

Eschatology

A Study of the Book of Daniel The Times of the Gentiles & Israel's Future

Daniel contains graphic visions that provide an outline of what God would do from the sixth century B.C., when Daniel lived and wrote, until the coming of Messiah's kingdom in the Millennium. The key prophetic chapters are Daniel 2, 7, 9, 11 & 12. Chapters 2, 7 & 9 provide the outlines God's plan for Jewish and Gentile nations, both past and future.

It is impossible to understand Bible prophecy without understanding the book of Daniel. Much of the information about the key players and time sequence of the last days is given in Daniel. What's more, Daniel introduces many facts that the NT book of Revelation expands upon.

General Outline:

Chapter 2: King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a Colossus statue.
Times of the Gentiles

Chapter 7: Daniel's vision of the four beasts.
Times of the Gentiles

Chapter 9: Seventy weeks are determined for Israel.
The future timeline

Chapter 11: The Battle of Armageddon.
The end of the tribulation period

Chapter 12: The Time of the End.

Our attention will be focused on chapters 2, 7 & 9 to understand the background to the Tribulation Period. This will help in understanding the events and time-line for the Tribulation Period as detailed in the book of Revelation.

Chapters 11 & 12 of Daniel will be addressed in future classes.

Daniel's Outline of the Future

612 B.C. The Times of the Gentiles — Luke 21:24

Israel

Church

Israel

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great world colossus that pictures the deterioration of Gentile power: first in quality, from gold to iron and clay; then in strength, from iron to common iron mixed with clay.

Daniel 2

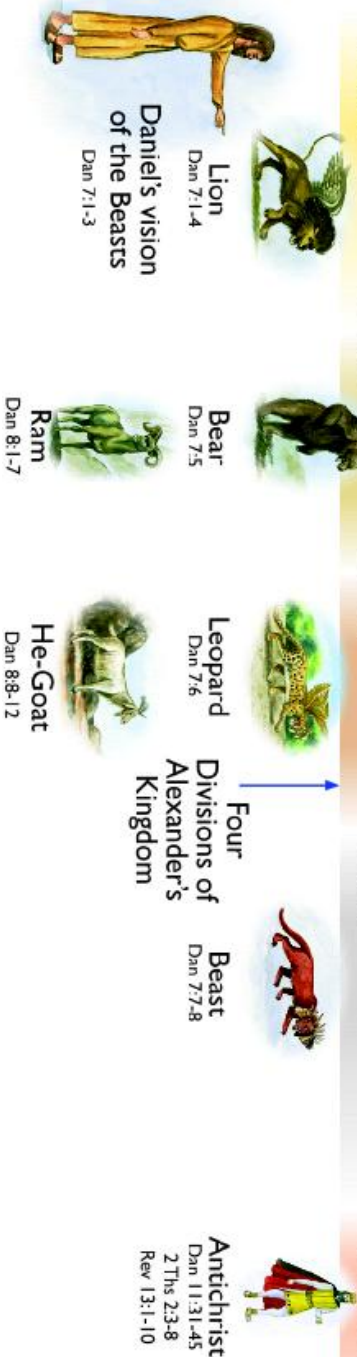


Stone cut without hands
Dan 2:34-35

Mt. of Olives
Acts 1:11
Zech 14:4

The Stone
The Millennial Kingdom of Christ
Dan 2:34-35, 44

The Tribulation
Dan 12:1



To best understand the Times of the Gentiles, chapters 2 and 7 should be studied parallel with each other.

Chapter 2 is a dream by a heathen king (King Nebuchadnezzar)

This sets the **course** of the Times of the Gentiles.

Chapter 7 is a dream by a righteous prophet of God (Daniel)

This sets fourth the **character** of the Times of the Gentiles.

<u>Chap. 2 Statue</u>	<u>Kingdom</u>	<u>Modern Day</u>	<u>Chap. 7 Beasts</u>
Head Gold	Babylonian Empire 605 b.c.		Lion with wings of an eagle
Chest & Arms Silver	Medo-Persian Empire 539 b.c.		Bear raised on 1 leg
Belly & Thighs Bronze	Greek Empire 331 b.c.		Leopard with 4 wings & 4 heads
Legs Iron	Roman Empire 146 b.c.		Beast with large iron teeth
Feet & Toes Iron/Clay mixture	Revived Roman Empire (???)a.d.)		10 horns and 1 little horn
Stone cut without Hands	2 nd coming of Jesus Christ		Battle of Armageddon