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## LETTER FROM PASTOR GARY



It has often been said, “Daniel is to the Old Testament what Revelation is to the New Testament.” It is a book rich with prophetic elements concerning End Time events. But it also communicates things that were futuristic to Daniel but now historical for us. From our vantage point on the timeline of human history, we have the perspective of recognizing that many of Daniel’s prophecies have been fulfilled just as the Lord predicted through him. Likewise, we can be sure that the remaining events Daniel predicted concerning the End Times will come to pass as well.

Daniel is an inspiration to young and old alike. As a teenager living in Israel, he was taken captive by the Babylonians and deported to the land of Babylonia to serve in King Nebuchadnezzar’s palace. Though he was stripped of his name, his language, his dignity, his family, and his familiar surroundings, Daniel never wavered in his faith and love for God. Through the book of Daniel, kings rose and kings fell, but Daniel remained a constant, shining example (well into his nineties) of a man whose life was committed to God.

May this book encourage and challenge us to live such lives while we wait for the Lord’s glorious return!

In Christ,



Pastor Gary Hamrick  
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# DANIEL 1

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- Daniel 1 begins in 606 B.C.
- The Babylonian Empire is now the dominant kingdom
- The king is Nebuchadnezzar (Nabu-kudduri-utzur: "Nabu protects the crown"; Nabu -Babylonian god of wisdom)

**Nebuchadnezzar besieges Israel 3 times,**  
taking captives back to Babylon:

606 B.C. – king Jehoiakim, Daniel and friends

597 B.C. – king Jehoiachin, Ezekiel

586 B.C. – king Zedekiah; destruction of Jerusalem

- Daniel wrote this book from captivity in Babylon (ca. 536B.C.)
- 9x he mentions his own name, "I, Daniel.." (7:15, 8:1, 10:2)
- Jesus ascribes authorship to Daniel too—*"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand..."* **Matthew 24:15 (NIV)**

## **Strong prophetic element in Daniel...**

- Daniel prophesied of the Medo-Persian Empire and the Greek Empire before they came into being;
- Daniel told of the breakup of Alexander the Great's empire into 4 parts, to be ruled by 4 of his generals 200+ years before it happened;
- He predicted the 1st coming of the Messiah to the very day;
- He predicts the rise of the Antichrist; the Tribulation period; the end of the Age.

***"Apocalypse of the Old Testament"***



## Babylon

- A city 5x the size of London
- Nearly 60 miles of walls: 300+ft. high (30stories); 80+ft. thick
- 100 brass gates
- 220 high towers
- Euphrates River diverted in and around the city to form a deep moat
- The Hanging Gardens of Babylon: One of the 7 Wonders of the Ancient World

### **Daniel: "God is my Judge"**

*Belteshazzar - "May Bel Protect my Life"*

### **Hananiah: "The Lord is Gracious"**

*Shadrach - "Illuminated by the sun god, Rach"*

### **Misrael: "Who is Like the LORD?"**

*Meshach - "Who is like Aku?"*

### **Azariah: "The Lord helps"**

*Abednego - "a servant of Nabu"*

## DANIEL 2

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### Statue From Daniel's Dream



— **Babylonian (612 - 539 B.C.)**

*Head of Gold*

— **Medo-Persian (539 - 331 B.C.)**

*Chest & Arms of Silver*

— **Greek (331 - 168 B.C.)**

*Belly & Thighs of Bronze*

— **Roman (168 B.C. - 476 A.D.)**

*Legs of Iron*

— **10 Nation Confederation (Future)**

*Feet mixed of Iron & Clay*

## **The 10 toes of Daniel 2:42 = 10 horns of Rev. 17:12**

### **7 "kings" (kingdoms)**

"Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come." (Rev. 17:9-10)

#### **5 Have Fallen**

Egypt ▪ Assyria ▪ Babylonia ▪ Medo-Persia ▪ Greece

#### **1 is (6th kingdom)**

Rome

#### **Not Yet Come (7th kingdom)**

10 Nation Confederation

(10 Toes - Daniel 2 ▪ 10 Horns - Revelation 17)

#### **The 8th Kingdom (Revelation 17:11)**

Antichrist

# DANIEL 3

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## Daniel 3 - a type of the future during the Great Tribulation??

- Nebuchadnezzar like the **Antichrist**; forces world into one religion
- Nebuchadnezzar's statue may be his **image**, like image of Antichrist in Revelation 13
- Fiery furnace is like the **Great Tribulation**
- Three Hebrew men are like **Israel**; will emerge from the Tribulation
- The executioners are like those in league with the Antichrist; Jesus destroys at His Coming
- Daniel is like the **Church**, not even present during the Tribulation

# DANIEL 4

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## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream in Daniel 4

The **TREE** was noted for its:

- Size
- Strength
- Prominence
- Beauty
- Fruit
- Shelter



**BOANTHROPY** - a rare psychological disorder in which a person believes himself or herself to be a cow or an ox.



- Dr. R.K. Harrison (1920-1993) documented a case in a British mental institution in 1946.

# DANIEL 5

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## Kings of the Babylonian Empire

1 Nabopolasser (627 - 606 B.C.)

2 Nebuchadnezzar (606 - 562 B.C.)

4 Daughter married  
Neriglissar  
(650 - 556 B.C.)

3 Evil Merodach  
(562 - 560 B.C.)

Daughter, Nitocris, married

6 Nabonidus  
(556 - 539 B.C.)

5 Labashi-Marduck  
(2 Months, 556 B.C.)

7 Belshazzar  
(553 - 539 B.C.)

## Writing on the Wall

Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin



# DANIEL 6

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**Daniel in the lion's den showed Daniel was a man of...**

**1. Integrity (Daniel 6:4)**

**2. Prayer (Daniel 6:10)**

- Private (upper room)
- Pattern (3 times a day)
- Posture (knees; see Mark 11:25)
- Praise ("thanked God")
- Petition ("asked for help")

**3. Courage (Daniel 6:10)**

**4. Faith (Daniel 6:23)**

# DANIEL 7

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## One View of Daniel 7

*The Vision of Daniel 7 is similar to Daniel 2*

LION	=	Babylonian Empire
BEAR	=	Medo-Persian Empire
LEOPARD	=	Greek Empire
BEAST	=	Roman Empire

## Preferred View of Daniel 7

*The 4 Kingdoms of Daniel 7 are contemporary with the End Times and the Antichrist*

LION	=	British-American Alliance
BEAR	=	Russia
LEOPARD	=	Middle/Far East Alliance
BEAST	=	Amalgam of the 3 ultimately forming the kingdom of the Antichrist





## DANIEL 8

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### **Ram with Two Horns (Daniel 8:3-4)**

*Medo-Persian Empire*

The longer horn (Persia) was more powerful than the shorter horn (Media)



### **Goat with a Prominent Horn (Daniel 8:5-8)**

*Greek Empire*

Led by  
**Alexander the Great**  
(356-323 B.C.)



## Ram with Four Horns (Daniel 8:8)

*Alexander the Great's 4 Generals*

**Cassander**  
(Macedonia)

**Lysimachus**  
(Thrace and western  
Asia Minor)



**Seleucus**  
(eastern Asia Minor  
and Syria)

**Ptolemy**  
(Egypt)

## Daniel 8:9 - "Another Horn" from one of the four horns

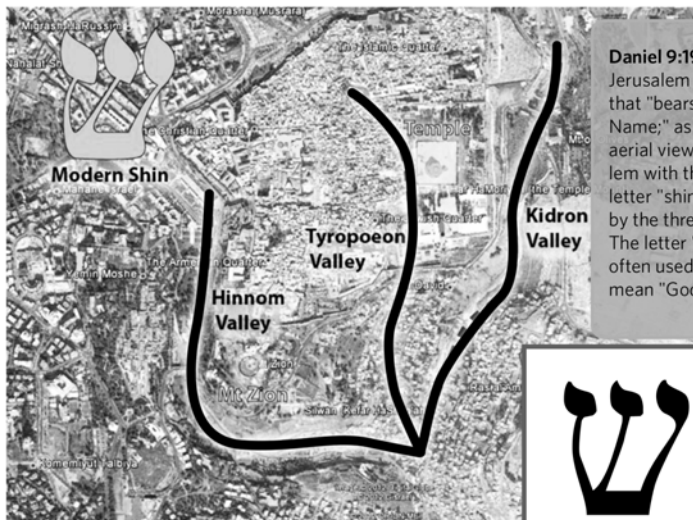
**Atiochus IV Epiphanes** (215-164 B.C.) from the Seleucid Dynasty

- Invaded Jerusalem, slaughtered 80,000 Jews, desecrated Temple (167 B.C.)

## Atiochus IV Epiphanes = a type of the Antichrist

- Both begin as a "horn" among other horns (Daniel 8:9, Rev.17:12)
- Both persecute the saints (Daniel 8:10, Rev.13:7,15)
- Both blaspheme the God of heaven (Daniel 7:8, Rev.13:6)
- Both desecrate the Temple (Daniel 8:11, 2 Thess.2:4, Rev.13:14-15)
- Both operate under Satan's power (Daniel 8:24, Rev.13:2)
- Both are destroyed by God's power (Daniel 8:25, 2 Thess.2:8)

# DANIEL 9



## Daniel 9:19

Jerusalem is a city that "bears Your Name;" as seen in this aerial view of Jerusalem with the Hebrew letter "shin" formed by the three valleys. The letter "shin" is often used by itself to mean "God's Name."



## 70 'sevens'

(Each 'seven' is a year.  $70 \times 7 = 490$  years)

## 7 'sevens' (9:25) + 62 'sevens' (9:25) + 1 'seven' (9:27)

- 1)  $7 \times 7 = 49$  (years to rebuild Jerusalem)
- 2)  $62 \times 7 = 434$  (additional years until Messiah comes)
  - $69 \times 7 = 483$  Years
  - $483 \times 360^*$  days = 173,880 days
  - March 14, 445 B.C.\*\*

\* The Babylonian calendar was based on 360 days per year.

\*\* Artaxerxes made a decree allowing Nehemiah to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-8)

- April 6, 32 A.D.

-Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Luke 19:28-44)

3)  $1 \times 7 = 7$  (years of Tribulation)

## DANIEL 10

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### **Daniel's closing visions included set "times":**

1. A Time Yet to Come (10:14)
2. The Appointed Time (11:27)
3. A Time of Distress (12:1)
4. The Time of the End (12:4)

### **Spiritual Warfare**

1. Satan and demons are real (fallen angels, Rev.12:3-4)
2. There are "rankings" of demons ("prince", "king"—Dan. 10:13; Eph.6:12)
3. There are "territorial" demons ("Persia", "Greece"—Dan. 10:13,20)
4. Demons are limited in power (Col.2:13-15; Job 1:6-12)
5. Demons can "possess" unbelievers but only "oppress" believers (Luke 8, I John 4:4)
6. Satan and demons will be thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev.20:10)

### **Basic Training on Spiritual Warfare**

1. Stay alert and self-controlled (1 Peter 5:8-9, Eph.4:27)
2. Stand in God's strength, God's power, and God's armor (Eph.6:10-17, Jude 9)
3. Take captive every thought (2 Cor.10:3-5, Phil.4:6-7)
4. Pray! (3x in Eph.6:18)

# DANIEL 11

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## **Daniel 11 is a continuation of Daniel 10**

- An angel is speaking to Daniel about “a time yet to come” (10:14)
- The year is 536 B.C., “the third year of Cyrus” (10:1)
- Daniel is now 88-90 years old
- Daniel 11:1-35 details 100-130 prophecies that have now been fulfilled
- Daniel 11:21+ introduces us to Antiochus IV Epiphanes who is a “prefigure” of the Antichrist

Much of this chapter deals with 2 dynasties (Seleucid and Ptolemaic) that fought for about 200 years from 261B.C. – 60 B.C. (named after Seleucus and Ptolemy, two of Alexander the Great’s generals).

- The Ptolemies controlled Egypt and north
- The Seleucids controlled Syria and south

# DANIEL 12

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## **Daniel 12 is a continuation of the angel speaking to Daniel in Chapters 10 & 11**

- The year is 536 B.C., “the third year of Cyrus” (10:1)
- Daniel is now 88-90 years old
- Daniel 11:36-45 gives details about the Antichrist
- Daniel 12 points to the Tribulation, the resurrection of the dead, and the conditions of the End Times

### **The Antichrist**

#### **Daniel 11:36-37 (NIV)**

“36 The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. 37 He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.”

#### **I Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NIV)**

“3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.”

## The Tribulation

### **Daniel 12:1b (NIV)**

"...There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book-will be delivered."

### **Matthew 24:21-22 (NIV)**

"For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now-and never to be equaled again. 22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."



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