

Portions of Daniel related to Revelation

Know and understand this: From the issuance of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until the Messiah, the Prince, there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing. Then the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood, and until the end there will be war; desolations have been decreed.

– [Daniel 9:25-26](#)

The Old Testament book of *Daniel* meshes beautifully and complements *Revelation*, though written hundreds of years before John wrote on Patmos. Let's see how they fit together.

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Introduction to Daniel's Revelations

Why consider another Bible book written over 2500 years ago in a study of the book of Revelation and the End Times, which have not even happened yet?

Daniel was an amazing person, and the book of Daniel is an amazing book. It contains narrative history of things that happened 2500 years ago. But to our purposes, it also has a lot of prophecy and visions given by God to Daniel. Most of these prophecies and visions relate to the End Times.

This is not a study of the entire Bible book of Daniel, but only an overview of highlights of portions relevant to Revelation and the End Times.

Who was Daniel, and what was his situation?

Daniel did not start out as a prophet, however. When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon conquered Jerusalem in 586 BC, Daniel was among the young Judean royalty and nobility exiled to Babylon.¹ Nebuchadnezzar educated and trained them to serve the king. Daniel faithfully served both God and a succession of kings of Babylon, Medea, and Persia. By the end of his life, he was an old man serving as the prime minister of Persia under Cyrus the Great.

Several times during his long career of faith and statesmanship, God gave Daniel visions, and angels visited him. These events included several prophecies about the “time of the end”² or End Times. These are the same End Times portrayed in the book of Revelation and in portions of several other books of the Bible.

Let's see how they fit together.

¹ **Daniel and his colleagues were Judean royalty and nobility exiled to Babylon to serve Nebuchadnezzar:** [Daniel 1:3-4](#) -- Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring in some Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— young men without blemish, handsome, gifted in all wisdom, knowledgeable, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace—and to teach them the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

² **Time of the End:** [Daniel 8:17, 19](#) -- ... And said, “Behold, I will make known to you what will happen in the latter time of wrath, because it concerns the appointed time of the end.

[Daniel 12:1](#) -- “At that time Michael, the great prince who stands watch over your people, will rise up. There will be a time of distress, the likes of which will not have occurred from the beginning of nations until that time. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar’s dream

Daniel chapter 2 focuses on King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of a huge statue with a head of gold, torso of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, legs of iron, and feet of mixed iron and baked clay ceramic. A stone “not cut out by hands” smashes the clay feet (that’s where the expression, “feet made of clay” comes from) and the statue collapses. Nobody can understand the dream until God, Who had given the dream, provides the interpretation to Daniel.³

Caution regarding the identification of nations

Many Bibles, either as section titles or in the margin or footnotes, tell which kingdoms these pieces of the statue represent.

However, these notations are *not* part of the Bible text itself. That is, they are not in the original Hebrew or Greek but were added by the modern-day publishers for clarity. As such, they are a commentary, interpretation, and an *assumption*, not God’s word.

Since they may help (that’s why the publishers put them there), I’ll mention them in square brackets since they’re not actually scriptural. This will distinguish them from the infrequent cases (e.g., Daniel chapter 8) where the Scripture itself explicitly names the kingdoms.

Daniel explains that the golden head represents Nebuchadnezzar himself. The silver and bronze portions represent two successor kingdoms [usually identified as Medeo-Persia and Greece, respectively]. The iron legs represent a later successor [identified as Rome, which is strong as iron and “crushes and shatters all things”⁴]. But as the feet are mixed (“divided between”) iron and clay, that last kingdom will be divided into two parts. [As Rome eventually was. It split into the Western Roman Empire, whose capital was Rome, and the Eastern Roman Empire, whose capital was Constantinople (modern Istanbul, Turkey).]

Finally, Daniel explains,

“In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will shatter all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, but will itself stand forever. And just as you saw a stone being cut out of the mountain without human hands, and it shattered the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold...”⁵

This new, fifth “kingdom ... will never be destroyed” and “will itself stand forever” and was made “without human hands”. In other words, it is divine and eternal. (Keep this in mind, as it recurs

³ **The situation so far:** [Daniel 2:1-32](#)

⁴ **Daniel 2:40** -- Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; for iron shatters and crushes all things, and like iron that crushes all things, it will shatter and crush all the others.

⁵ **Daniel 2:44-45a**

later on.) This is the Kingdom of God (or Kingdom of Heaven) that Jesus talked about. It is both God's rule in human hearts and in Heaven, and is also the New Heaven and New Earth spoken of in Revelation chapters 21-22.

And this new, godly kingdom of the End Times was foretold thousands of years ago through Daniel's prophecy, even long before Jesus walked the Earth.

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Next, we skip to Daniel chapters 7-8, as the intervening chapters 3-6 deal with issues other than the End Times.

Daniel 7-8 – Rebellious horns and empires

Daniel 7 – A little horn and God's heavenly court

This time, Daniel himself has a vision, and a strange one it is. Lions and bears and leopards, oh my! The lion "stood on two feet like a man" and had "the mind of a man". The bear gorges itself on flesh. The leopard has four heads and "authority to rule". Finally, a fourth "terrifying, dreadful, and strong beast with iron teeth" and "ten horns" rises up. Then yet another "little horn" that "uprooted" the others and "had eyes like a man and an arrogant, boasting mouth".⁶ A little later, we find that the little horn "was waging war against the saints and prevailing".

These beasts are quite similar to the beasts in Revelation chapters 13 and beyond.

Next, God, the "Ancient of Days", sits in His judgment throne in His court in Heaven. (This foreshadows both Revelation 4-5 and Revelation 20.) The boastful little horn is destroyed by burning fire. The other beasts lose their dominion but "were granted an extension of life for a season and a time".⁷

Then, "One like the Son of Man" – evidently the Messiah, Jesus Christ – comes,

⁶ **Daniel 7:2-8**

⁷ **Daniel 7:11-12** -- Then I kept watching because of the arrogant words the horn was speaking. As I continued to watch, the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was removed, but they were granted an extension of life for a season of time.

“And He was given dominion, glory, and kingship, that the people of every nation and language should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”⁸

Daniel is confused, so he asks. An angel (evidently) responded,

“This is what he [the angel] said: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on the earth, different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth, trample it down, and crush it. And the ten horns are ten kings who will rise from this kingdom. After them another king, different from the earlier ones, will rise and subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and oppress the saints of the Most High, intending to change the appointed times and laws; and the saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time.

“But the court will convene, and his dominion will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, dominion, and greatness of the kingdoms under all of heaven will be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will serve and obey Him.’ ”⁹

There is no further explanation. Nevertheless, these are once again very clearly End Times visions, much like John’s in Revelation.

Daniel 8 – Another little rebellious horn

Two years later,¹⁰ Daniel has another vision. This one starts with a ram with mismatched horns butting in all four directions. Then a male goat with a single horn comes and they butt each other. The ram dies, and the goat’s horn is broken, but four more grow in its place. Finally, another little horn first grows up toward Israel (the “Beautiful Land”). It then “grew up to the host of Heaven” and knocked down stars.”¹¹ It tries to replace the Commander of the Host of Heaven (i.e., Jesus) and stop the sacrifices to God. And it succeeds for 2300 days (over six years).¹²

⁸ [Daniel 7:14](#)

⁹ [Daniel 7:23-27](#)

¹⁰ **Two years later:** [Daniel 7:1](#) -- In the first year of the reign of Belshazzar over Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he lay on his bed. He wrote down the dream, and this is the summary of his account.

[Daniel 8:1](#) -- In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one that had appeared to me previously.

¹¹ **Another rebellious little horn:** [Daniel 8:9-10](#) -- From one of these horns a little horn emerged and grew extensively toward the south and the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew as high as the host of heaven, and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the earth, and trampled them.

¹² **Little horn's reign:** [Daniel 8:12, 14](#) --And in the rebellion, the host and the daily sacrifice were given over to the horn, and it flung truth to the ground and prospered in whatever it did. ... He said to me, “It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored.”

While there is some controversy in the interpretation of the 2300 days, many commentators and theologians point out the parallels with Antiochus IV Epiphanes, one of the Seleucid kings reigning over Jerusalem in the second century BC. He abolished sacrifices in the Temple, but later the Jewish Maccabean kings came into power and restored Jewish rule. That timespan was roughly 2300 days. (More on Antiochus in "Daniel 11 – Wars between North and South", below.)

Daniel asks the angel Gabriel what it means. It is for “the time of the end” (i.e., the End Times)¹³ and again involves kingdoms yet to come. But this time, the angel is much more explicit about the identity of the kingdoms:

“The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat represents the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king. The four horns that replaced the broken one represent four kingdoms that will rise from that nation, but will not have the same power.” (Daniel 8:20-22)

History

Historically, Alexander the Great of Macedonia, Greece, conquered Persia in 330 BC. After he died, his empire (by then encompassing much of the known world) was divided among four of his generals. One was Ptolemy of Egypt. Another was Seleucus, who controlled most of the Middle East. The other two controlled Greece, respectively, and what is now western Turkey and Romania. So, this prophecy in chapter 8 perfectly fits ancient history, all of which came after Daniel’s time.

This is quite consonant with Daniel chapter 2.

The angel continues,

“In the latter part of their reign, when the rebellion has reached its full measure, an insolent king, skilled in intrigue, will come to the throne. ... and he will even stand against the Prince of princes [i.e., Jesus; see below]. Yet he will be broken off, but not by human hands. The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been spoken is true. Now you must seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future.” (Daniel 8:23, 25b-26)

This last king could indicate the Roman Empire’s crucifixion of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. However, since “it concerns the distant future”, it seems more likely to be about events yet to come in the End Times when nations oppose the returning Christ.

¹³ [Daniel 8:16b-17, 19](#) -- ...“Gabriel, explain the vision to this man.” As he came near to where I stood, I was terrified and fell facedown. “Son of man,” he said to me, “understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.” ... and said, “Behold, I will make known to you what will happen in the latter time of wrath, because it concerns the appointed time of the end.

Interestingly, even after the angel Gabriel's explanation, Daniel still doesn't understand.¹⁴ I think we're in good company! Not only that, but the whole experience of the visions exhausts him.¹⁵ Perhaps trying to understand them exhausts us, too.

Daniel 9 – Seventy years and seventy “weeks”

Now this famous section of Daniel starts to get more confusing.

Some years later, Daniel reads the book of Jeremiah (written before or just at the start of the exile to Babylon). Jeremiah had prophesied that God had committed to return His people to the Promised Land after seventy years of exile.¹⁶ So Daniel prays, essentially reminding God that the time is drawing near, and he pleads that it be fulfilled.

The angel Gabriel¹⁷ again comes and answers Daniel. But Gabriel doesn't mention the seventy years of exile or the return from Babylon. Rather, he brings God's message about seventy “weeks” until the Messiah.

“Weeks” or “Sevens”

Most modern Bibles say “weeks” here. However, the Hebrew in this prophecy literally says not weeks but “sevens”. Seventy “sevens” (v.24); seven “sevens” and sixty-two “sevens” (v.25); and one “seven” (v.22). Theologians, commentators, and Judeo-Christian historians almost universally interpret these units of “seven” to mean groups of seven years. So, seven “sevens” would be 49 years; 62 “sevens” would be 434 years; 69 “sevens” would be 483 years; and 70 “sevens” would be 490 years.

One advantage of this is that when interpreted this way, it meshes well with recorded history. (Although, of course, it depends on the starting point. Exactly which of several similar decrees is Gabriel referring to in v.25? All give quite similar, but not identical, results.)

In any case, 483 years (69 “sevens” of v.25) after the appropriate decree, the ministry of Jesus the Messiah did begin. The “cutting off of the Messiah” (v.26), then, refers to His

¹⁴ **Daniel still didn't understand:** [Daniel 8:27c](#) -- I, Daniel, ... was confounded by the vision; it was beyond understanding.

¹⁵ **Visions are exhausting:** [Daniel 8:27a](#) -- I, Daniel, was exhausted and lay ill for days. ...

¹⁶ **Seventy years of exile and captivity:** [Jeremiah 29:10](#) -- For this is what the LORD says: “When Babylon’s seventy years are complete, I will attend to you and confirm My promise to restore you to this place.

¹⁷ **Gabriel:** [Daniel 9:21](#) -- While I was still praying, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

Crucifixion. After this, there is thought to be an indefinite pause until the “time of the end”.

The last “seven”, the 70th “seven”, follows the pause and occurs in the End Times.

But I’m getting ahead of myself. Let’s return to the Scripture passage.

Gabriel first says that there will be 70 “sevens” (490 years) to “stop their transgression, to put an end to sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy Place” ([Dan 9:24](#)). Then he gives more details about how the 70 “sevens” are divided out:

“From the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [which king Cyrus of Medeo-Persia pronounced¹⁸ [19](#)], until the Messiah, the Prince [i.e., Jesus Christ, the Messiah], there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of distress [which king Herod the Great built during distressing Roman occupation]. Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing [Jesus was crucified – essentially on schedule]. Then the people of the prince [ruler, king] who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. [Rome destroyed not only the Temple but Jerusalem and Judea in AD 70.]” ([Dan 9:25-26a](#), square-bracketed explanations are mine).

Later, apparently in the End Times,

“The end will come like a flood [suddenly, devastatingly], and until the end there will be war; desolations have been decreed [all of this is detailed in Revelation]. And he [evidently the Antichrist] will confirm a covenant with many for one week [seven years], but in the middle of the week [three and a half years] he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of the temple will come the abomination that causes desolation, until the decreed destruction is poured out upon him.” ([Dan 9:27](#); again, square-bracketed explanations are mine).

And again, it foretells and meshes well with Revelation.

¹⁸ **Cyrus decreed the return and rebuilding:** [Ezra 1:1-2](#) -- In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken through Jeremiah, the LORD stirred the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to send a proclamation throughout his kingdom and to put it in writing as follows: “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, who has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, has appointed me to build a house for Him at Jerusalem in Judah.

¹⁹ **Decades earlier, Isaiah had prophesied Cyrus's decree:** [Isaiah 45:1, 13](#) -- ... I will raise up Cyrus in righteousness, and I will make all his ways straight. He will rebuild My city and set My exiles free, but not for payment or reward, says the LORD of Hosts.”

Daniel 10-12 – Empires, wars, and End Times

Daniel 10 – Daniel’s distress

A couple of years later,²⁰ Daniel is fasting and mourning in distress for three weeks.²¹ Finally, another angel visits him.²² The angel first explains his delay.²³ He then answers Daniel’s concerns about what will happen at (literally) the End of Days.²⁴ The explanation continues in the following chapter.

Daniel 11 – Wars between North and South

This time, the angel is again more specific about the identity of kingdoms. He continues, “And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, stood up to strengthen and protect him” ([Daniel 11:1](#)).

Here, “I” does not refer to Daniel, but to the angel who has been speaking to Daniel in chapter 10. The angel, not Daniel, is the protector. Also note that the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, says “Cyrus the king” rather than “Darius the Mede”. Historians say that “Cyrus” seems to be a title, essentially “emperor”. Furthermore, Medea and Persia had merged. So, Cyrus the Persian and Darius the Mede are thought to be the same person.

The angel says that,

“Three more kings will arise in Persia [Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis Gaumata, and Darius I], and then a fourth [Xerxes], who will be far richer than all the others. By the power of his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece. Then a mighty king will arise [Alexander the Great], who will rule with great authority and do as he pleases. But as soon as he is established, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the authority with which he ruled, because his kingdom will be uprooted and given to others

²⁰ **Two years later:** [Daniel 10:1](#) -- In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a message was revealed to Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, and it concerned a great conflict. And the understanding of the message was given to him in a vision.

²¹ **Three weeks in distress:** [Daniel 10:2-3](#) -- In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three full weeks. I ate no rich food, no meat or wine entered my mouth, and I did not anoint myself with oil until the three weeks were completed.

²² **Another angel:** [Daniel 10:5-6](#) -- I lifted up my eyes, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. His body was like beryl, his face like the brilliance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of polished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.

²³ It’s interesting but not critical to our present discussion; read of it in [Daniel 10:7-13](#).

²⁴ [Daniel 10:14, 21a](#) -- Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision concerns those days. ... But first I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth. ...

[Alexander's four successors mentioned in our discussion of chapter 8 under "History"]"²⁵ ([Dan 11:2-4](#); square-bracketed explanations are mine).

This is in fine agreement with Daniel Chapters 2 and 8.

Now it gets quite confusing (at least to a non-historian like me). The rest of Chapter 11 details hundreds of years of war. The first warring party is the Kingdom of the North. (This is the Seleucid successors to Alexander (see "History", above). It was succeeded by the Roman Empire.) Their adversary is the Kingdom of the South (Egypt under the Ptolemies).

Israel (the "Beautiful Land") is caught in the crossfire. All this actually happened in history.

One of the warring kings "will turn back and rage against the holy covenant and do damage. So, he will return and show favor to those who forsake the holy covenant. His forces will rise up and desecrate the temple fortress. They will abolish the daily sacrifice and set up the abomination of desolation" ([Dan 11:30-31](#)).

In fact, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, one of the Seleucid kings, did abolish the sacrifices and set up a statue of himself in the Temple in Jerusalem²⁶. The Jews considered that to be "the abomination of desolation". This set off the Jewish revolts of the Maccabees. Much later, the Romans also destroyed Jerusalem and Judea, again abolishing the daily sacrifice (and razing the Temple to the ground). The Romans had threatened to erect a pagan statue in the Temple, which is what triggered the war of AD 67-70.

But the North-South wars continue through the rest of Daniel 11 (and in history).

Daniel 12 – End Times

While the angel continues the explanation, his narrative shifts to the End Times".²⁷

"There will be a time of distress [tribulation], the likes of which will not have occurred from the beginning of nations until that time" ([Dan 12:1b](#)). This is a good picture of the great tribulation of the End Times that Jesus warned of and that is described in Revelation.²⁸

²⁵ **Persia, Greece, Alexander, etc.:** [Daniel 11:2-4](#)

²⁶ **Antiochus:** Recall him from "Daniel 8 – Another little rebellious horn", above.

²⁷ **End Times:** [Daniel 12:4a](#) -- But you, Daniel, shut up these words and seal the book until the time of the end. ...

²⁸ **Time of great distress:** [Matthew 24:21](#) -- For at that time there will be great tribulation, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again.
[continued...]

“At that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book [of Life] – will be delivered”.²⁹ ... [Then] “many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake [resurrection], some to everlasting life [believers], but others to shame and everlasting contempt [anti-God unbelievers]” ([Dan 12:2](#); square-bracketed explanations are mine).

This is resurrection, to either judgment and eternal Life or eternal punishment, as described by Jesus and in Revelation.³⁰

And “the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever”³¹ (again, it sounds like Heaven).

After that, two more angels join the group for an explanation of when, at “the end of time”, all this will happen. Unfortunately for both Daniel (who “could not understand”³²) and for us, the answer is rather cryptic and “sealed up” until the End Times. Only then will it transpire: “... I heard him swear by Him who lives forever, saying, ‘It will be for a time, and times, and half a

[Mark 13:19](#) -- For those will be days of tribulation unmatched from the beginning of God’s creation until now, and never to be seen again.

[Revelation 7:14b](#) -- ... So he replied, “These are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation

[Revelation 16:18](#) -- And there were flashes of lightning, and rumblings, and peals of thunder, and a great earthquake the likes of which had not occurred since men were upon the earth—so mighty was the great quake.

[Jeremiah 30:7](#) -- How awful that day will be! None will be like it! It is the time of Jacob’s distress, but he will be saved out of it.

[Ezekiel 5:9](#) -- Because of all your abominations, I will do to you what I have never done before and will never do again.

[Daniel 9:12](#) -- You have carried out the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing upon us a great disaster. For under all of heaven, nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem.

²⁹ **All in the Lamb’s will be saved:** [Daniel 12:1c-2](#) -- ... But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. And many who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, but others to shame and everlasting contempt.

[Revelation 20:12, 15](#) -- ... And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the , he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

[Revelation 21:27](#) -- But nothing unclean will ever enter it [the New Jerusalem in Heaven], nor anyone who practices an abomination or a lie, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s .

³⁰ **Resurrection, judgment, and or eternal punishment:** [Matthew 25:46](#) -- And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into .”

[John 5:28-29](#) -- Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

³¹ **The righteous ones will shine:** [Daniel 12:3](#) -- Then the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

³² **Could not understand:** [Daniel 12:8](#) -- I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these things?”

time. When the power of the holy people has finally been shattered, all these things will be completed' " ([Daniel 12:7](#)).

This meshes well with many other prophecies and accounts of the End Times. Many of them also foretell that such things will be for "a time, times, and half a time"³³ (or for equivalents and near equivalents in months or days, i.e., three and a half years).³⁴

[Daniel 12:10](#)³⁵ foreshadows [Revelation 22:11](#), [Matthew 13:14-15](#), and [Matthew 24:37-38](#).³⁶

They all imply that while believers will keep believing and will be saved, nonbelievers have hardened their hearts. They reject God, still refuse to believe, and will be condemned.

³³ **Time, times, and half a time:** [Daniel 7:25](#) -- He will speak out against the Most High and oppress the saints of the Most High, intending to change the appointed times and laws; and the saints will be given into his hand for a time, and times, and half a time.

[Revelation 12:14](#) -- But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle to fly from the presence of the serpent to her place in the wilderness, where she was nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

³⁴ **Equivalents in months or days:** [Revelation 12:6](#) -- And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place for her to be nourished for 1,260 days.

[Revelation 11:3](#) -- And I will empower my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

[Revelation 13:5](#) -- The beast was given a mouth to speak arrogant and blasphemous words, and authority to act for forty-two months.

[Daniel 12:11](#) -- And from the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation set up, there will be 1,290 days.

[Daniel 12:12](#) -- Blessed is he who waits and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

³⁵ **Daniel 12:10** -- Many will be purified, made spotless, and refined, but the wicked will continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked will understand, but the wise will understand.

³⁶ **Revelation 22:11** -- Let the unrighteous continue to be unrighteous, and the vile continue to be vile; let the righteous continue to practice righteousness, and the holy continue to be holy."

Matthew 13:14-15 -- In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has grown callous; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.'

Isaiah 6:9-10 -- And He replied: "Go and tell this people, 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the hearts of this people calloused; deafen their ears and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Matthew 24:37-38 -- As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark.

The angels again “explain” with cryptic timing: “from the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation set up, there will be 1,290 days [three and a half years]. Blessed is he who waits and reaches the end of the 1,335 days” [another 45 days thereafter].³⁷

Finally, Daniel is assured that he, himself, will be resurrected “at the end of the age”: “But as for you, go on your way until the end. You will rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days”.³⁸

And with that, the book of Daniel ends.

What does it all mean?

The book of Daniel seems to have several purposes:

- To raise up Daniel as an excellent example of a godly and righteous person, and to encourage us to be as steadfast in righteousness and our love of God as Daniel was.
- To illustrate that God is in control and protects His faithful followers.
- To give Daniel assurance that the Jews will return from exile, both from Babylon and from future exile; and that they will persevere through additional persecution during the ebb and flow of subsequent empires.
- To give us a narrative summary of Daniel’s life and faith.
- To give Daniel assurance of his salvation.
- To give people alive during the eventual End Times (for whom the book is “sealed up until”) some hint of signs of the times, of what’s coming, and of when, so that they might recognize it when they see it.
- To give us, who live in the interim between Daniel and the End Times, assurance that God is in control, and some hint of what may come at the end.

The details, however, are not readily understandable until the End Times because those prophecies really weren’t written for us, but for the people alive then.

³⁷ **More cryptic timing:** [Daniel 12:11-12](#)

³⁸ **Daniel to be resurrected at the end:** [Daniel 12:13](#) -- But as for you, go on your way until the end. You will rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.”

So what? What should we do about it?

For our present purposes, the main thing is to understand how Daniel so beautifully meshes with and complements the book of Revelation and the other End Times passages in the Bible. The events and signs of these revelations were prophesied (albeit more briefly) hundreds of years before John penned Revelation, and thousands of years before they will occur. The Bible is a single story centered on Jesus from beginning to end. Its chapters mesh with each other and draw to a dramatic conclusion in Revelation. Yet that conclusion is hinted at in Daniel and other books of the Bible.

We should also, of course, remain faithful to God and Jesus, and follow and obey Him, with Daniel's kind of righteousness.

Revelation and Daniel summary table

A partial comparison of Revelation and Daniel

Revelation	Daniel
Throughout <i>Revelation</i> – Angels talking with John	Throughout <i>Daniel</i> – Angels talking with Daniel
Rev 1:12 – One like a Son of Man	Throughout <i>Daniel</i>
Rev 1:7 – He is coming with clouds	Dan 7:13 – One like a Son of Man coming with clouds of Heaven
Rev 1:15 – His body glowing like fired, burnished bronze and words like roaring waters	Dan 10:6 – His body like gleaming bronze & words like roaring waters
Rev 5:2-3 – Who is worthy to break the seals?	Dan 12:4 and Dan 8:26 – Seal up these words until the times of the end
Rev 7:14 – These people came out of the Great Tribulation [see also Matt 24:9, 21, 29 , etc.]	Dan 12:1 – There will be a time of great distress more than any up until then

Rev 12 – Satanic dragon with heads, horns, etc.	Dan 8:15-27 – Beasts with heads, horns, etc.
Rev 12:7 – Archangel Michael & his angels fought the dragon Satan	Dan 10:13, 21 ; 12:1 ; Jude 1:9 – Archangel Michael
Rev 13 and Rev 17 – Strange, unholy beasts with multiple horns	Dan 7-8 ; Dan 3 – Strange, unholy beasts with multiple horns; Dan 8:15-27 – Beasts’ horns represent empires
Revelation 13:1-10 – Antichrist-like beast from the sea	Dan 9:27 ; 11:31 ; 12:11 – Beasts similar to those in <i>Revelation</i>
Rev 13:14-15 – Second beast from land builds image of first beast from sea, makes it talk, demands its worship	Dan 2 and Dan 3 – Kings set up statues of themselves to be worshipped Dan 9:27 ; Dan 11:31 ; Dan 12:11 and Matt 24:15 – Abomination of desolation, a statue set up in the Temple
Rev 15:6-7 – Angels with golden sashes	Dan 10:5 – Angel Gabriel with golden sash
Rev 18:1 – An angel with great power & authority, likely Archangel Michael	Dan 10:13, 21 ; 12:1 ; Jude 1:9 – Archangel Michael
Rev 20:4, 11-12 – Thrones set up and the Great White Throne judgment	Dan 7:9-10 – Thrones set up for Ancient of Days (God) to judge
Rev 19:20-21 ; Rev 20:10, 13-15 – Dragon Satan and unholy beasts judged & thrown into eternal Lake of Fire	Dan 9:11-12 – Unholy beasts judged & destroyed by burning fire
Rev 20:4 – Martyrs resurrected & rule with Christ for 1000 yrs	Dan 7:18-27 – Saints given the Kingdom to rule

[Rev 21](#) – Saints, believers, with God in New Heaven, New Earth, & New Jerusalem forever

[Dan 7:18-27](#) – Saints given the Kingdom to rule

[Rev 22:11](#) – People will stay in the state they were in, whether wrong, evil, filthy or righteous & holy

[Dani12:10](#) – Many will be purified but the wicked will continue to be wicked & will not understand