

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The test of Daniel and his friends

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah ^acame Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with ^apart of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried ^binto the land of Shinar to the house of his god; ^cand he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 ¶ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that *he* should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children ^ain whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful 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 ^bwhom *they* might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of ¹the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might ^astand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 ^aUnto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: ^bfor he gave unto Daniel *the name of* Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself ^awith 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 ^aGod had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces ¹worse liking than the children which *are* of your ²sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to ¹Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us ¹pulse ²to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the

1:1 ^a2 Ki. 24:1; 2 Chr. 36:6

1:2 ^aJer. 27:19

^bGen. 10:10;

Zech. 5:11

^c2 Chr. 36:7

1:4 ^aSee Lev. 24:19, 20 ^bActs 7:22

1:5 ¹Heb. *the wine of his drink*

^aver. 19; Gen. 41:46; 1 Ki. 10:8

1:7 ^aGen. 41:45; 2 Ki. 24:17

^bCh. 4:8; 5:12

1:8 ^aDeut. 32:38; Ezek. 4:13; Hos. 9:3

1:9 ^aSee Gen. 39:21; Ps. 106:46; Prov. 16:7

1:10 ¹Heb. *saddler* ²Or, *term, or, continuance?*

1:11 ¹Or, *the steward*

1:12 ¹Heb. *of pulse* ²Heb. *we may eat, etc.*

1:17 ¹Or, *he made Daniel understand*

^a1 Ki. 3:12; Jas. 1:5, 17 ^bActs 7:22 ^cNum. 12:6; 2 Chr. 28:5; ch. 5:11, 12, 14; 10:1

1:19 ^aver. 5; Gen. 41:46

1:20 ¹Heb. *wisdom of understanding*

^a1 Ki. 10:1

1:21 ^ach. 6:28; 10:1

2:1 ^aGen. 41:8; ch. 4:5 ^bEsth. 6:1; ch. 6:18

2:2 ^aGen. 41:8; Ex. 7:11; ch. 5:7

2:4 ^a1 Ki. 1:31; ch. 3:9; 5:10; 6:6, 21

2:5 ¹Chald. *made pieces*

^a2 Ki. 10:27; Ezra 6:11; ch. 3:29

2:6 ¹Or, *see*

^ach. 5:16 ^bver. 48; ch. 5:17

children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 ¶ As for these four children, ^aGod gave them ^bknowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and ¹Daniel had ^cunderstanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said *he* should bring them in, then 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 ^astood they before the king.

20 ^aAnd in all matters of ¹wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

21 ^aAnd Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream

2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, ^awherewith his spirit was troubled, and ^bhis sleep brake from him.

2 ^aThen the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

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

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, ^aO king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be ^acut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 ^aBut if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and ^brewards and great honour: therefore

shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would ¹gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but one decree for you:* for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.*

11 And *it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, ^aexcept the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.*

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

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

14 ¶ Then Daniel ¹answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the ²³captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise *men* of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, *Why is the decree so hasty from the king?* Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that *he* would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

18 ^aThat *they* would desire mercies ¹of the God of heaven concerning this secret; ²that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19 ¶ Then *was* the secret revealed unto Daniel ^ain a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, ^aBlessed be the name of God for ever and ever: ^bfor wisdom and might are his:

21 And he changeth ^athe times and the seasons: ^bhe removeth kings, and setteth up kings: ^che giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

22 ^aHe revealeth the deep and secret *things*: ^bhe knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and ^cthe light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we ^adesired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.

2:8 ¹Chald. buy

2:11 ^ach. 5:11

2:14 ¹Chald. returned ²Or, chief marshal

³Chald. chief of the executioners, or, slaughtermen

2:18 ¹Chald. from before God

²Or, that they should not destroy Daniel, etc. ^aMat. 18:19

2:19 ^aNum. 12:6; Job 33:15

2:20 ^aPs. 113:2

^aJer. 32:19

2:21 ^aEsth. 1:13

^bJob 12:16; Ps. 75:6,7; Jer. 27:5

^cJas. 1:5

2:22 ^aJob 12:22; Ps. 25:14

^bPs. 139:11; Heb. 4:13 ^cch. 5:11,14

2:23 ^aver. 18

2:25 ¹Chald. That I have found

²Chald. children of the captivity of Judah

2:28 ¹Chald. hath made known

^aGen. 40:8; Amos 4:13

^bGen. 49:1

2:29 ¹Chald. came up ^aver. 22:28

2:30 ¹[Or, but for the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king] ^aActs 3:12

^bver. 47

2:31 ¹Chald. wast seeing

2:32 ¹Or, sides ^aSee ver. 38

2:34 ¹Or, which was not in hands: as ver. 45 ^aZech. 4:6; 2 Cor. 5:1; Heb. 9:24

2:35 ^aHos. 13:3

^bPs. 37:10,36

^cIs. 2:2,3 ^dPs. 80:9

2:37 ^aEzra 7:12; Is. 47:5; Jer. 27:6,7; Ezek. 26:7; Hos. 8:10

^bEzra 1:2

2:38 ^ach. 4:21,22; Jer. 27:6

Daniel interprets the dream

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, ¹I have found a man of the ²captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologians, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

28 ^aBut there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and ¹maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar ^bwhat shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, *are* these;

29 *As for thee, O king, thy thoughts ¹came into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: ^aand he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

30 ^aBut *as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, ¹but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, ^band that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.*

31 ¶ Thou, O king, ¹sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

32 ^aThis image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his ¹thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out ^{a1}without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became ^alike the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that ^bno place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image ^cbecame a great mountain, ^dand filled the whole earth.

36 ¶ This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 ^aThou, O king, *art* a king of kings: ^bfor the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 ^aAnd wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and

hath made thee ruler over them all. ^bThou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise ^aanother kingdom ^binferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And ^athe fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly ¹broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixt with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave ¹one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

44 And in ¹the days of these kings ^ashall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, ^bwhich shall never be destroyed: and the ²kingdom shall not be left to other people, ^cbut it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 ^aForasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain ¹without hands, and *that* it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass ²hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 ¶ ^aThen the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that *they* should offer an oblation ^band sweet odours unto him.

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, ^aand gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and ^bchief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requested of the king, ^aand he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel ^bsat in the gate of the king.

The fiery furnace

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: 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 counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of

2:38 ^aver. 32

2:39 ^ach.

5:28,31 ^aver. 32

2:40 ^ach. 7:7,23

2:42 ¹Or, brittle

2:43 ¹Chald.

this with this

2:44 ¹Chald.

their days

²Chald. kingdom

thereof ^aver. 28

^ach. 4:3,34; 6:26;

7:14,27; Mic. 4:7;

Luke 1:32,33

^cPs. 2:9; Is.

60:12; 1 Cor.

15:24

2:45 ¹Or, which

was not in hands

²Chald. after this

^aver. 35; Is. 28:16

2:46 ^aSee Acts

10:25; 14:13;

28:6 ^bEzra 6:10

2:48 ^aver. 6

^bch. 4:9; 5:11

2:49 ^ach. 3:12

^bEsth. 2:19,21;

3:2

3:4 ¹Chald. with

might ²Chald.

they command

^ach. 4:1; 6:25

3:5 ¹Or, singing

²Chald.

symphony

3:6 ^aJer. 29:22;

Rev. 13:15

3:8 ^ach. 6:12

3:9 ^ach. 2:4;

5:10; 6:6,21

3:12 ¹Chald.

have set no

regard upon thee

^ach. 2:49

3:14 ¹Or, of

purpose, as Ex.

21:13 (Heb.)

3:15 ^aAs Ex.

32:32; Luke 13:9

^bEx. 5:2; 2 Ki.

18:35

3:16 ^aMat.

10:19

the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the princes, the governors and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto 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 ¹aloud, To you ²it is commanded, ^aO people, nations, and languages,

5 *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, ¹²dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

6 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour ^abe cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans ^acame near, and accused the Jews.

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, ^aO king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12 ^aThere are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, ¹have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought these men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* ¹true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *awell*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; ^band who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, ^awe are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is

able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar ¹full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven *times* more than *it was* wont to be heat.

20 And he commanded the ¹most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their ¹coats, their hosen, and their ²hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore because the king's ¹commandment *was* urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the ²flame of the fire slew those men that 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 in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his ¹counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, ^awalking in the midst of the fire, and ¹they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth *is* like ^bthe Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the ¹mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, ^aupon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that ^atrusted 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 ^aTherefore ¹I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak ²any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be ^{b3}cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: ^cbecause there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

3:19 ¹Chald.

filled

3:20 ¹Chald.

mighty of

strength

3:21 ¹Or,

mantles ²Or,

turbants

3:22 ¹Chald.

word ²Or, spark

3:24 ¹Or,

governors

3:25 ¹Chald.

there is no hurt in

them ^aIs. 43:2

^bver. 28; Job 1:6;

38:7; Ps. 34:7

3:26 ¹Chald.

door

3:27 ^aHeb.

11:34

3:28 ^aPs.

34:7,8; Jer. 17:7;

ch. 6:22,23

3:29 ¹Chald. a

decree is made

by me ²Chald.

error ^aChald.

made pieces

^ach. 6:26 ^bch.

25

3:29 ^cch. 6:27

3:30 ¹Chald.

made to prosper

4:1 ^ach. 3:4;

6:25

4:2 ¹Chald. It

was seemly

before me ^ach.

3:26

4:3 ^ach. 6:27

^bver. 34; ch. 2:44;

6:26

4:5 ^ach. 2:28,29

^bch. 2:1

4:7 ^ach. 2:2

4:8 ^ach. 1:7

^bver. 18; Is.

63:11; ch. 2:11;

5:11,14

4:9 ^ach. 2:48;

5:11

4:10 ¹Chald. I

was seeing ^aver.

20; Ezek. 31:3

4:12 ^aEzek.

17:23; 31:6; See

Lam. 4:20

4:13 ^aver. 17,23

^bDeut. 33:2; ch.

8:13; Zech. 14:5;

Jude 14

4:14 ¹Chald.

with might ^aMat.

3:10 ^aEzek.

31:12

30 Then the king ¹promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

The king's dream

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, ^aunto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 ¹I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders ^athat the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 ^aHow great *are* his signs! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* ^ban everlasting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, ^aand the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head ^btroubled me.

6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.

7 ^aThen came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they *did* not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.

8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, ^awhose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, ^band in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, *saying*,

9 O Belteshazzar, ^amaster of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell *me* the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; ¹I saw, and behold, ^aa tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great.

11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: ^athe beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, ^aa watcher and ^ba holy one came down from heaven;

14 He cried ¹aloud, and said thus, ^aHew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: ^blet the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls 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 unto him; and let seven ^atimes 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 ^athat the living may know ^bthat the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, ^aforasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art* able; ^bfor the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.

The interpretation and warning

19 ¶ Then Daniel, ^awhose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, ^bthe dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.

20 ^aThe tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:

22 ^aIt *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, ^band thy dominion to the end of the earth.

23 ^aAnd whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof 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, ^band let his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;

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

25 That they *shall* ^adrive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee ^bto eat grass as oxen, and they *shall* wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, ^ctill thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and ^dgiveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom *shall be* sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the ^aheavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and ^abreak off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shew-

4:16 ^ach. 11:13; 12:7

4:17 ^aPs. 9:16
^bver. 25, 32; ch. 2:21; 5:21

4:18 ^aGen. 41:8, 15; ch. 5:8, 15 ^bver. 8

4:19 ^aver. 8
^bSee 2 Sam. 18:32; Jer. 29:7

4:20 ^aver. 10, 11, 12

4:22 ^ach. 2:38
^bJer. 27:6-8

4:23 ^aver. 13
^bch. 5:21

4:25 ^aver. 32; ch. 5:21 ^bPs. 106:20 ^cver. 17, 32; Ps. 83:18

^dJer. 27:5

4:26 ^aMat. 21:25; Luke 15:18

4:27 ^a1 Pet. 4:8

4:27 ¹Or, a healing of thine error ^bPs. 41:1 ^c1 Ki. 21:29

4:29 ¹Or, upon

4:30 ^aProv. 16:18; ch. 5:20

4:31 ^ach. 5:5; Luke 12:20 ^bver. 24

4:32 ^aver. 25

4:34 ^aver. 26
^bch. 12:7; Rev. 4:10

^cPs. 10:16; ch. 2:44; Mic. 4:7; Luke 1:33

4:35 ^aIs. 40:15

^bPs. 115:3; 135:6

^cJob 34:29 ^dJob 9:12; Is. 45:9; Rom. 9:20

4:36 ^aver. 26

^bJob 42:12; Prov. 22:4; Mat. 6:33

4:37 ^aPs. 33:4;

Rev. 15:3 ^bEx. 18:11; ch. 5:20

5:1 ^aEsth. 1:3

5:2 ¹Or, grandfather; as Jer. 27:7; 2 Sam. 9:7; 2 Chr. 15:16;

ver. 11, 13]

²Chald. brought forth ^ach. 1:2; Jer. 52:19

ing mercy to the poor; ^bif it may be ^ca lengthening of thy tranquillity.

The dream is fulfilled

28 ¶ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked ¹in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king ^aspake, 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 honour of my majesty?

31 ^aWhile the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell ^ba voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And ^athey shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he *was* driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And ^aat the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lift up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him ^bthat liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* ^can everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation:

35 And ^aall the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; and ^bhe doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and ^cnone can stay his hand, or say unto him, ^dWhat doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; ^aand for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was ^badded unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, ^aall whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgment: ^band those that walk in pride he *is* able to abase.

The handwriting on the wall

5 Belshazzar the king ^amade a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, whiles *he* tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels ^awhich his ¹father Nebuchadnezzar had ²taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king,

and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.

4 They drank wine, ^aand praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 ¶ ^aIn the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's ¹countenance ²was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the ^{a34}joints of his loins were loosed, and his ^bknees smote one against another.

7 ^aThe king cried ¹aloud to bring in ^bthe astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with ²scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, ^cand shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the king's wise men: ^abut they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then *was* king Belshazzar greatly ^atroubled, and his ¹countenance *was* changed in him, and his lords *were* astonished.

10 ¶ *Now* the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.

11 ^aThere is a man in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy ¹father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy ¹father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made ^bmaster of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

12 ^aForasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, ¹interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and ²dissolving of ³doubts, were found in the same Daniel, ^bwhom the king named Belshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my ¹father brought out of Jewry?

14 I have even heard of thee, that ^athe spirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

15 And now ^athe wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst ¹make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: ^anow if thou canst read the writing, and make

5:4 ^aRev. 9:20
5:5 ^ach. 4:31
5:6 ¹Chald. brightness
²Chald. changed it
³Or, girdles
⁴Chald. bindings, or, knots
^aIs. 5:27
¹Nah. 2:10
5:7 ¹Chald. with might
²Or, purple
^ach. 4:6
^bIs. 47:13
^cch. 6:2
5:8 ^ach. 2:27
5:9 ¹Chald. brightnesses
^ach. 2:1
5:11 ¹Or, grandfather
^ach. 2:48; 4:8,9,18
^bch. 4:9
5:12 ¹Or, of an interpreter, etc.
²Or, of a dissolver
³Chald. knots
^ach. 6:3
^bch. 1:7
5:13 ¹Or, grandfather
5:14 ^aver. 11,12
5:15 ^aver. 7,8
5:16 ¹Chald. interpret
^aver. 7

5:17 ¹Or, fee
^ach. 2:6
5:18 ^ach. 2:37,38;
4:17,22,25
5:19 ^aJer. 27:7;
ch. 3:4
5:20 ¹Or, to deal proudly
²Chald. made to come down
^ach. 4:30,37
5:21 ¹Or, he made his heart equal, etc.
^ach. 4:32
^bch. 4:17,25
5:22 ^{a2}Chr. 33:23; 36:12
5:23 ^aver. 3,4
^bPs. 115:5,6
^cJer. 10:23
5:27 ^aJob 31:6; Ps. 62:9; Jer. 6:30
5:28 ^aForetold Is. 21:2; ver. 31; ch. 9:1
^bch. 6:28
5:29 ^aver. 7
5:30 ^aJer. 51:31,39,57
5:31 ¹Chald. he as the son of, etc.
²Or, now
^ach. 9:1

known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy ^{a1}rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 ¶ O thou king, ^athe most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, ^aall people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 ^aBut when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened ¹in pride, he was ²deposed from his kingly throne, and they took *his* glory from him:

21 And he *was* ^adriven from the sons of men; and ¹his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; ^btill he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, ^ahast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

23 ^aBut hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, *have* drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, ^bwhich see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, ^cand whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

24 Then *was* the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing *was* written.

25 And this *is* the writing that *was* written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; ^aThou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the ^aMedes and ^bPersians.

29 ¶ Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, ^athat *he* should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ^aIn that night *was* Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 ^aAnd Darius the Median took the kingdom, ¹being ²about threescore and two year old.

Daniel in the den of lions

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, ^abecause an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 ¶ ^aThen the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes ¹assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, ^aKing Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm ¹decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the ^alaw of the Medes and Persians, which ¹altereth not.

9 Wherefore 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 ^atoward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees ^bthree times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 ^aThen they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, ^baccording to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, ^awhich is of the children of the captivity of Judah, ^bregardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, ^awas sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that ^athe law of the Medes and Persians is,

6:3 ^ach. 5:126:4 ^aEcc. 4:46:6 ¹Or, came

tumultuously

^aver. 21; Neh.

2:3; ch. 2:4

6:7 ¹Or, interdict6:8 ¹Chald.passeth not ^aver.

12:15; Esth. 1:19;

8:8

6:10 ^a1 Ki.

8:44, 48; Ps. 5:7;

Jonah 2:4 ^bPs.

55:17; Acts

2:1, 2, 15; 3:1;

10:9

6:12 ^ach. 3:8^aver. 86:13 ^ach. 1:6;5:13 ^ach. 3:126:14 ^aMark 6:266:15 ^aver. 86:17 ^aLam. 3:53^bMat. 27:666:18 ¹Or, table^ach. 2:16:20 ^ach. 3:156:21 ^ach. 2:46:22 ^ach. 3:28^bHeb. 11:336:23 ^aHeb.

11:33

6:24 ^aDeut.19:19 ^bEsth.

9:10; See Deut.

24:16; 2 Ki. 14:6

6:25 ^ach. 4:16:26 ^ach. 3:29^bPs. 99:1 ^cch.4:34 ^dch. 2:44;

4:3, 34; Luke 1:33

6:27 ¹Chald.hand ^ach. 4:36:28 ^ach. 1:21^bEzra 1:1, 27:1 ¹Chald. saw^aOr, words^aNum. 12:6;Amos 3:7 ^bch.

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That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 ^aAnd a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; ^band 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 ¹instruments of musick brought before him: ^aand his sleep went from him.

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

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, ^ais thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, ^aO king, live for ever.

22 ^aMy God hath sent his angel, and hath ^bshut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding 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 hurt was found upon him, ^abecause he believed in his God.

24 And the king commanded, ^aand they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, ^btheir children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 ¶ ^aThen king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 ^aI make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men ^btremble and fear before the God of Daniel: ^cfor he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be ^ddestroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

27 He delivereth and rescueth, ^aand he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the ¹power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, ^aand in the reign of ^bCyrus the Persian.

Daniel's dream of four beasts

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon ^aDaniel ¹had a dream and ^bvisions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the ²matters.

2 Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

3 And four great beasts ^acame up from the sea, diverse one from another.

4 The first *was* ^alike a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, ¹and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 ^aAnd behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear, and ¹it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also ^afour heads; and dominion *was* given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, ^aa fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; ^band it had ten horns.

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

9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and ^bthe Ancient of days did sit, ^cwhose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was* like the fiery flame, ^dand his wheels *as* burning fire.

10 ^aA fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: ^bthousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: ^cthe judgment *was* set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: ^aI beheld *even* till the beast *was* slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet ¹their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, ^aone 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 ^aAnd there *was* given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all ^bpeople, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* ^can everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

The dream explained

15 ¶ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* ¹body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

7:3 ^aRev. 13:1

7:4 ¹Or,

^awherewith

^aDeut. 28:49;

2 Sam. 1:23; Jer.

48:40; Ezek.

17:3; Hab. 1:8

7:5 ¹Or, *it raised*

up one dominion

^ach. 2:39

7:6 ^ach. 8:8,22

7:7 ^ach. 2:40

^bch. 2:41; Rev.

13:1

7:8 ^ach. 8:9

^bRev. 9:7 ^cPs.

12:3; Rev. 13:5

7:9 ^aRev. 20:4

^bPs. 90:2 ^cPs.

104:2; Rev. 1:14

^aEzek. 1:15

7:10 ^aPs. 50:3;

Is. 30:33; 66:15

^b1 Ki. 22:19; Ps.

68:17; Rev. 5:11

^cRev. 20:4

7:11 ^aRev.

19:20

7:12 ¹Chald. *a*

prolonging in life

was given them

7:13 ^aEzek.

1:26; Mat. 24:30;

Rev. 1:7

7:14 ^aPs. 2:6-8;

Mat. 28:18; John

3:35; 1 Cor.

15:27; Eph. 1:22

^bch. 3:4 ^cPs.

145:13; Mic. 4:7;

Luke 1:33; John

12:34; Heb. 12:28

7:15 ¹Chald.

sheath

7:18 ¹Chald.

high ones, that is

things, or, places

^aIs. 60:12; 2 Tim.

2:11; Rev. 2:26

7:19 ¹Chald.

from all those

7:21 ^aRev.

17:14

7:22 ^aRev. 1:6

7:23 ^ach. 2:40

7:24 ^aRev.

17:12

7:25 ^aIs. 37:23

^bRev. 17:6 ^cch.

2:21 ^aRev. 13:7

^aRev. 12:14

7:26 ^aver. 10:22

7:27 ¹Or, *rulers*

^aver. 14, 18

^bLuke 1:33; John

12:34; Rev. 11:15

^cIs. 60:12

7:28 ^ach. 8:27

^bLuke 2:19

8:1 ^ach. 7:1

8:2 ^aEsth. 1:2

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 ¶ These great beasts, which *are* four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.

18 But ^athe saints of the ¹most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse ¹from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were* of iron, and his nails of brass; *which* devoured, brake 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; *even* of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great *things*, whose look *was* more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, ^aand the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, ^aand judgment *was* given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be ^athe fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 ^aAnd the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings *that* shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 ^aAnd he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall ^bwear out the saints of the most High, and ^cthink to change times and laws: and ^dthey shall be given into his hand ^euntil a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 ^aBut the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy *it* unto the end.

27 And the ^akingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, *shall be* given to the people of the saints of the most High, ^bwhose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, ^cand all ¹dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto *is* the end of the matter. *As for* me Daniel, ^amy cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I ^bkept the matter in my heart.

Vision of the ram, goat and horn

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, *even* unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me ^aat the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I *was* at ^aShushan in the palace, which *is* in the province of Elam;

and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than ¹the other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; ^abut he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and ¹touching not the ground: and the goat had ²a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up ^afour notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

9 ^aAnd out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, ^btoward the south, and toward the east, and toward the ^cpleasant land.

10 ^aAnd it waxed great, ^{even} ¹to ^bthe host of heaven; and ^cit cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, ^ahe magnified himself ^{even} ¹to ^bthe prince of the host, ^cand ²by him ^dthe daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And ^a1 a host was given ^{him} against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down ^bthe truth to the ground; and it ^cpractised, and prospered.

13 Then I heard ^aone saint speaking, and another saint said unto ¹²that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression ^bof desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred ¹days; then shall the sanctuary be ²cleansed.

Gabriel explains the vision

15 ¶ And it came to pass, when I, ^{even} I Daniel, had seen the vision, and ^asought for the meaning, then behold, there stood before me ^bas the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice ^abetween the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, ^bGabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

8:3 ¹Heb. the second
8:4 ^ach. 5:19
8:5 ¹Or, none touched him in the earth ²Heb. a horn of sight
8:8 ^aver. 22
8:9 ^ach. 11:21
^bch. 11:25 ^cPs. 48:2

8:10 ¹Or, against the host
^ach. 11:28 ^bIs. 14:13 ^cRev. 12:4

8:11 ¹Or, against ²Or, from him ^ach. 11:36 ^bJosh. 5:14 ^cch. 11:31
^dEx. 29:38

8:12 ¹Or, the host was given over for the transgression against the daily sacrifice ^ach. 11:31 ^bPs. 119:43; Is. 59:14
^cver. 4

8:13 ¹[Or,] the number of secrets, or, the wonderful numberer ²Heb. Palmoni ³Or, making desolate
^ach. 4:13; 1 Pet. 1:12 ^bch. 11:31

8:14 ¹Heb. evening morning
²Heb. justified

8:15 ^a1 Pet. 1:10 ^bEzek. 1:26

8:16 ^ach. 12:6,7
^bLuke 1:19

8:17 ^aEzek. 1:28; Rev. 1:17

8:18 ¹Heb. made me stand upon my standing
^aLuke 9:32

^bEzek. 2:2

8:19 ^aHeb. 2:3

8:21 ^ach. 11:3

8:22 ^ach. 11:4

8:23 ¹Heb. are accomplished
^aDeut. 28:50

8:24 ¹Heb. people of the holy ones
^aRev. 17:13 ^bch. 11:36
^cch. 7:25

8:25 ¹Or, prosperity ^ach. 11:21 ^bch. 11:36
^cch. 11:36 ^dJob 34:20; Lam. 4:6

8:26 ^aEzek. 12:27; Rev. 22:10

8:27 ^ach. 7:28

9:1 ¹Or, in which he, etc.
^ach. 1:21

9:2 ^a2 Chr. 36:21; Jer. 25:11

9:3 ^aNeh. 1:4; Jer. 29:12; ch. 6:10

9:4 ^aEx. 20:6; Deut. 7:9

9:5 ^a1 Ki. 8:47; Ps. 106:6; Jer. 14:7

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and ^afell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.

18 ^aNow as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: ^bbut he touched me, and ¹set me upright.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: ^afor at the time appointed the end shall be.

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes ^ais the first king.

22 ^aNow that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors ¹are come to the full, a king ^aof fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 And his power shall be mighty, ^abut not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, ^band shall prosper, and practise, ^cand shall destroy the mighty and the ¹holy people.

25 And ^athrough his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; ^band he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by ¹peace shall destroy many: ^che shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be ^abroken without hand.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: ^awherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

27 ^aAnd 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 none understood it.

Daniel's prayer for the people

9 In the first year ^aof Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, ¹which 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, whereof the word of the LORD came to ^aJeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

3 ^aAnd I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, ^aO Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 ^aWe have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 ^aNeither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, ^arighteousness ¹belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near*, and *that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 ^aTo the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, ^aall Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that *they* might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the ^blaw of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

12 And he hath ^aconfirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: ^bfor under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

13 ^aAs it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: ^byet ¹made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

14 Therefore hath the LORD ^awatched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for ^bthe LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, ^athat hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast ¹gotten thee ^brenown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 O Lord, ^aaccording to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, ^bthy holy mountain: because for our sins, ^cand for the iniquities of our fathers, ^dJerusalem and thy people ^eare become a reproach to all *that are about us*.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, ^aand cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary ^bthat is desolate, ^cfor the Lord's sake.

18 ^aO my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, ^band behold our desolations, and the city ^cwhich is called by thy name: for we do not ²present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake,

9:6 ^a2 Chr. 36:15

9:7 ¹Or, *thou hast, etc.* ^aNeh. 9:33

9:9 ^aPs. 130:4,7

9:11 ^aIs. 1:4-6

^bLev. 26:14; Deut. 27:15; Lam. 2:17

9:12 ^aZech. 1:6

^bLam. 1:12; Ezek. 5:9; Amos 3:2

9:13 ¹Heb. *intreated [we not] the face [of the, etc.]* ^aDeut. 28:15; Lam. 2:17

^bIs. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; Hos. 7:7

9:14 ^aJer. 31:28

^bNeh. 9:33

9:15 ¹Heb. *made thee a name* ^aEx. 32:11; 1 Ki. 8:51;

Neh. 1:10 ^aEx. 14:18; Neh. 9:10; Jer. 32:20

9:16 ^a1 Sam. 12:7; Ps. 31:1;

Mic. 6:4,5 ^aZech. 8:3 ^aEx. 20:5

^bLam. 2:16 ^aPs. 79:4

9:17 ^aNum. 6:25 ^bLam. 5:18

^cJohn 16:24

9:18 ¹Heb. *whereupon thy name is called*

²Heb. *cause to fall* ^aIs. 37:17

^aEx. 3:7 ^cJer. 25:29

9:21 ¹Heb. *with weariness or flight* ^ach. 8:16

9:22 ¹Heb. *to make thee skilful of understanding*

9:23 ¹Heb. *word*

²Heb. *a man of desires* ^aMat. 24:15

9:24 ¹Or, *to restrain* ²Or, *to seal up* ³Heb. *prophet* ^aIs. 53:10 ^bRev. 14:6

^cPs. 45:7

9:25 ¹Or, *to build again Jerusalem: as*

2 Sam. 15:25; Ps. 71:20] ²Heb. *shall return and be built* ³Or, *breach, or, ditch*

⁴Heb. *in strait of times* ^aJohn 1:41

^bIs. 55:4

9:26 ¹Or, *[and] shall have nothing* ²Or, *and [the Jews] they shall be no more his people,*

ch. 11:17] ³Or, *and the prince's [Messiah's, ver. 25] future people]*

⁴Or, *it shall be cut off by desolations* ^aIs. 53:8 ^b1 Pet. 2:21

^cMat. 22:7 ^dLuke 19:44

9:27 ¹Or, *a]*

O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

The meaning of the seventy weeks

20 ¶ And whiles I *was* speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man ^aGabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly ¹swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth ¹to give thee skill and understanding.

23 At the beginning of thy supplications the ¹commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* ²greatly beloved: therefore ^aunderstand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, ¹to finish the transgression, and ²to make an end of sins, ^aand to make reconciliation for iniquity, ^band to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and ³prophecy, ^cand to anoint the most Holy.

25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment ¹to restore and to build Jerusalem unto ^athe Messiah ^bthe Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street ²shall be built again, and the ³wall, even ⁴in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks ^ashall Messiah be cut off, ^b¹²but not for himself: ³and ^cthe people of the prince that *shall* come ^dshall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war ⁴desolations *are* determined.

27 And he shall confirm ^a¹the covenant with ^bmany for one week: and *in* the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, ²and ³for the overspreading of abominations he *shall* make it desolate, ^ceven until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured ⁴upon the desolate.

Daniel's vision of an angel

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* ¹long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three ¹ful weeks.

3 I ate no ¹pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

²Or, *and upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolator* ³Or, *with the abominable armies* ⁴Or, *upon the desolator* ^aIs. 42:6 ^bMat. 26:28 ^cch. 11:36

10:1 ¹Heb. *great* 10:2 ¹Heb. *weeks of days* 10:3 ¹Heb. *bread of desires*

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;

5 Then I lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, ¹a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were ^agirded with fine gold of Uphaz:

6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, ^aand the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my ¹comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 ^aAnd behold, a hand touched me, which ¹set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, ^{a1}a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and ²stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

12 Then said he unto me, ^aFear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, ^bthy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 ^aBut the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but lo, ^bMichael, one of ¹the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people ^ain the latter days: ^bfor yet the vision is for many days.

15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, ^{a1}I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And behold, ^aone like the similitude of the sons of men ^btouched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision ^cmy sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 For how can ¹the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me,

19 ^aAnd said, O man greatly beloved, ^bfear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

10:5 ¹Heb. one man ^aRev. 1:13
 10:6 ^aRev. 1:15
 10:8 ¹Or, vigour
 10:10 ¹Heb. moved ^ach. 9:21
 10:11 ¹Heb. a man of desires ²Heb. stand upon thy standing ^ach. 9:23
 10:12 ^aRev. 1:17 ^bch. 9:3,4,22,23; Acts 10:4
 10:13 ¹Or, the first ^aver. 20
^bver. 21; ch. 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7
 10:14 ^aGen. 49:1; ch. 2:28
^bver. 1; ch. 8:26; Hab. 2:3
 10:15 ^aver. 9; ch. 8:18
 10:16 ^ach. 8:15
^bver. 10; Jer. 1:9
^cver. 8
 10:17 ¹Or, this servant of my lord
 10:19 ^aver. 11
^bJudg. 6:23

10:20 ^aver. 13
 10:21 ¹Heb. strengtheneth himself ^aver. 13; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7
 11:1 ^ach. 9:1
^bch. 5:31
 11:3 ^ach. 7:6; 8:5 ^bver. 16,36; ch. 8:4
 11:4 ^ach. 8:8
^bch. 8:22
 11:6 ¹Heb. shall associate themselves ²Heb. rights ³Or, whom she brought forth
 11:7 ¹Or, in his place, or, office] ^aver. 20
 11:8 ¹Heb. vessels of their desire
 11:10 ¹Or, shall war ²Or, then shall he be stirred up again] ^avs. 8:8; ch. 9:26
^bver. 7

20 ¶ Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight ^awith the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that ¹holdeth with me in these things, ^abut Michael your prince.

11 Also I ^ain the first year of ^bDarius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

Conflict between north and south

2 ¶ And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

3 And ^aa mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and ^bdo according to his will.

4 And when he shall stand up, ^ahis kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, ^bnor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others besides those.

5 ¶ And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they ¹shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make ²an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and ³he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up ^{a1}in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with ¹their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north.

9 So the king of the south shall come into his kingdom, and shall return into his own land.

10 But his sons ¹shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, ^aand overflow, and pass through: ²then shall he return, and be stirred up, ^beven to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

12 And when he hath taken away the mul-

titude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.

13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come ¹after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also ¹the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take ¹the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither ²his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

16 But he that cometh against him ^ashall do according to his own will, and ^bnone shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the ¹²glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

17 He shall also ^aset his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and ¹upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, ²corrupting her: but she shall not stand on his side, ^bneither be for him.

18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince ¹for his own behalf shall cause ²the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he shall turn his face towards the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, ^aand not be found.

20 Then shall stand up ¹in his estate ^{2a}raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in ³anger, nor in battle.

21 ¶ And ¹in his estate ^ashall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And *with* the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; ^ayea also, the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him ^ahe shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter ¹peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: *yea*, and he shall ²forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his

11:13 ¹Heb. at the end of times, even years

11:14 ¹Heb. the children of robbers

11:15 ¹Heb. the city of munitions ²Heb. the people of his choices

11:16 ¹Or, goodly land ²Heb. the land of ornament ^ach. 8:4,7 ^bJosh. 1:5

11:17 ¹Or, much uprightness: or, equal conditions ²Heb. to corrupt ^a2 Chr. 20:3 ^bch. 9:26

11:18 ¹Heb. for him ²Heb. his reproach

11:19 ^aPs. 37:36

11:20 ¹Or, in his place ²Heb. one that causeth an exacter to pass over ³Heb. angers

11:21 ¹Or, in his place ^ach. 7:8

11:22 ^ach. 8:10,11

11:23 ^ach. 8:25

11:24 ¹Or, into the peaceable and fat, etc. ²Heb. think [his] thoughts

11:27 ¹Heb. their hearts

11:30 ^aJer. 2:10

11:31 ¹Or, astonisheth ^ach. 8:11

11:32 ¹Or, cause to dissemble

11:35 ¹Or, by them ^ach. 12:10

11:36 ^ach. 7:8,25

11:37 ^aIs. 14:13

11:38 ¹Or, But in his stead ²Or, as for the Almighty God, in his seat he shall honour, yea, he shall honour a god, whom, etc.

³Or, munitions ⁴Heb. Mauzzim, [or, God's protectors] ⁵Heb. things desired

11:39 ¹Heb. fortresses of munitions ²Heb. a price

11:40 ^aIs. 21:1 ^bEzek. 38:4; Rev. 9:16

meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' ¹hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return *into* his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 ^aFor the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, ^aand they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that ¹maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he ¹corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen *with* a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, ^ato try ¹them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

The power of the northern king

36 ¶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall ^aexalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, ^anor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.

38 ¹But ²in his estate shall he honour the God of ³⁴forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and ⁵pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the ¹most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase *with* glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for ²gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him ^alike a whirlwind, with chariots, ^band with horsemen, and

with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the ¹²glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, ^a*even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall ¹stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious *things* of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* ^aat his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in ^athe ¹²glorious holy mountain; ^byet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

The time of great trouble

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: ^aand there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people ^bshall be delivered, every one that *shall* be found ^cwritten in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, ^asome to everlasting life, and some to shame ^band everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be ¹wise shall ^ashine as the brightness of the firmament; ^band they that turn many to righteousness ^cas the stars for ever and ever.

11:41 ¹Or, goodly land
²Heb. land of delight, or, ornament ^aIs. 11:14

11:42 ¹Heb. send forth
11:43 ^aEx. 11:8
11:45 ¹Or, goodly ²Heb. mountain of delight of holiness ^aPs. 48:2 ^bRev. 19:20

12:1 ^aIs. 26:20; Jer. 30:7; Rev. 16:18 ^aRom. 11:26 ^cEx. 32:32; Ps. 56:8

12:2 ^aMat. 25:46; John 5:28; Acts 24:15 ^aIs. 66:24; Rom. 9:21
12:3 ¹Or, teachers ^aMat. 13:43 ^bJas. 5:20
^c1 Cor. 15:41

12:4 ^aRev. 22:10

12:5 ¹Heb. lip ^ach. 10:4

12:6 ¹Or, from above ^ach. 8:13

12:7 ¹Or, part ^aDeut. 32:40

^bch. 4:34 ^cch. 7:25 ^dLuke 21:24 ^ech. 8:24

12:10 ^aZech. 13:9 ^bHos. 14:9

^cJohn 8:47

12:11 ¹Heb. to set up the abomination, etc.

²Or, astonisheth
12:13 ¹Or, and thou, etc. ^aRev. 14:13 ^bPs. 1:5

4 But thou, O Daniel, ^ashut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the ¹bank of the river, and the other on that side of the ¹bank ^aof the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* ¹upon the waters of the river, ^aHow long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he ^aheld up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him ^bthat liveth for ever ^cthat *it shall be* for a time, times, and ¹a half; ^dand when *he* shall have accomplished to scatter the power of ^ethe holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 ^aMany shall be purified, and made white, and tried; ^bbut the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but ^cthe wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and ¹the abomination that ²maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred *and* five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end *be*: ^afor thou shalt rest, ^band stand in thy lot at the end of the days.