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(4) Because *they are* arrogant children and stubborn. I send you to them; and you must say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says.

(5) And they, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen, (because they *are* a rebellious household,) will know that there has been a prophet among them.

(6) And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with you, and you live among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, even though they *are* a rebellious house.

(7) And you must speak My words to them, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen: because they *are* most rebellious.

(8) But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you; Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

(9) And when I looked, a hand *was* sent to me; and a scroll of a book *was* in it;

(10) And He spread it before me; and it *was* written inside and outside: and *there was* written in it lamentations {sorrows}, and mourning, and woe.

Chapter 3

(1) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, eat what you see; eat this scroll,^a and go speak to the house of Israel.

(2) So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat the scroll.

(3) And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth as honey because of its sweetness.

(4) And He said to me, Son of man, go, get yourself to the house of Israel, and speak My words to them.

(5) Because you *are* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel;

(6) Not to many people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

(7) But the house of Israel will not listen to you; because they will not listen to Me: because all the house of Israel *are* hard headed and hardhearted.

(8) Indeed, I have made your face steadfast against their faces, and your forehead firm against their foreheads.

(9) As a gem-stone harder than flint I have made your forehead: do not fear them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

(10) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, all My words that I will speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

(11) And go, get yourself to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen.

3:1a – Rev. 10:10

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(12) Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a great rushing sound, saying, Blessed is the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} from His place.

(13) I also heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a noise of a great rushing sound.

(14) So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was strong upon me.

(15) Then I came to those of the captivity at Tel-abib, who lived by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

(16) And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(17) Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.

(18) When I say to the wicked, You will surely die; and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man will die in his sin; but his blood I will require at your hand.

(19) But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his sin; but you have delivered your soul.

(20) Again, When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits sin, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he will die: because you have not given him warning, he will die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done will not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

(21) But if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he is warned; also you have delivered your soul.

(22) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me there; and He said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will talk with you there.

(23) Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, indeed, the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} stood there, as the glory which I had seen by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

(24) Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.

(25) But you, O son of man, indeed, they will put bands upon you, and will bind you with them, and you will not go out among them:

(26) And I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so that you will be dumb, and will not be one who reproves them: because they are a rebellious house.

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(21) Everyone had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

(22) And the likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I had seen by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went each one straight forward.

Chapter 11

(1) Furthermore the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me to the east gate of the LORD {Jehovah's} house {temple}, which faces eastward: and at the door of the gate twenty-five men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

(2) Then said He to me, Son of man, these *are* the men who devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city:

(3) Who say, *It* {the destruction} is not near;^a let us build houses: this *city is* the boiling pot, and we *are* the flesh.

(4) Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

(5) And the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah} fell upon me, and said to me, *Speak; This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says; This is what you have said, O house of Israel: because I know the things that comes into your mind, every one of them.*

(6) You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled its streets with the dead.

(7) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Your dead whom you have laid in its midst, they *are* the flesh, and this *city is* the boiling pot: but I will bring you forth out of its midst.

(8) You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(9) And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you.

(10) You will fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(11) This *city* will not be your boiling pot, neither will you be the flesh in its midst; *but* I will judge you at the border of Israel:

(12) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}: because you have not walked in My laws, nor executed My judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen {ungodly nations} who *are* around you.

(13) And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD {Jehovah}! will You make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

(14) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

11:3a-- i.e. the foretold destruction

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(15) Son of man, your brothers, *even* your brothers, the men of your kin, and all the house of Israel completely, *are* those to whom those who live in Jerusalem have said, Get far *away* from the LORD {Jehovah}: come to us in this land given as possession.

(16) Therefore say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen {ungodly nations}, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

(17) Therefore say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will even gather you from *among* the people, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

(18) And they will come there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.

(19) And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh:

(20) That they may walk in My laws, and keep My commandments, and do them: and they will be My people, and I will be their God.

(21) But *as for those* whose hearts walk after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will pay for their deeds upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(22) Then the cherubims lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

(23) And the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.

(24) Afterward the Spirit took me up, and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

(25) Then I spoke to them of the captivity all the things that the LORD {Jehovah} had shown me.

Chapter 12

(1) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} also came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see, but does not see; they have ears to hear, and do not hear: because they *are* a rebellious house.

(3) Therefore, you son of man, prepare for yourself stuff for moving, and move by day in their sight; and you shall move from your place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house.

(4) Then you shall bring forth your stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for moving: and you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those who go forth into captivity.

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(9) And they put him in prison in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

(10) Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters.

(11) And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

(12) But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.

(13) And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.

(14) And fire has gone out of a rod of her branches, which has devoured her fruit, so that she has no strong rod to be a scepter to rule. This is a cry, and will be for crying.

Chapter 20

(1) And it came to pass in the seventh year {3535 A.H./C-507 B.C.}, in the fifth month {Ab [July-Aug.]}, the tenth day of the month {5/10/3535 A.H.},^a that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, and sat before me.

(2) Then the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(3) Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, I will not be inquired of by you.

(4) Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? cause them to know the abominations of their forefathers:

(5) And say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand to the offspring of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God;

(6) In the day *that* I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had spied out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands:

(7) Then I said I to them, let everyone cast away the abominations of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

20:1a - fifth month - Ab (July-August) 7th year of Jehoiachin's captivity, 4 years before Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed [3535 A.H./C-507 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)- See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar](#) at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(8) But they rebelled against Me, and would not listen to Me: every man did not cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

(9) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made Myself known to them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

(10) Therefore I caused them to go out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

(11) And I gave them My laws, and showed them My judgments, which *if* a man does *them*, he will even live in them.

(12) Furthermore also I gave them My sabbaths {Saturdays}, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} Who sanctifies them.

(13) But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they did not walk in My laws, and they despised My judgments, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

(14) But I did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them out.

(15) Yet I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;

(16) Because they despised My judgments, and did not walk in My laws, but polluted My sabbaths: because their hearts went after their idols.

(17) Nevertheless My eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

(18) But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the laws of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

(19) I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God; walk in My laws, and keep My judgments, and do them;

(20) And hallow My sabbaths {Saturdays}; and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God.

(21) Nevertheless the children rebelled against Me: they did not walk in My laws, neither kept My judgments to do them, which *if* a man does, he will even live in them; they polluted My sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

(22) Nevertheless I withdrew My hand, and did it for My Name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, in whose sight I brought them forth.

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(17) So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are* fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon to Christ *are* fourteen generations.

(18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place this way: When His mother Mary was espoused {engaged} to Joseph, before they came together {sexually}, she was found *to be* with child by the Holy Spirit.

(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a public example, decided to divorce her privately.

(20) But while he thought about these things, The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, **Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife; because that which is conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.**

(21) **And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call His Name JESUS {Jehovah saves}:^e because He will save His people from their sins.**

(22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

(23) **Behold, a [the] virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel,**

which being interpreted is, God with us.^f

(24) Then Joseph waking up from sleep did as The Angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife to himself:

(25) But had no sex with her until she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called His name JESUS {4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.}.^g

Chapter 2

(1) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,^a

(2) Asking, Where is He Who is born King of the Jews? Because we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him.

(3) When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

(4) And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ was supposed to be born.

1:21e - Jesus {Ἰησοῦς}- from Hebrew Joshua {יהושע} - Jehovah saves -note the gematria {numerical value of the letters} of the name “Jesus” in Greek totals 888 in {8 is the Lord's number} as opposed to the antichrist's number 666.

- See “Use of Numbers in Scripture” at www.TheWordNotes.com

1:23f - Is. 7:14 - see: Appendix H: Does Isaiah 7:14 Refer to A Virgin? - Yes!!!

- ha-almah {העלמה} -Hebrew: literally "the virgin"

1:25g - 450 years since Cyrus' decree to restore Jerusalem [4038 A.H./C-4 B.C.] {See: Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History}

2:1a – If the wisemen came from the Babylon area the trip was about four months - see Ezra 7:9

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(5) And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea: because it is written by the prophet,

(6) **And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah: because out of you shall come a Governor, Who shall rule My people Israel.**^b

(7) Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

(8) And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when you have found Him, bring me word again, that I too may come and worship Him.

(9) When they had heard the king, they departed; and, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young Child was.

(10) When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

(11) And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshiped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented to Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

(12) And being warned by God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

(13) And when they had departed, The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word: because Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.

(14) When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

(15) And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

Out of Egypt I have called My Son.^c

(16) Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent forth, and killed all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all its surroundings, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

(17) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

2:6b -Micah 5:2 -- According to tradition the wise men came to Jesus when He was twelve days old, hence the "twelve days of Christmas", and "epiphany". This fits with Luke's account Luke 2:22, 39 – but not with modern "pop" theology. The "star" probably first appeared at Jesus' conception so the wise men had 9 months to prepare and make their journey from the Babylonian area to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem. Note: modern "pop" theology rejects Luke 2:22 and 2:39 and states the wise men came two years after Jesus' birth. See notes on "The Magi and The Date of Jesus' Birth" at: www.TheWordNotes.com

2:15c - Hosea 11:1

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(18) **A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation {loud crying}, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were no more.**^d

(19) But when Herod was dead, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

(20) Saying, **Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: because those who sought the young Child's life are dead.**

(21) And he arose, and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

(22) But when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there: nevertheless, being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

(23) And he came and lived in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets,

He shall be called a Nazarene.^e

Chapter 3

(1) In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

(2) And saying, Repent: because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(3) Because this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, make His paths straight.^a

(4) And this same John had his clothing of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist;^b and his food was locusts and wild honey.

(5) Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.

(6) And were baptized by him in *the* Jordan River, confessing their sins.

(7) But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees^c coming to his baptism, he said to them, O generation of vipers {snakes}, who has warned you to flee from the wrath {anger; judgment} to come?

(8) Therefore bring forth fruits worthy for repentance:

(9) And do not think to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as *our* forefather: because I say to you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

2:18d - Jer. 31:15

2:23e - Num. 6:2; Jg 13:5; I Sam 1:11- Nazareth in Hebrew means "sprout" or "shoot" and the name is given to the Messiah in Is. 11:1

3:3a - Is. 40:3

3:4b - II Ki. 1:8; dressed as Elijah; Mk. 1:6; Mat. 11:14; Mat. 17:12; Mk. 9:13; Lk. 1:17

3:7c - Pharisees and Sadducees - both teach scriptures - pharisees believe the old testament is literally true. They believe in the miracles of the old testament really happened; they believe in angels, and life after death. Sadducees do not believe the miracles of the old testament really happened; they do not believe in angels, or life after death. See Mat. 22:23-32; Acts 23:8

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(5) By your great wisdom *and* by your traffic you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches:

(6) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have set your heart as the heart of God;

(7) Therefore, indeed, I will bring strangers upon you, the terrible of the nations: and they will draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will defile your brightness.

(8) They will bring you down to the pit, and you will die the deaths of *those who are* killed in the midst of the seas.

(9) Will you yet say before him who kills you, I *am* God? but you *will be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him who kills you.

(10) You will die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: because I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(11) Furthermore the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(12) Son of man, take up a cry upon the king of Tyrus,^a and say to him, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

(13) You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* your covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tambourines and of your pipes were prepared in you in the day that you were created.

(14) You *are* the anointed cherub who covers; and I have set you *so*: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

(15) You *were* perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until sin was found in you.^b

(16) By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

(17) Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom because of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may view you.

28:12a – see note on king of Tyrus on Is. 14:12 – an illusion to Satan

28:15b – see Is. 14:12

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(18) You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your sins, by the sin of your traffic; therefore I will bring forth a fire from your midst, it will devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who see you.

(19) All those who know you among the people will be astonished at you: you will be a terror, and you *will never be* any more.

(20) Again the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(21) Son of man, set your face against Zidon, and prophesy against it,

(22) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in your midst: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have executed judgments in her, and be sanctified in her.

(23) Because I will send into her disease, and blood into her streets; and the wounded will be judged in her midst by the sword upon her on every side; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(24) And there will be no more a pricking brier to the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *who are* around them, who despised them; and they will know that I *am* the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(25) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; When I have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen {ungodly nations}, then they will live in their land that I have given to My servant Jacob.

(26) And they will live safely in it, and will build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will live with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those who despise them all around them; and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} their God.

Chapter 29

(1) In the tenth year {of Zedekiah} {3538 A.H./C-504 B.C.}, in the tenth *month* {Tebeth [Dec.-Jan.]}, on the twelfth *day* of the month {10/12/3538 A.H.},^a the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

(3) Speak, and say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, My river is my own, and I have made *it* for myself.

29:1a - tenth month - Tebeth (December-January) 10th year of Jehoiachin's captivity – one year before Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed [3538 A.H./C-504 B.C.] - see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#) - See [Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days](#). See also [The Jewish Calendar at www.TheWordNotes.com](#)

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(30) And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you will receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen {ungodly nations}.

(31) Then you will remember your own evil ways, and your deeds that *were* not good, and will despise yourselves in your own sight because of your sins and because of your abominations.

(32) I do not do this for your sakes, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}, Let it be known to you: be ashamed and confounded because of your own ways, O house of Israel.

(33) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; In the day when I have cleansed you from all your sins I will also cause *you* to live in the cities, and the wastelands will be built.

(34) And the desolate land will be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all who passed by.

(35) And they will say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *have become* fenced, *and* are lived in.

(36) Then the heathen {ungodly nations} who are left all around you will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} build the ruined *places, and* plant that which was desolate: I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

(37) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; I will yet *because of* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

(38) As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so the waste cities will be filled with flocks of men: and they will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

Chapter 37

(1) The hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD {Jehovah}, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,

(2) And caused me to pass by them all around: and, indeed, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, *they were* very dry.

(3) And He said to me, Son of man, can *these bones live?* And I answered, O Lord GOD {Jehovah}, You know.

(4) Again He said to me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(5) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says to these bones; Indeed, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall *live:*

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(6) And I will lay inner-organs upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and indeed a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

(8) And while I looked, the inner-organs and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

(9) Then He said to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these dead, that they may live.

(10) So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

(11) Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: Indeed, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off because of our parts.

(12) Therefore prophesy and say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, My people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

(13) And you will know that I *am* the LORD {Jehovah}, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves,

(14) And will put My Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will place you in your own land: then you will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(15) The word of the LORD {Jehovah} came again to me, saying,

(16) Furthermore, son of man, take for yourself one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions:

(17) And join them one to another into one stick; and they will become one in your hand.

(18) And when the children of your people will speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you *mean* by this?

(19) Say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.

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(20) And the sticks upon which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

(21) And say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen {ungodly nations}, wherever they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

(22) And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king to them all: and they will no longer be two nations, neither will they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

(23) Neither will they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their sins: but I will save them out of all the places where they live, in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so they will be My people, and I will be their God.

(24) And David My servant *will be* king over them; and they will all have one shepherd: they will also walk in My judgments, and observe My laws, and do them.

(25) And they will live in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, in which your forefathers have lived; and they will live there, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and My servant David *will be* their prince forever.

(26) Furthermore I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary {temple} in the midst of them forevermore.

(27) My tabernacle also will be with them: yes, I will be their God, and they will be My people.

(28) And the heathen {ungodly nations} will know that I the LORD {Jehovah} sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in the midst of them forevermore.

Chapter 38

(1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(2) Son of man, set your face against Gog {Russia}, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal,^a and prophesy against him,

(3) And say, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I *am* against you, O Gog {Russia}, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

(4) And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts *of armor, even* a great company *with* armor and shields, all of them handling swords:

38:2a- Gog, Magog, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal all refer to areas within Russia. Rosh -- may be root name of Russia; Meshech -- believed to be the city of Moscow. Note: this invasion is not the same as the one at the end of Revelation. See: "[Comparison of Gog and Magog's Invasions in Ezekiel and the Revelation](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)" at www.TheWordNotes.com

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(10) I clothed you also with embroidered work, and gave you shoes of badgers' skin, and I clothed you with fine linen, and I covered you with silk.

(11) I decked you also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands, and a chain on your neck.

(12) And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head.

(13) So you were decked with gold and silver; and your clothing *was of* fine linen, and silk, and embroidered work; you ate fine flour, and honey, and oil: and you were exceedingly beautiful, and you prospered into a kingdom.

(14) And your renown went forth among the heathen {ungodly nations} because of your beauty: because it *was* perfect through My beauty, which I had put upon you, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(15) But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the prostitute because of your popularity, and poured out your fornications {sex outside of marriage}^a on every one who passed by; it was his.

(16) And you took of your clothes, and decked your high places with various colors, and played the prostitute upon them: *these kind of things* shall not come, neither shall it be *so*.

(17) You have also taken your fair jewels of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself images of men, and committed prostitution with them,

(18) And took your embroidered clothes, and covered them: and you have set My oil and My incense before them.

(19) Also My food which I gave you, fine flour, and oil, and honey, *with which* I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet aroma: and so it was, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(20) Furthermore you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and these you have sacrificed to them to be devoured. *Is this* your prostitution a small matter,

(21) That you have killed My children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them?

(22) And in all your abominations and your prostitution you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, *and* were polluted in your *own* blood.

(23) And it came to pass after all your wickedness, (woe, woe to you! says the Lord GOD {Jehovah};)

(24) *That* you have also built for yourself a prominent place, and have made for yourself a high place *to worship idols* in every street.

(25) You have built your high place at every head of the road, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have spread your legs to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your prostitution.

16:15a - Fornication is having sex with someone you are not married to. If either of the individuals is married, then it is also adultery. See Mat. 5:32; Acts 15:20; I Cor. 6:9-13; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 2:45:32h

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(27) So I will cause your lewdness to cease from you, and your prostitution *brought* from the land of Egypt: so that you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember Egypt any more.

(28) Because this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Indeed, I will deliver you into the hand *of those* whom you hate, into the hand *of those* from whom your mind is alienated:

(29) And they will deal with you hatefully, and will take away all your labor, and will leave you naked and bare: and the nakedness of your prostitution will be uncovered, both your lewdness and your prostitution.

(30) I will do these *things* to you, because you have gone prostituting after the heathen {ungodly nations}, *and* because you are polluted with their idols.

(31) You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand.

(32) This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large: you will be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it contains much.

(33) You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of your sister Samaria.

(34) You will even drink it and suck *it* out, and you shall break its pieces, and pluck off your own breasts: because I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD {Jehovah}.

(35) Therefore this is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; Because you have forgotten Me, and cast Me behind your back, therefore you also bear your lewdness and your prostitutions.

(36) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} said to me; Son of man, will you judge Aholah {Samaria} and Aholibah {Jerusalem}? yes, declare to them their abominations;

(37) That they have committed adultery, and blood *is* in their hands, and with their idols they have committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bore to Me, to pass for them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.

(38) Furthermore this they have done to Me: they have defiled My sanctuary {temple} in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths.

(39) Because when they had killed their children for their idols, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it; and, indeed, they have done so in the midst of My house {temple}.

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(12) Yes, the darkness does not hide from You; but the night shines as the day: the darkness and the light *are* both alike to You.

(13) Because You have possessed my inward parts: You have covered me in my mother's womb.

(14) I will praise You; because I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvelous *are* Your works; and *that* my soul knows right well.

(15) My substance was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

(16) Your eyes saw my life, while I was still undeveloped in the womb; and in Your book all *parts of my body* were written, before any of them came to be, *which* in time were formed.

(17) How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! how great is their sum!

(18) *If* I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with You.

(19) Surely You will kill the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, you bloody men.

(20) Because they speak against You wickedly, *and* Your enemies take *Your Name* in vain.

(21) Do I not hate them, O LORD {Jehovah}, who hate You? and am I not grieved with those who rise up against You?

(22) I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them as my enemies.

(23) Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

(24) And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Chapter 140

To the chief Musician, A Psalm {song} of David.

(1) Deliver me, O LORD {Jehovah}, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

(2) Who imagine mischief in *their* heart; continually they are gathered together *for* war.

(3) They have sharpened their tongues like a snake; snakes' poison is under their lips. Selah {musical pause}.^a

(4) Keep me, O LORD {Jehovah}, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have determined to overthrow me.

(5) The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set snares for me. Selah {musical pause}.

(6) I said to the LORD {Jehovah}, You *are* my God: hear the voice of my requests, O LORD {Jehovah}.

(7) O GOD {Jehovah} the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

140:3a - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

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Chapter 1

(1) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah {3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.}^a Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and besieged it.

(2) And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house {temple} 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.

(3) And the king spoke to Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's offspring, and of the princes;

(4) Children in whom *there was* no blemish, but well favored, and skillful 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 language of the Chaldeans.

(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 of which they might stand before the king.

(6) Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel {God is my judge},^b Hananiah {whom Jehovah has favored},^c Mishael {who is comparable to God},^d and Azariah {whom God helps}:^e

1:1a - third year of Jehoiakim - Daniel and his friends along with other royalty will be carried to Babylon - 114 years after fall of northern kingdom of Israel. 8 years after this first exile Nebuchadnezzar carries away second group of exiles, including king Jehoiachin and Ezekiel {and other priests} [see Ezekiel 1] and appoints Zedekiah as king over Judah - 19 years after this first exile, Nebuchadnezzar will return during Zedekiah's 11th year of reign to destroy Jerusalem and the temple. - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

1:6b - Daniel {דניאל}- God is my judge

1:6c - Hananiah {חנניא}- whom Jehovah has favored

1:6d - Mishael {מישאל}- who is comparable to God

1:6e - Azariah {עזריה}- whom God helps

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(7) To whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: because he gave to Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar {keeper of hidden treasures of Bel};^f and to Hananiah, Shadrach {inspired by the sun god};^g and to Mishael, Meshach {of the goddess Shach};^h and to Azariah, Abed-nego {the servant of the shining fire}ⁱ.

(8) But Daniel determined 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.

(9) Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

(10) And the prince of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink: because why should he see your faces worse in appearance than the children who *are* of your kind? then you will cause *me* to endanger my *own* head to the king.

(11) Then Daniel said to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

(12) I urge {ask; plead with} you, test your servants, ten days; and let them give us *only* vegetables to eat, and water to drink.

(13) Then let our appearances be looked upon before you, and the appearance of the children who eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as you see, deal with your servants.

(14) So he consented to them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

(15) And at the end of ten days their appearances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who ate the portion of the king's meat.

(16) So Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them vegetables *only*.

(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.

(18) Now at the end of the days that the king had said he would bring them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

(19) And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore they stood before the king.

(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 who *were* in all his realm.

1:7f – Belteshazzar {בלטשאצר} – keeper of the hidden treasures of Bel

1:7g - Shadrach {שדרך}- inspired by the sun god

1:7h - Meshach {מישך} - of the goddess Shach

1:7i – Abed-nego {עבד נגו} - the servant of the shining fire

1:8j - Jews were only allowed to eat meat that had been prepared according to the law of Moses. Since Daniel could not control how the meat was prepared he chose to not eat any meat.

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(21) And Daniel continued *even to the first year of king Cyrus.*^k

Chapter 2

(1) And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar {3520 A.H./C-522 B.C.}^a Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, his spirit was troubled because of them, and his sleep left him.

(2) Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to explain to the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

(3) And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

(4) Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Syriac,^b O king, live forever: tell your servants the dream, and we will explain the interpretation.

(5) The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing has gone from me: if you will not make known to me the dream, with its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

(6) But if you show *me* the dream, and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream, and its interpretation.

(7) They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.

(8) The king answered and said, I know of certainty that you would gain the time, because you see the thing has gone from me.

(9) But if you will not make known to me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: because you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, until the time is changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I will know that you can show me its interpretation.

(10) The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth who can show the king's matter: because *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *who* asks such things of any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

(11) And *it is* a rare thing that the king requires, and there is no one else who can show it to the king, except the gods, who do not live with flesh.

(12) Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise *men* of Babylon be destroyed.

(13) And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be killed; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be killed.

1:21k - 1st year of King Cyrus - 70th year and end of exile - Daniel lives through the end of the 70 years - see Dan. 9:2; Jer. 29:10 – See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

2:1a - second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar [03520 A.H./C-522 B.C.]
– See Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

2:4b - Dan. 2:4b to Dan. 7:28 is written in Chaldean [also called Aramaic or Syriac] rather than in Hebrew. Note: Ez. 4:8-6:18; Ez.7:12-26 and Jer. 10:11 are also in Aramaic.

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(44) And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom, which will never be destroyed: and the kingdom will not be left to other people, *but* it will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever.

(45) Just as you saw the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.

(46) Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer a sacrifice and sweet aromas to him.

(47) The king answered Daniel, and said, Most certainly your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.

(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.

Chapter 3

(1) Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.},^a *and* its width was six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.74 m.}:^b 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 counselors, 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 counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to 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 a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

(5) *That* when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up:

(6) And whoever does not fall down and worship shall that same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

3:1a - sixty cubits - about 90 feet or 27.4 meters tall
 3:1b - six cubits - about 9 feet or 2.74 meters wide
 - see Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures

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(7) Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

(8) Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

(9) They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever.

(10) You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

(11) And whoever does not fall down and worship, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

(12) There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded you: they do not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

(13) Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego be brought. Then they brought these men before the king.

(14) Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

(15) Now if you are ready that when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if you do not worship, you shall be cast that same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and Who is this God Who will deliver you out of my hands?

(16) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer you in this matter.

(17) If it is to be, our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* out of your hand, O king.

(18) But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

(19) Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was normally to be heated.

(20) And he commanded the strongest men who *were* in his army bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

(21) Then these men were bound in their coats, their shoes, and their hats, and their *other* clothing, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

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(22) Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed the men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

(23) And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

(24) Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up quickly, *and* spoke, and said to his counselors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.

(25) He answered and said, Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no harm; 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* spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, you servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth from the midst of the fire.

(27) And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor did they have the smell of smoke upon them.

(28) *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed is the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, Who has sent His Angel, and delivered His servants who 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 speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God Who can deliver in this way.

(30) Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

Chapter 4

(1) Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth;

May peace be multiplied to you.

(2) I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has performed towards me.

(3) How great *are* His signs! and how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and He rules from generation to generation.

(4) I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace:

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- (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 I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.
- (7) Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.
- (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 you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.
- (10) These *were* the visions of my head in my bed; I saw, and there was a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height *was* great.
- (11) The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached to heaven, and its sight to the ends of all the earth:

- (12) Its leaves *were* fair, and it produced much fruit, and in it *was* food for all: the beasts of the field had shade under it, and the birds of the heaven lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed by it
- (13) I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, there was, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven;
- (14) He cried aloud, and said this, **Cut 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 birds 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 to him; and let seven times {years}^a 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 rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He wills, and sets up over it the basest of men.**

4:16a - times - years - see Dan: 4:23,32 and Dan. 7:25

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(18) This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now you, O Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me its interpretation: but you *are* able; because the spirit of the holy gods *is* in you.

(19) Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, Belteshazzar, do not let the dream, or its interpretation, trouble you. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, may the dream *be* upon those who hate you, and its interpretation against your enemies.

(20) The tree that you saw, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached to the heaven, and its sight to all the earth;

(21) Whose leaves *were* fair, and its fruit much, and in it *was* food for all; under which the beasts of the field lived, and upon whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home:

(22) It *is* you, O king, who have grown and become strong: because your greatness has grown, and reaches to heaven, and your rule to the ends of the earth.

(23) And as the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, **Cut the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of its 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 of the field, until seven times {years} pass over him;**

(24) This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

(25) That they shall drive you from men, and you shall live with the beasts of the field, and they shall cause you to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times {years} shall pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He wills.

(26) And as they were commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; your kingdom will be sure to you, after you have come to know that the heavens rule.

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(27) Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; that there may be a lengthening of your peace.

(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 spoke, 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 honor of my majesty?

(31) While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there came a voice from heaven, *saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken; The kingdom has departed from you.*

(32) *And they shall drive you from men, and you shall live with the beasts of the field: they shall cause you to eat grass as oxen, and seven times {years}^b shall pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He wills.*

(33) That very same hour the thing was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until 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 my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored Him Who lives forever, Whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and His kingdom *is* from generation to generation:

(35) And all those who live in the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and He does according to His will in the army of heaven, and *among* those who live in the earth: and no one can stop Him, or say to Him, What are You doing?

(36) At the same time my reason returned to me; and because the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me; and my counselors and my lords sought me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

(37) Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all Whose works *are* truth, and His ways judgment: and those who walk in pride He is able to bring low.

4:32b - times - years - see Dan. 7:25

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(6) Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said this to him, King Darius, may you live forever.

(7) All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counselors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

(8) Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.

(9) Therefore 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 towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he had always done.

(11) Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making requests before his God.

(12) Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree; Have you not signed a decree, that every man who shall ask a *petition* of any God or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, This thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.

(13) Then they answered and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, does not regard you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

(14) Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored until the going down of the sun to deliver him.

(15) Then these men assembled to the king, and said to the king, You know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed.

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(16) Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.

(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 music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

(19) Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste to the den of lions.

(20) And when he came to the den, he cried with a despairing voice to Daniel: *and* the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?

(21) Then Daniel said to the king, O king, may you live forever.

(22) My God has sent His Angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: because before Him I was found innocent; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.

(23) Then the king was exceedingly 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 harm was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

(24) And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces *before they came to the bottom of the den.*

(25) Then king Darius wrote to all people, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth;

May peace be multiplied to you.

(26) I make a decree, That in every part of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: because He is the living God, and steadfast forever, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion *shall be even* to the end.

(27) He delivers and rescues, and He works signs Who has 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 king of Babylon {3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.}^{a*} 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 spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, indeed, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great {Mediterranean} sea.

7:1a - in the first year of Belshazzar - [3584 A.H./C-458 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History. Note that these events took place before the events of chapter 5 which took place during Belshazzar's third year of reign.

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(3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another.

(4) The first *was* like a lion,^b and had eagle's wings: I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

(5) And look another beast, a second, like a bear,^c and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth: and they said this to it, **Arise, devour much flesh.**

(6) After this I saw, and another, like a leopard,^d which had upon its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads; and authority to rule was given to it.

(7) After this I saw in the night visions, and look a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and exceedingly strong; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet: and it *was* different from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

(8) I considered the horns, and, indeed, there came up among them another little horn, before whom three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, indeed, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

(9) I watched until the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days sat, Whose robe *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.^e

(10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered to Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand^f stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

(11) I watched then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke: I watched *even* until the beast was killed, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

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

(13) I saw in the night visions, and, indeed, *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 there was given *to* Him authority to rule, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, which will not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which will not be destroyed.

7:4b - first empire -like a lion - Babylonian empire - interpretation of animals given in Dan. 7

7:5c - second empire - like a bear - Media-Persian empire - named in Dan. 8:20

7:6d - third kingdom – like a leopard - Greek empire - named in Dan. 8:21

Note: when Alexander the Great died, his four generals divided the empire

7:9e - Rev. 1:14; Ezek. 1:15-20

7:10f - ten thousand times ten thousand - see Rev. 5:11

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(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 to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and caused me know the interpretation of these things.

(17) *These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, who will arise out of the earth.*

(18) *But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.*

(19) Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass; *who* devoured, broke 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;^g even *of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

(21) I watched, 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) This he said, *The fourth beast will be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which will be different from all kingdoms, and will devour the whole earth, and will tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

(24) *And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings who will arise: and another will rise after them; and he will be different from the first, and he will subdue three kings.^h*

(25) *And he will speak great words against the most High, and will wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws;ⁱ and they will be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.^j*

(26) *But the judgment will sit, and they will take away his authority to rule, to consume and to destroy it to the end.*

(27) *And the kingdom and authority to rule, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, will be given to the people of the saints of the most High, Whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all nations shall serve and obey Him.*

(28) *This is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.*

7:20g - three fell - Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia - see Dan. 11:43

7:24h - subdue three kings - Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia named in Dan. 11:43

7:25i - think to change times - see Dan. 2:21

7:25j - time, (two) times and half time - 3 1/2 years - 1260 days on a 360 day calendar

- see notes on "[The Numbers of Daniel](http://www.TheWordNotes.com)" at www.TheWordNotes.com - Dan. 12:7;

Rev. 11:3; Rev. 12:6 - see Dan. 2:21

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(24) And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power: and he will destroy wonderfully, and will prosper, and practice, and will destroy the mighty and the holy people.

(25) And through his policy also he will cause craft {craftiness; deceit} to prosper in his hand; and he will magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace will destroy many: he will also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.^k

(26) And the vision of the evenings and the mornings which was told *is true*: therefore you shut up the vision; because it *will 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 no one understood *it*.

Chapter 9

(1) In the first year of Darius {3587 A.H./C-455 B.C.}^a the son of Ahasuerus, of the descent of the Medes, who 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, of which the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.^b

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

(4) And I prayed to the LORD {Jehovah} my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments;

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

(6) Neither have we listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your Name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

(7) O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us confusion of faces {minds}, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to those who live in Jerusalem, and to all Israel, *who are* near, and *who are* far off, through all the countries where You have driven them, because of their sin that they have sinned against You.

8:25k – he will exalt himself and stand up against Jesus, but Jesus will destroy him by simply saying: “It is finished” - see Rev. 16:17; Rev. 21:6

9:1a - in the first year of Darius [3587 A.H./C-455 B.C.] - which is the end of Belshazzar's third year of reign and 3 years before Cyrus becomes sole king over Babylon and grants Jews right to return to Jerusalem at the end of the seventy year exile. See note on Dan. 9:25 [Is. 44:28]

[Sometime during the reign of the Persian kings 82 years was added to the “traditional” time period due to errors in secular history – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History]

9:2b Daniel understands that the exile will be over in three years. - Jeremiah's book - Jer. 25:11; Jer. 29:10

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(8) O Lord, to us *belongs* confusion of face {mind}, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

(9) To the Lord our God *belongs* mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him;

(10) Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD {Jehovah} our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

(11) Yes, all Israel has sinned against Your law, even by departing, that they might not obey Your 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 has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us, and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: because under the whole heaven *there* has not been done as has been done upon Jerusalem.

(13) As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come upon us: yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD {Jehovah} our God, that we might turn from our sins, and understand Your truth.

(14) Therefore the LORD {Jehovah} has looked upon the evil, and brought it upon us: because the LORD {Jehovah} our God is righteous in all His works which He does: because we did not obey His voice.

(15) And now, O Lord our God, Who has brought Your people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and has been made known to all, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

(16) O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I beg of You, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the sins of our forefathers, Jerusalem and Your people *have become* a reproach to all *who are* around us.

(17) Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his requests, and cause Your face to shine upon Your sanctuary {temple} that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

(18) O my God, incline Your ear, and hear; open Your eyes, and see our desolation, and the city which is called by Your Name: because we do not present our requests before You due to our own righteousness, but because of Your great mercies.

(19) O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act; do not delay, for Your own sake, O my God: for Your city and Your people are called by Your Name.

(20) And while I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my request before the LORD {Jehovah} my God for the holy mountain of my God;