

Daniel
"The Coming Messiah" (Dan 9:25)
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Introduction:

Jerusalem is under attack. Israel, its sister kingdom to the north has already been exiled, and now Judah faces the same fate. In the third year of King Jehoiakim, the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and started the first of three deportations to Babylon (Dan 1:1). Daniel and his three friends were among those first brought into exile.

The twelve chapters of Daniel can be divided into two sections.

Daniel 1-6 contains six stories about Daniel and his friends.

Daniel 7-12 contains four visions and their interpretations.

The book of Daniel proves two things - God provides and God saves.

He not only takes care of his people in their present affliction, but is bringing an everlasting kingdom of peace, which was only prophesied in Daniel's day, but finds its fulfillment in Jesus.

The experiences of Daniel and his companions show that the Lord's loyal and obedient servants are often blessed with earthly success, trusted with His secrets, and comforted in times of suffering and trial.

The dream of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 2; four metals) and the vision of Daniel (Dan 7; four beasts) illustrate 4 world powers between the time of Daniel to the time of Messiah. They are:

1. Babylon
2. Persia
3. Greek
4. Roman

Christ is seen:

God has made himself known and has provided salvation for his people through the person and work of Jesus Christ, as evidenced by his fulfillment of Daniel's prophesied Messiah.

The Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven. Messiah would be 'a son of man' given an everlasting kingdom.

Dan 7:13-14 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. (Lk 1:31-33)

The Stone cut out of the mountain without hands

Dan 2:34-35 "You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. 35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (Dan 2:44-45)

crushing the kingdoms of this world (Mt 21:42-44)

Typified in the 4th man in the fiery furnace - one like 'the son of gods' (Dan 3:25)

The Kingdom of God is seen as an everlasting Kingdom (Dan 7:27) and Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 19:16).

The Work of Christ (9:24)

Dan 9:24-27 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

Seventy Weeks = 490 years, are fulfilled in Christ

Seventy seven's; The “sevens” in the text are years, indicating a period of 490 years was to pass from a specified date until history's end.

Purpose: Destiny

1) to finish transgression

2Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, ...

2) to make an end of sin

Heb 8:12 “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.” (Heb 10:18)

3) to make atonement for iniquity

Hebrew verb kipper (“to atone”) means “to make a covering.”

Rom 3:23-25 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

4) to bring in everlasting righteousness

Jer 23:6 “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The LORD our righteousness.’

2Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Rom 1:17, 3:21; 1Cor 1:30)

5) to seal up vision and prophecy (i.e., to fulfill it)

“To seal up vision and prophecy;” the Hebrew word means to “seal, affix seal, seal up.” “To seal” may refer to the closing up of a document, for in ancient times a scroll was rolled up and sealed shut for preservation.

Rev 22:18-19 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

6) to anoint the most holy place

1Jn 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. (1Jn 2:27)

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Five Main Points Concerning Christ in Daniel

1. Christ's death was all-inclusive (Daniel 9:24-26).

Christ died an all-inclusive death, terminating everything of the old creation, the old man, Satan, sin, death, the world, and any negative thing in the universe.

He died representing the old creation, and in His resurrection, Christ became the life-giving Spirit (1Cor 15:45; 2Cor 3:17). The old things have passed away – in Christ everything is new (2Cor 5:17). Our old man has been crucified with Christ, and today we can live one spirit with the Lord (Gal 2:20).

2. Christ will return (Dan 2:34-35, 44-45)

Christ will return to terminate and crush all human government. All human government will become chaff blown away by the wind, and Christ will take over the earth making it His kingdom!

3. There's a Man on the throne in the heavens – Christ the Son of Man!

Christ as the Son of Man is before God's throne to receive dominion and a kingdom (Dan 7:13-14; Rev 11:15). God highly exalted Him, and He is eager to have His bride, to be with Him bringing change to this age.

Christ is the Son of Man, and He will receive a dominion and a kingdom. He is now making all the needed preparations to come back to rule the world with God's dominion!

4. Christ is the companion of God's suffering people (Dan 3:23-25).

Because we as God's people live on earth for this high purpose, Satan will put us through trials and he is doing his best to make us suffer. This is why the Lord told us to pray, Deliver us from the evil one. Guard us, keep us, and protect us from Satan.

5. Christ is the Excellent One (Dan 10:4-9).

Daniel saw a glorious vision of Christ in His excellency, and every part of Christ is excellent and precious. We need to see Christ as the excellent One, as the One who is the centrality and universality of God's economy.

Paul prayed for this, that Christ may be formed in us (Gal. 4:19), Christ may live in us (Gal. 2:20), and Christ may make His home in our heart (Eph. 3:17). The excellent Christ needs to be wrought into us and become everything to us!