

# ESCHATOLOGY

GOD'S FINAL CHAPTER

Week 4 – Daniel – What Did He See and What Does It Mean

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**“OK Larry, when I blow the horn,  
you yell ‘RAPTURE!’”**

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☞ **Biblical Truth:**

*God's sovereignty – The Most High God is  
sovereign over the kingdoms of Men*



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☞ Key Verse – Dan 4.34b-35 (NIV):

*His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"*



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## Context

☞ Deut 28 – Mosaic Covenant

☞ Author – Daniel the prophet – completed around 530 BC shortly after Cyrus captures Babylonia ~539 BC

... 1st deportation - in the third year of Jehoiakim – 605 BC – Judah (southern kingdom) carried off because of disobedience relating to Sabbath, idolatry, God's covenant – II Kings 23.36 – 24.7

... 2nd deportation – 597 BC (included Ezekiel) – II Kings 24.8 – 17

... 3<sup>rd</sup> deportation – 586 BC – Babylon destroyed temple and Jerusalem – II Kings 25.1-21

☞ Chapters 1-6 – primarily historical narrative

☞ Chapters 7-12 – primarily apocalyptic



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## 1. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – Ch 2

- ☞ V. 1-6 – in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of reign – Nebuchadnezzar dreams – and cannot remember them
- ☞ V. 10-13 – astrologers tell him no one can do that so he orders all wise men put to death.
- ☞ *Head of Gold* – Babylonia – 626 – 539 BC
- ☞ *Silver Chest and arms* – Medo Persian Empire 539 – 330 BC
- ☞ *Bronze Belly and Thighs* – Greek Empire – 330 – 63 BC
- ☞ *Iron Legs and Feet* – Roman Empire – 63 BC
- ☞ *Toes* – represent a later confederation of states occupying territory formerly controlled by the Roman Empire



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## 1. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – Ch 2 (cont)

☞ Diminishing value of the metals from Gold to Silver to Bronze to Iron represents the decreasing power and grandeur – metals also symbolize a growing degree of toughness and endurance – each succeeding kingdom lasts longer than previous

... Babylon ruled by absolute monarch – totalitarian / absolute control – dictator

... Medo-Persia ruled by king – worked through princes and established laws / minimal court justice

... Greek – Ruled by kings through army – local rulers

... Roman – supposed to be republic – really military rule – “Large Iron Teeth” – crushed and devoured its victims and trampled everything left underfoot



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## 2. Daniel's Dream Ch 7.1-14

### ☞ the First Three beasts – V. 2-6

... Lion – Babylonia

... Bear – Medo Persia – 3 ribs are 3 principal conquests – Lydia, Babylon, Egypt

... Leopard – Greece – 4 wings – speed in which Alexander the great took over the world –

☞ 4 heads – 4 main divisions when Alexander died –

☞ Macedonia / Greece under Antipater and Cassander;

☞ Thrace and Asia Minor under Lysimachus;

☞ Syria under Seleucus I;

☞ Palestine / Egypt under Ptolemy I



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## 2. Daniel's Dream Ch 7.1-14 (cont.)

☞ the final beast – v. 7

... The Roman Empire – but also the last empire before Christ

... 10 horns – 10 leaders / confederacy of the old Roman Empire

☞ the Anti-Christ and the end– v. 8-14

... The little horn – Is the Anti-Christ

... He came among them – Not necessarily of them

... Mouth that spoke boastfully – sets himself up as God

... Christ's return ends the rule of the anti-christ



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## 3. The Interpretation – Ch 7.19-28

- ☞ V.21 – Note that the little horn waged war against the saints and was defeating them – great tribulation –
- ☞ V. 24 – The Anti-Christ will try and change the set times and the laws
- ☞ V. 25 – the saints are handed over to him for 3.5 years (time, times, and half a time)
- ☞ V. 27 – Millennium



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## 4. The vision of the ram and goat – Ch 8

☞ Relates to Antiochus Epiphanes IV

## 5. The 70 “sevens” – Ch 9.24-27

☞ Literally 70 - Sevens

☞ V. 26 – crucifixion of Christ –

☞ V. 27 – the covenant that starts the tribulation –

☞ V. 27 – until the end that is poured out on him



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## 5. The 70 “sevens” – Ch 9.24-27 (cont.)

☞ 490 years

... Time between the decree authorizing the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the coming of the Messiah = 69 sevens

... 7 sevens – 49 years to rebuild the temple during times of trouble – Nehemiah

... Then 62 sevens from the time of restoration to the Messiah’s coming to Israel

... 4 Decrees relating to rebuilding the temple – Cyrus, Darius, Artaxerxes

... Artaxerxes – Nisan in the 20<sup>th</sup> year - 445 BC –

... 483 years from the decree to Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

☞ last 7 years – Also started by decree / covenant



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## 6. Daniel's Next Vision – Ch 10-12

☞ Prophecies of Persia / Greece – 11.2-4

☞ Prophecies of Egypt / Syria – 11.5-35

☞ Prophecies concerning the Anti-Christ – 11.36 – 45

☞ 12.1 – Great distress – great tribulation – Michael the archangel helps to protect Israel

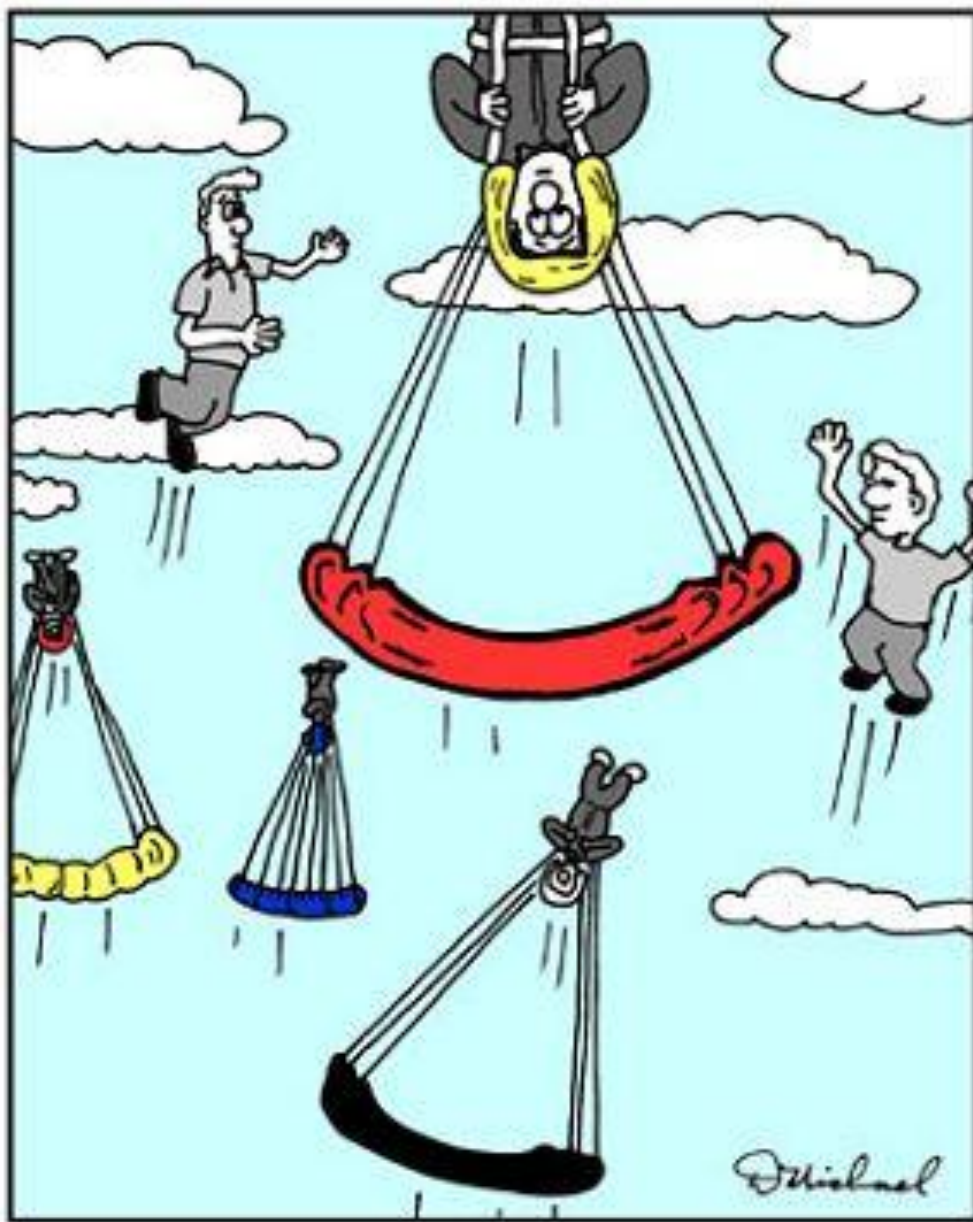


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## 6. Daniel's Next Vision – Ch 10-12 (cont.)

- ☞ At that time your people – found written in the book of life will be saved
- ☞ 12.2-3 – Judgment
- ☞ V. 7 – 3 ½ yrs of great tribulation
- ☞ V. 11 – 1290 days from midpoint to judgment (43 months) + 45 days – 1335 days to wedding feast





If you're skydiving and the rapture occurs