince of Baal, is king Nebuchadnezzar's grandson. Belshazzar was the name given to Daniel by the king. They are very similar. There is no word in the Hebrew for grandfather but we know from Jeremiah 27:6-7 that this is true. We know that Belshazzar is the last king of Babylon until the Medes and the Persians take over rule so in order for Nebuchadnezzar's son and his son's son to rule, Belshazzar would have to be his grandson.)

2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

(He is taking the most sacred of items from the very temple of God to use for a party of Baal worshipers.)

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

(They are praising everything but the true God. They are worshiping the makeup of the first dream of Nebuchadnezzar himself. These are six idols of Satan.)

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

(There was no man there, just a hand writing with the wax of the candle on the wall. This is going to sober Belshazzar up. Would it you?)

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

(He was terrified. He peed his pants and his knees were shaking terribly. God has a way of getting someone's attention. This party, wherein they have used the most holy of items from God's own temple, is over.)

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

(Scarlet is royalty. It is a waste for someone to mock God and then to be corrected by Him, yet have no idea that they are even being corrected by Him. So many have no idea or just don't care about God. They can't understand that He is trying to help them. Be assured, however, that when something bad happens, God is the first one they blame but never bother to thank Him when something good happens.)

8 Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

(We have a writing given to us today that very few can understand. It's called the word of God, this Bible. Many never bother to even open it and those that do rely on someone else to tell them about it. It is up to us to seek that wisdom from God and through faith and prayer, He will give us an understanding.)

9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.

10 *Now* the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed:

(The queen is most likely Belshazzar's mother. She is telling him to stay calm.)

11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers;

(God gave this wisdom to Daniel and all wisdom comes from God. Take God's word seriously and show Him you care enough

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to learn His word. He will bless you.)

12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

(Daniel was very wise but his wisdom came from God.)

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?

(Jewry means being from Judah or Judeah.)

14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:

(No one could give an interpretation because they weren't following God. Only God Himself can give the interpretation and He will do so by Daniel.)

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

(Daniel isn't going to take gifts for something that was given to him from God. Also, Daniel already knows the interpretation of the hand writing because God has already given it to him. He knows that this king is going to die very soon and these so called gifts would be worthless even if he did accept them.)

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

(He was a great and powerful king but he only had the kingdom because God allowed it.)

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

(They is an interesting word in Gods word. We will document who "they" are before we finish this book of Daniel. It is the Kenites, in part.)

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

(And so it is. God is in control.)

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

(Even though Belshazzar knew these things, he did not humble himself before the Lord.)

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

(He mocked God. He has shamed God. God gives us the breath of life and allows us to live and when we mock Him and shame Him, it makes God very unhappy.)

24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

(The very hand of God wrote upon the wall.)

25 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

(God said it was finished in Jeremiah 27:7. He said He would give it to other nations after the grandson had it.)

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27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

(He is not measuring up as a king. He is a drunk and has desecrated the vessels from God's house and is therefore worthless.)

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

(The kingdom will be divided. The Medes will take half and the Persians will take half.)

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

(This won't amount to anything because Daniel had just told him that his kingdom was finished.)

30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

(The very same night was he killed.)

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.

(Darius means the maintainer.)

CHAPTER 6

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

(The citizens would become resentful that Daniel was placed over them. He was a captive that had greater dominion over the kingdom than they did and they will seek to kill him.)

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

(He had the Holy Spirit in him.)

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

(He was spotless. Always protect your credibility. Doing so will give someone no power to find fault within you other than outright lying.)

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

(The only way they could trip him up would be through his religion. Never let anything or anyone come between you and God. Anti-Christ is coming and he will try hard to come between you and God. Stand strong and be prepared.)

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

(They were buttering him up. Feeding upon his ego. They took advantage of his ego in order to set Daniel up.)

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

(Once it is signed, it is the law, period.)

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

(He didn't try to hide the fact that he was worshiping God. He did so openly. Always pray to the right and never to the left. Always toward Jerusalem. Jesus sits at the right hand of God. He said to fish from the right side of the boat. No where does it say to turn to the left. The further left you go, the further from God you are. Extreme left, even in politics, is communism and socialism and deals more with those who hate God and want Him removed.)

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

(They basically were lying in wait because they knew that Daniel would pray just as he did every day.)

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12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a *petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

(They are telling the king that Daniel is mocking him and disrespecting him. This is bad for the king because he truly loved and respected Daniel.)

14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

(He was sorry that he had signed the law. He tried to think of a way to free Daniel from this sentence.)

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

(They were basically telling the king that there is nothing he can do to save Daniel. They had set him and the king up completely.)

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

(The king knew that God would deliver Daniel. Even this heathen king had faith enough to know that God would save Daniel.)

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

(The king didn't seal it to keep Daniel in, he sealed it to ensure that his own people didn't come and interfere with what was going on and kill Daniel on their own in secret. He had full faith that God would deliver Daniel.)

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

(He didn't sleep. He was praying for Daniel.)

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

(God brought him through this trouble. He did not rapture him away. Having the seal of God in your forehead, meaning in your mind, will deliver you from evil. When God's elect are delivered up before anti-Christ, they will stand strong and firm and will not be deceived by the lies and traps that Satan will set for them and they will be delivered as well.)

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

(Because of his faith in God, not even a scratch was on him.)

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

(This is likened to the pit of the end times. Those who follow Satan and worship him when he is here as anti-Christ will go into the lake of fire.)

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

(He wrote to everyone.)

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.

(He ordered everyone to worship God.)

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27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath 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.

(God named Cyrus before he was born. He would re-build Jerusalem and he will deliver the children of Judah back to Jerusalem during the time of Ezra. Never doubt that God is in complete control.)

CHAPTER 7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters.

(This chapter takes place 3 years prior to the previous chapter. It is also the last chapter using the Babylonian language. Being freed from the captivity is like coming out of confusion. This happens about 429 B.C. and Daniel is about 82 years old here. This is a dream that Daniel had and is a continuation from chapter 2:44.)

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

(The great sea are people. See Revelation chapter 17 to document this. The four winds always has to do with the end times. The end of this earth age. These four winds are mentioned here in the seventh chapter of Daniel and also in the seventh chapter of Revelation. In Revelation chapter seven, the angels are about to let loose the four winds and another angel says to stop and not let them blow until all the servants of God have His seal in their foreheads. They are also mentioned in Ezekiel chapter 37.)

3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

(These are the four hidden dynasties. Political, financial, educational, and religion. They are being utilized by those who wish to bring about a one world system.)

4 The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(These four beasts are the same ones mentioned in Revelation chapter 13:4. They have to do with the deadly wound. They are nations. The last that stands up that is different from the others is anti-Christ.)

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

(To say a leopard can't change its spots means that they cannot change who they are. The four heads are the four hidden dynasties. These are the four that make up the one world system that will receive a deadly wound that Satan will heal when he is here as anti-Christ.)

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

(This is anti-Christ. The ten horns are the ten fallen angels that Satan brings with him. There is only one son of perdition and it is Satan. See Revelation 17:11-14.)

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.

(This is the religious beast spoken of in Revelation 13:11. It is the anti-Christ.)

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire.

(The Ancient of days is our Father, God. These wheels are those from the book of Ezekiel and are from the vehicle that God uses for travel.)

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

(The fiery stream is the Holy Spirit. This judgment will happen at the end of the millennium.)

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

(This event transpires before the great white throne judgment. In Revelation 19:20 it speaks of when Satan and the world

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government system goes into the lake of fire.)

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

(All those who worship anti-Christ will have the opportunity in the millennium to be taught. After that, Satan will be loosed for a short amount of time without powers, and then the judgment of God will occur.)

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

(This is Jesus and God.)

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

(The Angel of the Lord will interpret this dream.)

17 These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

(In the latter days, these are earthly kings and not those that Satan brings with him.)

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

(The saints are God's elect. They will stand against Satan.)

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails *of* brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

(There is no worse thing than to steal someones salvation through lies and deception. Satan delights in it. He doesn't care about those who already care nothing for God. He wants the ones who do and therefore is set on separating them from God in the most subtle of ways. Like the rapture and like Easter.)

20 And of the ten horns that *were* in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

(Again, this is anti-Christ.)

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

(As it is written in Matthew 13 and Mark 24, God's elect will be delivered up before anti-Christ for a short time to prophesy against him by allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through them.)

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

(After the great white throne judgment, there is no more evilness. Only those who love and serve God.)

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

(There is no place in history that this has happened. It is future. We are told in Revelation that the whole world will worship Satan and this time is coming quickly.)

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

(These are the ten kings that Satan brings with him and he is the one that rises after them.)

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

(This is 3 and a half times, or 3 and a half years. We know from Revelation chapter 9 that this time has been shortened to 5 months for the sake of the elect. Satan will turn what is right to wrong and what is wrong to right. He will change those who love God to himself through soft words and flattery. He flatters those who will turn against God's elect. They will be calling him a fake and therefore will not be very popular. The world will think he is Jesus here to rapture them all away.)

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

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27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

(There will be nothing negative left.)

28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

(Daniel knew that the things he has seen will not happen until the end of this earth age. He held it within himself and wrote it down for us now.)

CHAPTER 8

1 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

(The manuscripts now change back to Hebrew. This is symbolic of coming out of Babel, or confusion. This is about 2 years after the first vision. He is about 87 years old at this time.)

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

(Shushan means lilies, being named after the amount of lilies that grew there. Elam means eternity. The river Ulai means pure water. Geographically, this is at the head of the Persian Gulf. The Ulai is a little stream that runs into the Tigris. The Tigris and the Euphrates basically run parallel to one another. This palace is where Daniel was when the three captives with him were thrown into the fiery furnace. This is modern day Iran.)

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns *were* high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

(This is Medial Persia. The higher one was Persia and the other one was Media.)

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

(They conquered Babylon and what Daniel is seeing is the fall of Babylon. This also deals with the end times.)

5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had* a notable horn between his eyes.

(This horn is Alexander and is from Greece. He conquered the entire area. So far this is history but it is also going to show us what will happen at the end.)

6 And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

(Choler is very bitter bile. Alexander took down Medial Persia. Recall the statue from chapter two and how the different parts represented different nations. First was Babylon, then it was Medial Persia, and now it is Greece.)

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

(Here we have the four winds again. It signifies the end.)

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*.

(The pleasant land is Jerusalem. This little horn is anti-Christ.)

10 And it waxed great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

(The way anti-Christ is going to cast down some of the host is through apostacy. When Christians who believe in the rapture follow Satan thinking he is Jesus come to take them away from trouble, then they have changed their religion in the moment they worship him. Doing so is like throwing away their salvation.)

11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

(The daily sacrifice was once the sacrifice of animals. In the year 33 A.D., that ritual was done away with for all time when

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