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“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10

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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

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<p align="center">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1 In [the] third year of the reign of Jehoiakim the king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came [to] Jerusalem and besieged it.</p> <p>2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim the king of Judah into his hand. Now <u>part</u>¹ of the articles of the house of God, he brought them [to] the land of Shinar [to] the house of his god; and he brought the articles [to] the house of treasure of his god.</p> <p>3 Then the king gave orders to Ashpenaz, the chief of his <u>officials</u>², to bring from the sons of Israel, and from the seed of royalty, and from the nobles,</p> <p>4 young men in whom there was no blemish, and [were] good of appearance, and comprehenders in all wisdom, and knowers of discernment, and understanders of knowledge, and in whom [was] ability to stand in the palace of the king; and to teach them the literature and the language of [the] Chaldeans.</p> <p>5 And the king appointed them a <u>daily allowance</u>³ from the food of the king and from the wine of his consumption of drink; and to train them [for] three years, in order that at the end of them they might stand before the king.</p> <p>6 Now among them were some of the sons of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.</p> <p>7 And the leader of the <u>officials</u>⁴ gave them names; and to Daniel he gave Belteshazzar, and to Hananiah Shadrach, and to Mishael Meshach, and to Azariah Abednego.</p> <p>8 But Daniel set upon his heart that he would not defile himself with the food of the king or with the wine of his consumption of drink. Therefore he requested of the leader of the <u>officials</u>⁵ that he might not defile himself.</p> <p>9 And God made Daniel an object of kindness and compassion before the leader of the <u>officials</u>⁶.</p> <p>10 And the leader of the <u>officials</u>⁷ said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; <u>for why</u>⁸ should he see your faces looking <u>thinner</u>⁹ than the young men who [are] in accordance with your age group? Then you would incriminate my head before the king."</p> <p>11 Then Daniel said to the guardian whom the leader of the <u>officials</u>¹⁰ had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,</p> <p>12 "Please test your servants [for] ten days; and let them give us [that which comes] from the things which grow from sown seed in order that we may eat, and water in order that we may drink.</p> <p>13 "Then let our appearance and the appearance of the young men who eat the food of the king be seen before you, and deal with your servants according to what you see."</p> <p>14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them [for] ten days.</p> <p>15 And at [the] end of ten days, their appearance appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the food of the king.</p> <p>16 So the guardian was taking away their food and the wine of their consumption of drink, and was giving them things which grow from sown seed.</p> <p>17 Now these young men, the four of them, God gave them understanding and insight in all literature and wisdom; moreover Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.</p> <p>18 Then at the end of the days on which the king had given orders to bring them in, the leader of the <u>officials</u>¹¹ brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.</p> <p>19 And the king spoke with them; and out of all of them, no one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they stood before the king.</p> <p>20 And every matter of wisdom of understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians [and] the conjurers who [were] in his whole kingdom.</p> <p>21 And Daniel continued <u>until</u>¹² [the] first year of Cyrus the king.</p>	<p align="center">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1) lit, "part of the extremity"</p> <p>2) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>3) lit, "matter of a day in its day"</p> <p>4) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>5) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>6) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>7) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>8) or, "lest"</p> <p>9) or, "poorer"</p> <p>10) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>11) or, "eunuchs"</p> <p>12) or, "even to"</p> <p align="center">CHAPTER 2</p>	<p align="center">CHAPTER 1</p> <p>1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:</p> <p>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 Abednego.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,</p> <p>12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.</p> <p>17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>20 And in all matters of wisdom [and] understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians [and] astrologers that [were] in all his realm.</p> <p>21 And Daniel continued [even] unto the first year of king Cyrus.</p> <p align="center">CHAPTER 2</p> <p>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.</p>

2 Then the king gave orders to call the magicians and the enchanters and the sorcerers and the Chaldeans in order to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I have dreamed [with] a dream, and my spirit has been troubled to understand the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king (Aramaic), "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will make the interpretation known."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me [is] firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be cut in pieces, and your houses will be made into a refuse heap.

6 "But if you make the dream and its interpretation known, you will receive from my presence gifts and a reward and great honor. Therefore make the dream and its interpretation known to me."

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

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are buying time, because you see that the word from me [is] firm,

9 "that if you do not make the dream known to me, [there] is only one decree for you¹, for you have agreed together to speak a lying and corrupt word before me until the time is changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can make its interpretation known to me."

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king and said, "There is not a man upon the earth who is able to make the matter of the king known, for no great and mighty king has ever requested a thing like this of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean.

11 "Moreover, the thing which the king requests [is] difficult, and there is not another [man] who can make it known before the king except gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

12 Because of this the king became angry and very furious², and he commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the decree went forth, and the wise men were about to be killed, and they sought Daniel and his companions to be killed.

14 Then Daniel responded with counsel and understanding to Arioch the chief of the executioners of the king, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

15 He answered and said to Arioch the captain of the king, "Why [is] the decree from the presence of the king harsh?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in and requested from the king that he would give him time, and to make the interpretation known to the king.

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

18 in order to request compassion from the presence of the God of heaven concerning this secret, in order that they might not destroy Daniel and his companions with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

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

20 Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be blessed from eternity to eternity, for wisdom and might are his.

21 "And he changes the times and the seasons; removes kings and sets up kings; gives wisdom to [the] wise and knowledge to [the] ones who know discernment.

22 "He reveals the deep and the hidden [things]; knows what [is] in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

23 "To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked from you, for you have made the matter of the king known to us."

24 Thereupon Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him, "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will make the interpretation known to the king."

25 Then Arioch brought Daniel in before the king in haste and said thus to him, "I have found a man from the sons of the exile of Judah who will make the interpretation known to the king!"

1) lit, "one is your decree"

2) or, "very angry and furious"

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 as 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.

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

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:

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.

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.

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

18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his 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.

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

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:

22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what [is] in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with 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, "Are you really able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "The secret which the king has requested, no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers are able to make known to the king.

28 "But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has made known to king Nebuchadnezzar what will happen at the end of the days. Your dream, with the visions of your head upon your bed, is this:

29 "[As for] you, O king, your thoughts upon your bed came up [concerning] what would happen after this, and the revealer of secrets has made known to you what will happen.

30 "But [as for] me, not by means of wisdom that I have more than all the living was this secret revealed to me, but on account of the matter that some might make the interpretation known to the king and [that] you might know the thoughts of your heart.

31 "You, O king, were watching, and behold, a great image. That image [was] gigantic, and its brightness [was] extraordinary. [It] stood before you, and its appearance was dreadful.

32 "That image—its head [was] of pure gold, its breasts and its arms [were] of silver, its belly and its thighs [were] of copper³, 33 "its lower legs [were] of iron; and its feet—part of them [were] of iron and part of them [were] of clay.

34 "You were watching until a stone was cut out, which [was] not by hands, and it struck the image upon its feet of iron and clay, and crushed them into small pieces.

35 "Then the iron, the clay, the copper⁴, the silver, and the gold were crushed into small pieces as one, and they became like chaff from threshing floors of summer, and the wind carried them away, with the result that no place was found for them. But the stone which struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

36 "This [was] the dream. Now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

37 "You, O king—the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the honor,

38 "and into whose hand he has given the sons of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the sky in all [the places] where [they] live, and whom he has made ruler over all of them—you are the head of gold.

39 "And after you another kingdom inferior to you will arise; and another third kingdom of copper⁵, which will rule over the whole earth.

40 "And a fourth kingdom will be strong as iron, for iron crushes into small pieces and shatters all [things]. And as iron that shatters, it will crush into small pieces and shatter all these.

41 "And whereas you saw the feet and the toes—part of them clay of a potter, and part of them iron—it will be a divided kingdom, but part of the firmness of the iron will be in it, for you saw the iron mixed with the wet clay.

42 "Concerning the toes of the feet—part of them iron, and part of them clay—part of the sum of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be fragile.

43 "And whereas you saw the iron mixed with the wet clay, they will be mingling through the seed of man, but they will not be clinging one to another, just as iron does not mingle with clay.

44 "And in the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will not be destroyed for eternity, and the kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush into small pieces and will put an end to all these kingdoms, and it will itself stand for eternity,

45 "for you saw that a stone was cut out from the mountain, which [was] not by hands, and crushed the iron, the copper⁶, the clay, the silver, and the gold into small pieces. A great God has made known to the king what will happen after this. Therefore the dream [is] certain, and its interpretation [is] trustworthy."

46 Then king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and he commanded to offer an offering and incense offerings to him.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, "[It is] in accordance with truth that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

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?

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;

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

3) or, "bronze"

4) or, "bronze"

5) or, "bronze"

6) or, "bronze"

48 Then the king made Daniel great and gave many great gifts to him, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief of prefects over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested from the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel [was] in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold; its height [was] sixty cubits; its width [was] six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the administrators of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the administrators of the provinces were assembling for the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up, and were standing before the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

4 And the herald cried with might, "[They] command you, O peoples, nations, and languages:

5 "At the time when you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, harp, dulcimer, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you shall fall and shall pay homage to the image of gold which Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 "And whoever does not fall and does not pay homage, at that moment he will be thrown into the midst of the furnace of the burning fire."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, harp, dulcimer, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages fell; [they] paid homage to the image of gold which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 Correspondingly at that time, men, Chaldeans, came near and accused the Jews.

9 They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, "O king, live forever.

10 "You, O king, have issued a command, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, harp, dulcimer, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall and shall pay homage to the image of gold,

11 "and whoever does not fall and does not pay homage shall be thrown into the midst of the furnace of the burning fire.

12 "There are men, Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—these men have not had regard for you, O king; [they] do not serve your god, and do not pay homage to the image of gold which you have set up."

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "It is true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you do not worship my gods, and do not pay homage to the image of gold which I have set up?

15 "Now if you are ready, that at the time when you hear the sound of the horn, the pipe, zither, harp, dulcimer, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall and pay homage to the image which I have made, [well], but if you do not pay homage, at that moment you will be thrown into the midst of the furnace of the burning fire, and who [is] that god who will deliver you from my hands?"

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give an answer back to you concerning this.

17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of the burning fire, and he will deliver [us] from your hand, O king.

18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your god, and we will not pay homage to the image of gold which you have set up."

CHAPTER 2

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.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel [sat] in the gate of the king.

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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.

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.

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:

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

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 had set up.

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 Abednego; 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 Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, [Is it] true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 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?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we [are] not careful to answer thee in this matter.

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.

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.

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the image of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He answered and commanded to heat up the furnace seven times above which it was customary to heat up.

20 And he commanded men, mighty men of strength who [were] in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in order to throw [them] into the furnace of the burning fire.

21 Then those men were bound in their coats, their trousers, and their caps, and their garments, and they were thrown into the midst of the furnace of burning fire.

22 Therefore because the matter of the king was harsh and the furnace heated up exceedingly, those men who took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego up, the flame of fire killed them.

23 And those three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell into the midst of the furnace of the burning fire bound.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was amazed, and he rose up in haste. He answered and said to his counselors, "Did we not throw three men into the midst of the fire?" [They] answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

25 He answered and said, "Behold, I see four men loosed, walking about in the midst of the fire, and there is not an injury upon them, and the appearance of the fourth resembles a son of gods."

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the opening of the furnace of the burning fire; [he] answered and said, "O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, the servants of the most high God, come out and come." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, and the counselors, being assembled, were looking at those men, upon whose bodies the fire did not have power, neither was the hair of their heads singed, nor were their coats changed, nor did smell of fire pass on them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed [be] the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him, and changed the word of the king, and gave their bodies in order that they might not serve and not pay homage to any god, except their God.

29 "Therefore from me a decree has been issued, that every people, nation, and language, which speaks negligence against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and his house shall be made into a refuse-heap, for there is not another god who is able to save like this."

30 Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all the peoples, nations, and languages which dwell in all the earth: "May your peace grow great!

2 "The signs and the wonders which the most high God has done with me, it seemed good before me to make known.

3 "How great [are] his signs! How mighty [are] his wonders! His kingdom [is] a kingdom of eternity, and his dominion [is] from generation to generation."

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.

5 I saw a dream, and it made me afraid, and imaginings upon my bed and the visions of my head frightened me.

6 Therefore from me a decree was issued to bring all the wise men of Babylon in before me, in order that they might make the interpretation of the dream known to me.

7 Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told the dream before them, but [they] could not make its interpretation known to me.

8 But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name [was] Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom was a spirit of holy gods, and I told the dream before him,

9 "O Belteshazzar, the chief of the magicians, because I know that a spirit of holy gods [is] in you and no secret baffles you, tell the visions of my dream which I saw and its interpretation.

10 "Now the visions of my head upon my bed: I was watching, and behold, a tree [was] in the midst of the earth, and its height [was] great.

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

20 And he commanded the most mighty men that [were] in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, [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.

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 Abednego.

23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 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.

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.

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

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.

28 [Then] Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed [be] the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, 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.

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

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

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.

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.

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],

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 became strong, and its height reached to the sky, and its sight [was] to the end of the whole earth.

12 "Its foliage [was] beautiful, and its fruit [was] much, and food for all [was] in it. The beasts of the field were finding shade under it, and the birds of the sky were dwelling in its branches, and all flesh were being fed from it.

13 "I was watching in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy [one], was coming down from heaven.

14 "He cried with strength, and said thus, 'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it, and the birds from its branches.

15 "Yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and with a band of iron and bronze¹, among the grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the sky, and his portion with the beasts in the herbage of the earth.

16 "Let them change his heart from a man's, and let a heart of a beast be given to him, and let seven times pass over him.

17 "The sentence [is] by [the] decree of watchers, and the demand [is the] word of holy [ones], to the cause that the living may know that the Most High [is] ruler over the kingdom of man, and to whomever he desires, he gives it, and he sets [the] lowliest of men over it.'

18 "This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, O Belteshazzar, tell its interpretation, for all the wise men of my kingdom were not able to make the interpretation known to me, but you are able, for a spirit of holy gods [is] in you."

19 Then Daniel, whose name [was] Belteshazzar, was appalled for a moment, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, "O Belteshazzar, do not let the dream and its interpretation alarm you." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, [may] the dream [be] for him who hates you, and its interpretation for your adversary!

20 "The tree which you saw, which grew and became strong, and whose height reached to the sky, and whose sight [was] to the whole earth,

21 "and whose foliage [was] beautiful, and whose fruit [was] much, and in which [was] food for all, under which the beasts of the field were finding shade, and in whose branches the birds of the sky were dwelling—

22 "It is you, O king, for you have grown and become strong, and your greatness has grown and has reached to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 "And because the king saw a watcher, a holy [one], coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, yet leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and with a band of iron and bronze², among the grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of the sky, and his portion with the beasts of the field, until seven times pass over him,'

24 "this [is] the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king,

25 "that [they] will drive you away from men, and your dwelling will be with the beasts of the field, and [they] will cause you to eat herbage like oxen, and [they] will wet you from the dew of the sky, and seven times will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever he pleases.

26 "And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom [will be] preserved for you after you know that Heaven [is] lord.

27 "Therefore, O king, let my counsel please you: Break off your sins through righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to [the] poor, if a prolonging of your prospering occurs."

28 All [this] came upon Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 At [the] end of twelve months, he was walking upon the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king answered and said, "Is not this Babylon the great³, which I built as a house of royalty by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 [While] the word [was] still in the mouth of the king, a voice fell from heaven, "They declare to you, O Nebuchadnezzar the king: The kingdom has departed from you,

1) or, "copper"

2) or, "copper"

3) or, "great Babylon"

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:

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.

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

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:

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:

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.

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.

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 astonished 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.

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;

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.

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;

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.

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.

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.

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?

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

32 “and [they] will drive you away from men, and your dwelling [will be] with the beasts of the field; they will cause you to eat herbage like oxen, and seven times will pass over you until you know that the Most High [is] ruler over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever he desires.”

33 At that moment the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and he was driven away from men, and he would eat herbage like oxen, and his body would be wet from the dew of the sky, until his hair grew like eagles's, and his nails like birds's.

34 And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored the living [one] of eternity, for his dominion [is] a dominion of eternity, and his kingdom [is] with generation to generation.

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and [he] does according to his desire among the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth, and there is not [one] who can strike his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

36 At that time my understanding returned to me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me; and my counselors and my lords were seeking me, and I was reestablished over my kingdom, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all his works [are] truth, and his ways [are] justice, and [the ones] who walk in pride he is able to humble.

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1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for his thousand lords, and was drinking wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, at the taste of the wine, commanded to bring the vessels of gold and silver which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out from the temple which [was] in Jerusalem, in order that the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink in them.

3 Then they brought the vessels of gold which they had taken out from the temple of the house of God which [was] in Jerusalem, and the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank in them.

4 They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold, and silver, bronze¹, iron, wood, and stone.

5 At that moment fingers of a human hand came forth and was writing in front of the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the palace of the king, and the king was watching the hand that was writing.

6 Then the king—his complexion changed, and his thoughts were terrifying him, and the joints of his hips were shaking, and his knees were striking one against another.

7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king began to speak and said to the wise men of Babylon, “Any man who reads this writing and makes its interpretation known to me shall be clothed with purple, and the necklace of gold upon his neck, and he shall rule third in the kingdom.”

8 Then all the wise men of the king came in, but [they] were not able to read the writing or make the interpretation known to the king.

9 Then king Belshazzar was very terrified, and his complexion was changed, and his lords were perplexed.

10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the house of the feast. The queen began to speak and said, “O king, live for ever! Let your thoughts not terrify you, and let your complexion not be changed.

11 “There is a man in your kingdom, in whom [is] a spirit of holy gods, and in the days of your father, illumination and insight and wisdom, like wisdom of gods, was found in him, and king Nebuchadnezzar your father, your father the king, set him up as chief of magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, astrologers,

12 “for an extraordinary spirit, and knowledge, and insight—interpreting of dreams, and making riddles known, and loosening of difficult tasks²—was found in him, in Daniel, whose name the king had given Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will make the interpretation known.”

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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;

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.

1) or, "copper"

2) lit, "knots"

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king began to speak and said, "You are Daniel, who [is] from the sons of the exile of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah.

14 "And I have heard about you, that a spirit of gods [is] in you, and [that] illumination, and insight, and extraordinary wisdom has been found in you.

15 "And now the wise men, the enchanters were brought in before me, in order that they might read this writing, and to make its interpretation known to me, but [they] were not able to make the interpretation of the thing known.

16 "But I have heard about you, that you are able to interpret interpretations and loosen difficult tasks³. Now if you are able to read the writing and make its interpretation known to me, you shall be clothed with purple, and the necklace of gold upon your neck, and you shall rule third in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and will make the interpretation known to him.

18 "You, O king, the most high God gave the kingdom, and the greatness, and the honor, and the majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.

19 "And on account of the greatness which he gave him, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages would tremble and fear from his presence; whom he would desire he would kill, and whom he would desire he would keep alive, and whom he would desire he would exalt⁴, and whom he would desire he would humble⁵.

20 "But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became hardened with the result of acting presumptuously, he was deposed from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his honor away from him.

21 "And he was driven out from the sons of men, and they made his heart the same with the beasts, and his dwelling [was] the wild donkeys; they fed him herbage like oxen, and his body was wet from the dew of the sky, until he knew that the most high God [was] ruler in the kingdom of men, and [that] whomever he desires he appoints over it.

22 "Yet you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this,

23 "but you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven, and they have brought the vessels of his house before you, and you, and your lords, your wives and your concubines were drinking wine in them, and the gods of silver, and gold, bronze⁶, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, and do not hear, and do not know, you have praised, and the God in whose hand [is] your breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not glorified.

24 "Then the hand was sent from his presence, and this writing was written.

25 "Now this [is] the writing which was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN⁷.

26 "This [is] the interpretation of the thing: MENE, God has numbered your kingdom, and has finished it.

27 "TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances, and have been found lacking.

28 "PERES, your kingdom has been divided, and has been given to Media and Persia."

29 Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and the necklace of gold upon his neck, and they made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be third ruler in the kingdom.

30 On that night Belshazzar the king, the Chaldean, was killed.

31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, [being] about sixty-two years old.

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3) lit, "knots"

4) or, "raise up"
5) or, "cause to fall"

6) or, "copper"

7) or, "UPHARSIN"

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?

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:

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.

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.

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:

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.

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

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:

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

CHAPTER 6

1 It seemed good to Darius to appoint over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps, in order that they might be in the whole kingdom,

2 and over them three chiefs, of whom Daniel was one, in order that these satraps should give account to them, with the result that the king would not suffer damage.

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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.

3 Then this Daniel was distinguishing himself above the chiefs and the satraps, because an extraordinary spirit [was] in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom.

4 Then the chiefs and the satraps were seeking to find a ground for complaint against Daniel concerning¹ the kingdom, but [they] were not able to find any ground for complaint or corrupted [thing], for he was trustworthy, and no negligence or corrupted [thing] was found in him.

5 Then those men said, "We will not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel, unless we find [something] against him in the law of his God."

6 Then these chiefs and satraps came thronging to the king and said thus to him, "Darius O king, live forever.

7 "All the chiefs of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the judges, and the governors have taken counsel together to establish the statute of the king, and to enforce a prohibition, that any one who seeks a petition from any god or man within thirty days, except from you, O king, shall be thrown into the pit of lions.

8 "Now, O king, establish the prohibition and sign the written document, in order not to change [it], according to the law of Media and Persia, which does not pass away."

9 Thereupon king Darius signed the written document and the prohibition.

10 Now Daniel, when he knew that the written document had been signed, went in to his house, and it had windows open in his roof-chamber toward Jerusalem, and he would kneel upon his knees three times during the day, and would pray, and would praise before his God, just as he had been doing from before this.

11 Then those men came thronging and found Daniel seeking and imploring favor before his God.

12 Then they came near and said before the king concerning the prohibition of the king, "Did you not sign a prohibition, that any man who seeks from any god or man within thirty days, except from you, O king, shall be thrown into the pit of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing [is] true, according to the law of Media and Persia, which does not pass away."

13 Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who [is] from the sons of the exile of Judah, does not have regard for you, O king, or for the prohibition which you have signed, but seeks his petition three times during the day."

14 Then the king, when he heard the thing, it displeased him very much, and he set [his] mind on Daniel to deliver him, and he was striving until the going in of the sun to save him.

15 Then those men came thronging to the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that [it is] a law of Media and Persia that [one is] not to change any prohibition or statute which the king establishes."

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw [him] into the pit of lions. The king began to speak and said to Daniel, "The God whom you serve with continuance, may he deliver you!"

17 And a stone was brought, and was laid upon the opening of the pit. And the king sealed it with his signet-ring and with the signet-rings of his lords, in order that nothing might change concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and he spent the night fasting, and no one brought in diversions² before him, and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king, in the daybreak, arose at the daylight, and in haste he went to the pit of lions.

20 And when he drew near the pit, he cried to Daniel with a sad voice. The king began to speak and said to Daniel, "O Daniel, the servant of the living God, your God whom you serve with continuance, has he been able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel spoke with³ the king, "O king, live forever.

22 "My God has sent his angel, and he has shut the mouths of the lions, with the result that they have not hurt me, for before him innocence has been found in me, and also before you, O king, I have not done a hurtful act."

1) lit. "from the side of"

2) or, "entertainments"

3) or, "to"

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then the king, it pleased him very much, and he commanded to bring Daniel up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and no hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had **accused**⁴ Daniel, and they threw them, their sons, and their wives into the pit of lions. And they had not reached the bottom of the pit when the lions had power over them, and crushed all their bones in small pieces.

25 Then Darius the king wrote, "To all the peoples, the nations, and the languages which dwell in the whole earth: May your peace grow great.

26 "From my presence a decree has been issued, that in all of the dominion of my kingdom they shall tremble and fear from the presence of the God of Daniel, for he [is] the living God and enduring for eternities, and his kingdom [is one] which will not be destroyed, and his dominion [will be] up to the end.

27 "[He] delivers and saves, and [he] works signs and wonders in heaven and on the earth, for he has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

28 Therefore this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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4) lit, "eaten the pieces of"

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

CHAPTER 7

1 In [the] first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and the visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream; he told the beginning of [the] things.

2 Daniel began to speak, and said, "I was watching in my dream during the night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the great sea.

3 "And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different one from another.

4 "The first [was] like a lion, and it had wings of an eagle. I was watching until its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth, and was made to stand on two feet like a man, and a heart of a man was given to it.

5 "And behold, another beast, a second [one], resembled a bear, and it was lifted up on one side, and three ribs [were] in its mouth between its teeth, and [they] said thus to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

6 "After this I was watching, and behold, another [one] like a leopard, and it had four wings of a bird on its **back**¹, and the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I was watching in the visions of the night, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong, and it had huge teeth of iron, [it] was devouring, and was crushing into pieces, and was trampling the remains with its feet, and it was different from all the beasts which [were] before it, and it had ten horns.

8 "I was contemplating the horns, and behold, another horn, a little [one], was coming up between them, and three of the first horns were uprooted from its presence. And behold, eyes like the eyes of a man [were] in this horn, and a mouth speaking great [things].

9 "I was watching until thrones were placed, and an **ancient**² of days sat. His garment [was] **white like snow**³, and the hair of his head [was] **pure like wool**⁴. His throne [was] flames of fire; its wheels [were] burning fire.

10 "A stream of fire was flowing and coming forth from its presence. A thousand of thousands were serving him, and **ten thousand of ten thousands**⁵ were standing before him. The judgment sat, and books were opened.

11 "I was watching then because of the voice of the great words which the horn was speaking. I was watching until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed, and it was given to [the] burning of fire.

12 "As for the rest of the beasts, they took away their dominion, yet a prolongation in life was given to them until a season and a time.

13 "I was watching in the visions of the night, and behold, [one] like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven, and he reached up to the **ancient**⁶ of days, and they brought him near before him.

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1) or, "sides"

2) or, "old"
3) or, "like white snow"
4) or, "like pure wool"

5) or, "a myriad of myriads"

6) or, "old"

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

14 "And dominion, and honor, and kingdom⁷ was given to him, and all the peoples, the nations, and the languages will serve him. His dominion [is] a dominion of eternity which will not pass away, and his kingdom [is one] which will not be destroyed.

15 "My spirit was distressed, I, Daniel, in the midst of [my] body⁸, and the visions of my head were terrifying me.

16 "I drew near to one of those who were standing, and was asking him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and began making the interpretation of the things known to me:

17 "These great beasts which are four—four kings will arise out of the earth.

18 "But the saints of [the] Most High will receive the kingdom, and will possess the kingdom to eternity, and to the eternity of eternities.'

19 "Then I desired to gain certainty concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all of them, exceedingly dreadful, its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze⁹, devouring, crushing into pieces, trampling down the rest with its feet,

20 "and concerning the ten horns which [were] on its head, and another [one] which came up, and from the presence of which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which was speaking great [things], and whose appearance [was] greater than its companions.

21 "I was watching, and that horn was making war with [the] saints, and was prevailing against them,

22 "until the ancient¹⁰ of days came, and judgment was given for¹¹ the saints of [the] Most High, and the time came when [the] saints possessed the kingdom.

23 "He said thus, 'The fourth beast—a fourth kingdom will be upon the earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth, and it will trample it down and will crush it into pieces.

24 "And the ten horns—from this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another [one] will arise after them, and he will be different from the former [ones], and he will cause three kings to fall.

25 "And he will speak words against¹² the Most High, and he will wear out the saints of [the] Most High, and he will intend to change times and law, and they will be given into his hand until a time and times and a dividing of a time.

26 "But the judgment will sit, and they will take away his dominion, to annihilate and to destroy [it] to the end.

27 "And the kingdom¹³, and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under all the heavens will be given to the people of the saints of [the] Most High. His kingdom [is] a kingdom of eternity, and all the dominions will serve and will obey him.'

28 "To here [is] the end of the matter. I, Daniel, my thoughts were terrifying me very much, and my complexion¹⁴ was changed, but I kept the matter in my heart."

CHAPTER 8

1 In [the] third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king, a vision¹ appeared to me, I, Daniel, after the one which appeared to me previously².

2 And I looked in the vision³; and it happened when I looked, that I [was] in Susa the citadel, which [is] in Elam the province. And I looked in the vision⁴, and I was by the canal of Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram was standing before the canal, and he had two horns, and the two horns [were] high, but one [was] higher than the other⁵, and the higher [one] was coming up last.

4 I saw the ram going westward and northward and southward, and no beast could stand before him, and there was no one who was delivering out of his hand. So he would do according to his pleasure, and he would magnify himself.

5 And as I myself was pondering, behold, a male goat⁶ was coming from the west over the face of the whole earth, and was not touching the ground. And the goat, a horn of conspicuousness [was] between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing before the canal, and ran at him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him arriving beside the ram, and he became furious at him, and struck the ram and shattered his two horns. And no power [was] in the ram to stand before him. Then he threw him to [the] ground and trampled him down, and no one was delivering the ram from his hand.

CHAPTER 7
7) or, "kingship"

8) lit, "sheath"

9) or, "copper"

10) or, "old"

11) or, "in favor of" or, "to"

12) lit, "to the side of"

13) or, "kingship"

14) lit, "splendor"

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1) heb, "hazon"

2) lit, "at the beginning"

3) heb, "hazon"

4) heb, "hazon"

5) lit, "the one [was] higher than the second"

6) lit, "the male goat of the goats"

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.

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

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

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;

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

8 So the male goat⁷ magnified himself greatly⁸; but as soon as he became mighty, the great horn broke. Then a conspicuousness of four went up in place of it toward the four winds⁹ of the heavens¹⁰.

9 And from the one¹¹ from them¹² he came forth, a horn from littleness, and it became exceedingly great toward the south and toward the east and toward the glory¹³.

10 And she became great up to the host of the heavens, and she threw down to [the] earth part of the host and part of the stars, and she trampled them down.

11 And up to the Prince¹⁴ of the host he magnified himself, and from him the continuity was lifted up, and the habitation of his sanctuary¹⁵ was thrown.

12 And she would be given a host¹⁶ against the continuity by means of transgression¹⁷; and she would throw truth to [the] ground, and she would do and she would be successful.

13 Then I heard one holy [one] speaking, and another holy [one] said to that certain [one] who had spoken, "Until when [will be] the vision¹⁸: the continuity and the transgression¹⁹ are causing desolation, giving both sanctuary²⁰ and host a trampling?"

14 And he said to me, "Until two thousand three hundred evening-morning. Then sanctuary²¹ will be put right."

15 And it happened when I had seen the vision²², I, Daniel, and sought for understanding, that behold, [one] like an appearance of a man was standing before me.

16 And I heard a voice of a human between Ulai, and it called out and said, "Gabriel, make this [man] understand the vision²³."

17 Then he came beside where I stood²⁴. Now while he was coming, I was terrified. Then I fell upon my face. And he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision²⁵ [will be] to [the] time of [the] end."

18 Now while he was speaking with me, I was deep asleep upon my face toward [the] ground. Then he touched me and made me stand in my place²⁶.

19 And he said, "Behold, I am going to make you know what will happen at the end of the indignation, for [it will be] to²⁷ [the] appointed time of [the] end.

20 "The ram which you saw with the two horns [is] the kings of Media and Persia.

21 "And the shaggy male goat [is] the king of Greece, and the great horn which [was] between his eyes is the first king.

22 "And that which broke, and four arose in place of it, four kingdoms will arise from [the] nation, but not with his power.

23 "And at the end of their kingdom, as soon as the transgressors²⁸ have reached full measure, a king will arise, fierce of countenance²⁹ and understanding³⁰ enigmas.

24 "And his power will be mighty, but not by means of his power; and he will destroy wonderfully³¹, and he will be successful and he will do, and he will destroy mighty [men] and a people of saints³².

25 "And on the basis of his insight he will also cause deceit to be successful in his hand, and he will magnify himself in his heart, and in peace³³ he will destroy many, and he will stand up against a Prince of princes³⁴, but he will be broken by no³⁵ hand.

26 "And the vision³⁶ of the evening and the morning which has been told is truth; but you, shut up the vision³⁷, for [it will be] for many days."

27 Now I, Daniel, was overwhelmed; and I was overcome with sickness for days. Then I rose up and did the business of the king. And I was overcome with horror concerning the vision³⁸, but did not understand [it].

CHAPTER 8
7) lit, "goat of the goats"
8) lit, "up to abundance"
9) feminine gender
10) masculine gender
11) feminine gender
12) masculine gender
13) or, "beauty"

14) or, "Leader"

15) heb, "miqdash"

16) or, "army"

17) or, "rebellion"

18) heb, "hazon"

19) or, "rebellion"

20) heb, "qodesh"

21) heb, "qodesh"

22) heb, "hazon"

23) heb, "mareh"

24) lit, "my standing"

25) heb, "hazon"

26) lit, "upon my standing"

27) or, "[is] with reference to"

28) or, "rebels"

29) lit, "strong of face"

30) or, "an understander of"

31) or, "[with] wonderful [acts]"

32) or, "holy [ones]"

33) or, "prosperity"

34) or, "Leader of leaders"

35) lit, "nothingness of"

36) heb, "mareh"

37) heb, "hazon"

38) heb, "mareh"

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.

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].

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.

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.

12 And an host was given [him] against the daily [sacrifice] by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain [saint] which spake, How long [shall be] the vision [concerning] the daily [sacrifice], and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, [even] I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

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

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end [shall be] the vision.

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

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end [shall be].

20 The ram which thou sawest having [two] horns [are] the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat [is] the king of Grecia: and the great horn that [is] between his eyes [is] the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify [himself] in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told [is] true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it [shall be] for many days.

27 And I Daniel fainted, and was sick [certain] days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood [it].

CHAPTER 9

1 In [the] first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, from the seed of Media, who was made king over the kingdom of [the] Chaldeans;

2 in [the] first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood¹ in the books the number of the years (the word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet) to fulfill for the desolations of Jerusalem: seventy years.

3 And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek [by] prayer and [by] supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and the fearful God who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and with those who keep his commandments,

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1) or, "considered"

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1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 "we have sinned and we have committed iniquity; we have acted wickedly and we have rebelled, and we have turned aside from your commandments and from your ordinances².

6 "And we have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders³, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 "To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us belongs shame of face⁴ this very day; to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to all Israel, who are near and who are far away in all the lands where you have driven them away, because of their treachery [with] which they have acted treacherously against you.

8 "O LORD, to us belongs shame of face⁵, to our kings, to our leaders⁶, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9 "To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness. Because we have rebelled against him

10 "and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us through the hand of his servants the prophets,

11 "and all Israel has transgressed your law and has turned aside in order not to obey your voice, the curse and the oath which are written in the law of Moses the servant of God have poured out upon us. Because we have sinned against him,

12 "he has carried out his word which he had spoken against us and against our rulers⁷ who ruled⁸ us, by bringing upon us a great calamity which had not been done under the whole heavens when it⁹ was done against¹⁰ Jerusalem,

13 "as [it] is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity—it¹¹ has come upon us. Because¹² we have not pacified the face of the LORD our God by turning back from our iniquities and by giving attention to your truth,

14 "the LORD has kept watch over the calamity and has brought it upon us. Certainly the LORD our God [has been¹³] righteous in all his works which he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice.

15 "But now, O Lord our God, you who brought your people out from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for yourself this very day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly.

16 "O Lord, in accordance with all your righteous acts, please let your anger and your wrath turn back from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain¹⁴, for on account of our sins and on account of the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people [have become] objects of reproach to all those who are round about us.

17 "But now, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his supplications, and make your face shine upon your desolate sanctuary, for the sake of the Lord.

18 "O my God, incline your ear and hear; open your eyes and see our desolations and the city over which your name has been¹⁵ called, for we are presenting¹⁶ our supplications before you not on the basis of our righteous acts, but rather on the basis of your great compassion.

19 "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, give attention and act; do not delay, for your own sake, O my God, because your name has been¹⁷ called over your city and over your people."

20 Now I was still speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting¹⁸ my supplication before the LORD my God on behalf of¹⁹ the holy mountain²⁰ of my God;

21 now I was still speaking in the²¹ prayer, when the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision²² previously²³, being caused to fly with swiftness²⁴, was touching me at the time of [the] evening offering²⁵.

22 And he gave understanding and spoke with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight [with] understanding.

23 "At the beginning of your supplications, an answer went forth, and I have come to declare [it to you], for you [are] preciousness. Therefore pay attention to the answer and understand the vision²⁶.

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2) or, "judgments"

3) or, "princes"

4) or, "faces"

5) or, "faces"

6) or, "princes"

7) or, "judges"

8) or, "judged"

9) or, "with the result that nothing has been done under the whole heavens as what"

10) or, "in"

11) or, "calamity"

12) or, "And"

13) or, "is"

14) lit, "the mountain of your holiness"

15) or, "is"

16) lit, "laying down"

17) or, "is"

18) lit, "laying down"

19) or, "concerning"

20) lit, "mountain of holiness"

21) or omit

22) heb, "hazon"

23) lit, "at the beginning"

24) or, "wearied with weariness"

25) lit, "offering of evening"

26) heb, "mareh"

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness [belongeth] unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, [that are] near, and [that are] far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us [belongeth] confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 To the Lord our God [belong] mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel has transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that [is] written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 As [it is] written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God [is] righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people [are become] a reproach to all [that are] about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 And whiles I [was] speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I [was] speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed [me], and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 "Seventy weeks have been cut off for the sake of your people and for the sake of your holy city²⁷, to bring an end to the transgression²⁸, and to put an end to sin, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in eternal righteousness²⁹, and to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint a holy place of holy places³⁰.

25 "Therefore know and understand: from a going forth of a decree to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem, to Messiah Prince³¹, [there will be] seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks; it will be restored and it will be rebuilt, [with] plaza³² and moat, but in the distress of times.

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, and there will not be [anyone³³] for him. And the people of Prince³⁴ who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary, and its end [will be] with a³⁵ flood. And until an end of war what is determined [will be] desolations³⁶.

27 "And he will make a covenant strong for the many [for] one week, and [in] the middle of the week he will make sacrifice and offering cease. And upon³⁷ a wing of abominations one which causes desolation [will be] even until a complete destruction. And what is determined will pour out upon one which causes desolation."

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27) lit, "the city of your holiness"
28) or, "rebellion"
29) lit, "righteousness of eternities"

30) or, "thing of holy things"

31) or, "Leader"

32) lit, "broad open place"

33) or, "anything"

34) or, "Leader"

35) or, "the"

36) or, "[there will be] a determination of desolations"

37) or, "with"

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

CHAPTER 10

1 In [the] third year of Cyrus the king of Persia, a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the message [was] truth and a great conflict¹; and he understood the message and had understanding of the vision².

2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning [for] three full weeks³.

3 I ate no delicate bread⁴, no flesh or wine came into my mouth, and I did not anoint myself at all, until three full weeks⁵ were fulfilled.

4 And on [the] twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was upon⁶ the bank of the great river (that is, Tigris),

5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a man was clothed with linen garments, and his waist was girded with the gold of Uphaz,

6 and his body [was] like topaz, and his face [was] like an appearance of lightning, and his eyes [were] like torches of fire, and his arms and his feet [were] like a shimmer of polished bronze, and the sound of his words [was] like a sound of a multitude⁷.

7 Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision⁸, while the men who were with me did not see the vision⁹; however, a great trembling fell upon them. Then they fled to hide themselves¹⁰.

8 Therefore I myself was left alone. And I saw this great vision¹¹, but no strength was left in me. And my complexion¹² was changed upon me into destruction, and I retained no strength.

9 Then I heard the sound of his words; now as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I was falling deep asleep upon my face, and my face [was] toward [the] ground.

10 And behold, a hand touched me and made me tremble upon my knees and the palms of my hands.

11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man of preciousness, understand the words which I am going to speak to you, and stand in your place¹³, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word with me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day [on] which you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing up against me [for] twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, the first¹⁴ of the chief princes¹⁵, came to help me, for I had been left there facing the kings of Persia.

14 "Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people at the end of the days, for [there is] still a revelation regarding the days."

15 Now while he was speaking with me according to these words, I set my face toward [the] ground and was struck silent.

16 And behold, [one] according to [the] likeness of sons of man was touching my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke, and I said to the one who was standing in front of me, "O my lord, because of the vision¹⁶ my pangs have come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

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1) or, "tribulation"

2) heb, "mareh"

3) lit, "three weeks, days"

4) lit, "bread of delicacy"

5) lit, "three weeks, days"

6) or, "by"

7) or, "roar"

8) heb, "marah"

9) heb, "marah"

10) or, "into hiding"

11) heb, "marah"

12) lit, "splendor"

13) lit, "upon your standing"

14) or, "one"

15) or, "leaders"

16) heb, "marah"

CHAPTER 10

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing [was] true, but the time appointed [was] long; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which [is] Hiddekel;

5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins [were] girded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also [was] like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and [upon] the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision [is] for [many] days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And, behold, [one] like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 "Therefore how is this servant of my lord able to speak with this my lord? And I, from now no strength remains in me, and no breath has been left in me."

18 Then [one] like an appearance of a man touched me again¹⁷ and strengthened me.

19 And he said, "Do not be afraid, man of preciousness; peace [be] to you; be strong, indeed, be strong." Now while he was speaking with me, I was strengthened. Then I said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20 And he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia. When I go forth, behold, the prince of Greece is going to come.

21 "However, I will tell you that which is inscribed in a writing of truth. And there is no one who stands firmly¹⁸ with me against these except Michael your Prince¹⁹."

CHAPTER 10

17) lit, "added and touched me"

18) lit, "strengthens himself"
19) or, "Leader"

CHAPTER 11

1 "And I, in [the] first year of Darius the Mede, I stood¹ as a strengthened² and as a fortress for him.

2 "And now I will tell you a truth: Behold, three more kings are going to arise for Persia, and the fourth will gain riches [with] great riches more than all. And in accordance with his strength by means of his riches, he will stir up all against the kingdom of Greece.

3 "Then a mighty king will arise, and he will rule [with] great dominion and do according to his pleasure.

4 "But as soon as he arises, his kingdom will break and be divided toward the four winds of the heavens. But [it will] not belong to his descendants and [it will] not [be] in accordance with his dominion [with] which he ruled, for his kingdom will be uprooted and belong to others apart from these.

5 "And the king of the south will be strong, but [one] of his commanders will be even stronger than he and will rule. His dominion [will be] a great dominion.

6 "And at an end of years they will join themselves together, and the daughter of the king of the south will go to the king of the north to make an agreement. But she will not retain the strength of [her] power³, and he will not stand, or his power⁴; and she will be given up, and those who brought her, and he who begot her⁵, and he who⁶ strengthened⁷ her in [those] times.

7 "And [one] from the offshoot of her roots will arise [in] his place. And he will come against the army and come into the fortress of the king of the north, and he will deal with them and will prevail⁸.

8 "And he will also bring into captivity [to] Egypt their gods, with their molten images, with their precious articles⁹ [of] silver and gold. And [for] years he himself will stand away from the king of the north.

9 "Then he will come into the kingdom of the king of the south, but he will return to his land.

10 "And his sons will stir themselves up with strife and assemble a multitude of great forces. But one will keep on coming¹⁰ and overflow and pass through. Then he will again¹¹ stir himself up with strife as far as his fortress.

11 "And the king of the south will be enraged, and will go forth and fight against him, against the king of the north. And he will raise up a great multitude, but the multitude will be given into his hand.

12 "And when the multitude is carried away, his heart will be exalted. And he will cause tens of thousands¹² to fall, but he will not be strong¹³.

13 "And the king of the north will return and¹⁴ raise up a greater multitude than the first. And at the end of the times [of] years, he will keep on coming¹⁵ with a great army and with much equipment.

14 "And in those times many will stand up against the king of the south. And the sons of the breakers of your people will lift themselves up to fulfill a vision, but they will stumble.

15 "And the king of the north will come and heap up an assault ramp and capture a city of fortifications; and the forces¹⁶ of the south will not stand, or the people of his choice selections. Indeed there will be no strength to stand.

CHAPTER 11

1) lit, "my standing"
2) or, "supporter"

3) lit, "the arm"
4) lit, "arm"
5) or, "he whom he begot through her" or, "he to whom she gave birth"
6) or, "who"
7) or, "supported"
8) or, "be strong"

9) lit, "the articles of their desire"

10) or, "surely come"
11) or, "return and"

12) or, "myriads"
13) or, "prevail"
14) or, "again"

15) or, "surely come"

16) lit, "arms"

CHAPTER 11

17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me [one] like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace [be] unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, [even] I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than [they] all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and [one] of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion [shall be] a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in [these] times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall [one] stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, [and] with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue [more] years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into [his] kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and [one] shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, [even] to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, [even] with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 [And] when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down [many] ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened [by it].

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither [shall there be any] strength to withstand.

16 "And he who comes to¹⁷ him will do according to his pleasure, and there will be no one who will stand before him. And he will stand in the land of glory¹⁸, and complete destruction [will be] in his hand.

17 "And he will set his face to enter with power¹⁹ his whole kingdom, and upright ones [will be] with him, and he will do. And he will give him the daughter of women to ruin her²⁰, but she will not stand and she will not belong to²¹ him.

18 "And he will set his face to coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put an end to his insolence for him²², in order that he may not turn his insolence back to him.

19 "And he will turn his face back toward the fortresses of his land, but he will stumble and fall, and will not be found.

20 "And in his place one who will cause an exactor²³ to pass through the glory of [the] kingdom will arise. But in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger and not in battle.

21 "And in his place a despicable [one] will arise. And they have not put upon him [the] majesty of [the] kingdom²⁴, but he will come in security²⁵ and seize [the] kingdom²⁶ on account of flatteries.

22 "And the forces²⁷ of the flood will be flooded away from before him and be broken, and also [the] Prince²⁸ of [the] covenant.

23 "And after making an alliance with him, he will act [with] deceit; and he will come up and become mighty with a small²⁹ people³⁰.

24 "In security³¹ he will come into fat parts of a province, and he will do what his fathers or the fathers of his fathers have not done: he will scatter plunder, and spoils, and possessions among them, and he will devise his devices against³² fortresses, but for³³ a time.

25 "And he will stir up his strength and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south will stir himself up with strife for war³⁴ with an exceedingly³⁵ great and mighty army, but he will not stand, for they will plan devices against him.

26 "Even those who eat his food will break him. And he will overflow his army³⁶, and many slain ones will fall.

27 "And the two of them, the kings, their heart [will be] toward wickedness, and they will speak lies at one table; but it will not succeed, because an end [is] still at the appointed time.

28 "And he will return [to] his land with great possessions, and his heart [will be] against [the] covenant of holiness. And he will do and return to his land.

29 "At the appointed time he will return and³⁷ come into the south, but the latter will not be as the former³⁸.

30 "And the ships of Kittim will come with³⁹ him, but he will be disheartened and turn back, and have indignation against [the] covenant of holiness. Therefore he will do and turn back and give attention to those who forsake [the] covenant of holiness.

31 "And forces⁴⁰ from him will arise and profane the sanctuary, the fortress. And they will take away the continuity and will set up the abomination is causing desolation.

32 "And those who act wickedly toward [the] covenant he will make godless⁴¹ by smooth [words], but the people of those who know their God will be strong and do.

33 "And ones who have insight among people will give understanding to the many; yet they will stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, [for] days.

34 "And when they stumble, they will be helped [with] a little help. But many will join themselves to them by smoothness,

35 "and part of those who have insight will stumble, in order to refine by⁴² them, and to purify, and to make white, until [the] time of [the] end, for [it is] still at the appointed time.

36 "And the king will do according to his pleasure. And he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and he will speak astonishing [things] against [the] God of gods. And he will be successful until indignation will have been accomplished, for what is determined will be done.

37 "And he will pay no attention to the God⁴³ of his fathers or to desire of women. And he will pay no attention to any god, for he will magnify himself above all.

38 "But in his place he will honor a god of fortresses. Indeed a god whom his fathers did not know he will honor with gold and with silver, and with valuable stones and with precious things.

CHAPTER 11

17) or, "against"

18) or, "beauty"

19) or, "come into the power of"

20) or, "it"

21) or, "be for"

22) or, "himself"

23) or, "exactors"

24) or, "kingship"

25) or, "peace"

26) or, "kingship"

27) lit, "arms"

28) or, "Leader"

29) lit, "small of a"

30) or, "nation"

31) or, "peace"

32) or, "concerning"

33) or, "until"

34) or, "the war"

35) lit, "up to abundance"

36) or, "his army will flow away"

37) or, "again"

38) lit, "it will not be as the former and as the latter"

39) or, "against"

40) lit, "arms"

41) or, "into apostates"

42) or, "among"

43) or, "gods"

16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand [on his side], neither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause [it] to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes [in] the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league [made] with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do [that] which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: [yea], and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts [shall be] to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end [shall be] at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart [shall be] against the holy covenant; and he shall do [exploits], and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, [many] days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

39 "And he will deal with fortifications of fortresses with a foreign god⁴⁴. He will make great [with] honor [those] whom he acknowledges⁴⁵ and will make them rule over the many. And he will divide land for a price.

40 "And at [the] time of [the] end, the king of the south will engage in a struggle⁴⁶ with him, and the king of the north will storm against him with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships. And he will come into lands and will overflow and pass through.

41 "He will also come into the land of glory⁴⁷. And many [lands] will stumble, but these will escape from his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief part of the sons of Ammon.

42 "And he will stretch out his hand upon lands, and the land of Egypt will not escape⁴⁸.

43 "And he will rule over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and [the] Libyans and [the] Cushites [will be] at his footsteps.

44 "But reports from [the] east and from [the] north will terrify him, and he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to devote many to destruction.

45 "And he will pitch the tents of his palace between [the] seas and [the] glorious⁴⁹ holy mountain⁵⁰. Yet he will come to his end, and there will be no one who will help him.

CHAPTER 11
44) lit, "god of foreignness"
45) or, "[him] who acknowledges [him]"
46) lit, "goring"
47) or, "beauty"
48) lit, "become an escape"
49) or, "beautiful"
50) lit, "mountain of glory of holiness"

39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge [and] increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER 12

1 "And at that time Michael, the great Prince¹ who stands on behalf of² the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress, [the like of] which has never occurred since a nation came into existence up to that time. And at that time your people, everyone who will be found written in the book, will be delivered.

2 "And many of [those] who sleep in³ [the] dusty ground⁴ will wake up, these to eternal life⁵, and these to disgrace, to eternal abhorrence⁶.

3 "And those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the firmament⁷, and those who lead the many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars to eternity and everlasting.

4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal up the book until [the] time of [the] end; many will go here and there, and the⁸ knowledge will increase."

5 Now I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others were standing: one on the bank of the river on this side, and [the] other on the bank of the river on that side.

6 Then one said to the man who was clothed with linen garments, who [was] above the waters of the river, "Until when [will be] the end of the wonders?"

7 And I heard the man who was clothed with linen garments, who [was] above the waters of the river. Then he raised up his right [hand] and his left [hand] toward the heavens and swore by the Eternal Living [One]⁹, "Certainly¹⁰ [they will be]¹¹ for an appointed time, appointed times, and a half. Then as soon as [he] finishes shattering [the] power of holy people¹², all these [things] will come to an end."

8 Now I listened, but I could not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what [will be] the outcome of these [things]?"

9 And he said, "Go, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed up until [the] time of [the] end.

10 "Many will purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but [the] wicked will act wickedly; and none of [the] wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

11 "And from [the] time the continuity has been taken away and in order to set up an abomination is causing desolation¹³, [there will be] a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 "Blessed is he who waits and arrives at a thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 "But you, go to the end. Then you will rest and will arise to your lot at the end of the days."

CHAPTER 12
1) or, "Leader"
2) or, "over"
3) lit, "sleeping [ones] of"
4) lit, "ground of dust"
5) lit, "a life of eternity"
6) lit, "an abhorrence of eternity"
7) or, "expanse"
8) or omit
9) lit, "Living [One] of Eternity"
10) or omit
11) or omit
12) lit, "hand of people of holiness"
13) or, "abomination which causes desolation"
or, "desolating abomination"

CHAPTER 12

1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [and] everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

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

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And [one] said to the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, How long [shall it be to] the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these [things] shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what [shall be] the end of these [things]?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time [that] the daily [sacrifice] shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, [there shall be] a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed [is] he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end [be]: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.