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The Plan of God for Daniel Daniel 1:1-21

I. Daniel is taken to Babylon 1:1-21

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Nebuchadnezzar came to the city of Jerusalem
Nebuchadnezzar came in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim
Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon
Nebuchadnezzar came to make war against Jerusalem
Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city of Jerusalem
Nebuchadnezzar had victory over Jehoiakim
Nebuchadnezzar took some of the things from the temple
Nebuchadnezzar took them to the land of Shinar
Nebuchadnezzar placed those things in the treasure house of his god

B. Nebuchadnezzar orders the choice young men to be taken to Babylon - 1:3-5

Ashpenaz was in charge of the eunuchs of Babylon
Ashpenaz was told to get some of the descendents of the king
Ashpenaz was told to get some of the nobles of the people
Ashpenaz was to look for young men who were good looking
Ashpenaz was to look for men with wisdom and understanding
Ashpenaz was to look for men who could serve in the palace of the king
Ashpenaz was to have them learn the language and literature of Babylon
Ashpenaz was to feed them from the fancy food and wine of the king
Ashpenaz was to give them three years of training
Ashpenaz was to use that time to prepare them to serve the king

C. Nebuchadnezzar takes Daniel and his three friends as a part of those choice young men - 1:6-7

Ashpenaz had four choice young men from the land of Judah
Ashpenaz changed the names of the four to Babylonian names
Daniel (God is my judge) was named Belteshazzar (Bel protect the king)
Hananiah (the Lord is gracious) was named Shadrach (Command of Aku)
Mishael (Who is like the Lord?) was named Meshach (Who is what Aku is?)
Azariah (the Lord is my helper) was named Abed-Nego (Servant of Nego)

II. Daniel is faithful in Babylon 1:8-16

A. The purpose of Daniel in his heart – 1:8

Daniel was a young man with strong convictions who chose to please God
(he was probably 16 to 18 years old at this time)
Daniel determined he would not defile himself
Daniel chose not to eat the food the king provided
Daniel chose not to drink the wine the king provided
Daniel made a request to the prince of eunuchs
Daniel asked for permission not to defile himself

B. The plan of Daniel is explained to Melzar – 1:9-13

1. Melzar was afraid for his own life

Daniel had the favor and compassion of the chief of eunuchs
Daniel had been brought to this position of favor by God
Daniel heard the fear of the chief of eunuchs
Daniel heard the eunuch was afraid of the anger of the king
Daniel heard the eunuch was afraid Daniel might become weak
Daniel heard the eunuch was afraid he might endanger his own head

2. Melzar was offered a test by Daniel

Daniel recognized that Melzar had been placed over him and his friends
Daniel asked Melzar to give them a test for ten days
Daniel asked for vegetables and water for their food
Daniel said they could be examined after the test
Daniel said to deal with them based on the results of the test

C. The plan of Daniel is accepted by Melzar - 1:14-16

Melzar agreed to the test for ten days
Melzar saw that the results of the test were positive
Melzar saw that they were both fairer and fatter in flesh
Melzar saw that the others were not as healthy
Melzar said they did not need to eat the king's food
Melzar said they did not need to drink the king's drink
Melzar gave them the vegetables they desired
God was faithful to Daniel and his friends

III. Daniel gains great respect in Babylon - 1:17-21

A. The Lord gives Daniel and his friends great wisdom - 1:17

God gave Daniel and his friends great knowledge

Solomon asked for knowledge – II Chron. 1:10-12 (used 3 times)

God gave Daniel and his friends skill in all learning

Daniel was given insight in all learning including the future – Dan. 9:2

God gave Daniel and his friends great wisdom

Daniel and his friends were ten times as wise as the others – Dan. 1:20

God gave Daniel understanding of visions and dreams

Daniel was able to interpret visions – Dan. 10:1

Daniel was able to interpret dreams – Dan. 2:19

Daniel gave all credit to God for this ability – Dan. 2:20-23

B. The Lord helped them to stand before the king – 1:18-19

the king called for Daniel and his friends

the king had them brought before him

the king talked with Daniel and his friends

the king was impressed by Daniel and his friends

the king saw that no one could compare with them – Dan. 1:17

the king saw they were able to stand before him

the king saw they met his earlier request – Dan. 1:5

C. The Lord gives Daniel respect by the king – 1:20-21

Daniel and his friends had their wisdom tested

Daniel would soon face a much greater test – Dan. 2:2-11

Daniel and his friends had their understanding tested

Daniel had his wisdom compared to the astrologers – Dan. 4:7-9

Daniel and his friends were questioned by the king

Daniel had his wisdom proclaimed many years later – Dan. 5:7-10

Daniel and his friends were much wiser than the magicians

Daniel demonstrated his wisdom to the king at a later time – Dan. 2:36-45

Daniel demonstrated his wisdom many years later – Dan. 5:17-28

Daniel and his friends were much wiser than the astrologers

Daniel interpreted what others could not interpret – Dan. 2:10-13, 19

Daniel continued until the time of King Cyrus

Daniel served until the reign of Cyrus – Dan. 6:28; 10:1

The Plan of God for the Gentiles
Daniel 2:1-7:38

I. Daniel interprets the dream of Nebuchadnezzar - 2:1-49

A. Nebuchadnezzar is given a dream by God - 2:1-9

1. the king had a dream - 2:1

the king had this dream in the second year of his rule
the king dreamed and experienced dreams
the king had his spirit troubled by his dreams
(here we see the spirit of one who does not know how God works)
the king was not able to sleep because of his dreams

2. the king called the magicians to explain the dream – 2:2-4

a. the magicians were called by the king – 2:2

the king gave a commandment to his servants
the king told them to bring the magicians
the king told them to bring the astrologers
the king told them to bring the sorcerers
the king told them to bring the Chaldeans
the king wanted these men to interpret his dream
the king saw these men stand before him

b. the magicians were given information by the king – 2:3

the king told them he had dreamed a dream
the king told them that his spirit was troubled by the dream
the king wanted to know the meaning of the dream

c. the magicians asked the king to tell them the dream – 2:4

the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic
(chapters 2:4-7:28 were written in Aramaic rather than Hebrew)
(this was because God was giving the plan of God for the Gentiles)
the Chaldeans told the king to live forever
the Chaldeans asked the king to tell him his dream
the Chaldeans promised to explain the dream to the king

3. the king had forgotten the dream – 2:5-7

a. the Chaldeans heard what would happen if they failed to interpret the dream – 2:5

the king answered the Chaldeans
the king said he had forgotten the dream
the king told them the consequences if they did not tell him his dream
the king told them that they would be cut into pieces
the king told them that their houses would be destroyed

b. the Chaldeans heard how they would be rewarded if they interpreted the dream – 2:6

the king said they would be rewarded if they told the dream
the king said they would be rewarded if they interpreted the dream
the king said they would receive gifts
the king said they would receive rewards
the king said they would receive great honor
the king asked them to tell the dream and its interpretation

c. the Chaldeans asked the king again to tell them the dream – 2:7

the Chaldeans had an answer for the king
the Chaldeans asked him to tell them the dream
the Chaldeans promised to then interpret the dream

4. the king commanded the magicians to tell him his dream – 2:8-9

a. the king said the Chaldeans were stalling for time – 2:8

the king said he knew what they were doing
the king said they were stalling for time
the king said they were trying to blame him for forgetting the dream

b. the king warned what would happen if they failed to interpret – 2:9

the king began his answer with a warning
the king said there was one decree if they failed to interpret the dream
the king said they were speaking lying and corrupt words to him
the king said they had to tell the dream for him to believe their interpretation

B. Nebuchadnezzar orders the magicians to interpret the dream or to be put to death - 2:10-13

1. the Chaldeans said that no one could reveal the king's dream - 2:10

the Chaldeans gave their answer to the king
the Chaldeans said the king was making an impossible request
the Chaldeans did not know the God of heaven - Dan. 2:27-28
the Chaldeans said no other leader ever made such a request
the Chaldeans were like the magicians of Pharaoh - Ex. 8:19
the Chaldeans said magicians were not expected to know such things
the Chaldeans did not know the true God - Dan. 2:19

2. the Chaldeans said that only the gods could reveal the dream - 2:11

the Chaldeans said the king was making a rare requirement
the Chaldeans said the request was impossible - Dan. 2:9
the Chaldeans said no person could reveal the dream
the Chaldeans did recognize their own limitations - I Cor. 2:11
the Chaldeans said only the gods could reveal the dream
the Chaldeans did not know only the God of heaven could reveal dreams - Dan. 2:28
the Chaldeans said the gods did not dwell in human flesh
the Chaldeans did not understand the greatness of God - II Chron. 6:18

3. the Chaldeans saw the king become angry and very furious - 2:12

the king became very angry
the king's wrath is described as a roaring lion - Prov. 19:12
the king's wrath was known as the messenger of death - Prov. 16:14
the king was known for his rages and his anger - Dan. 3:13
the king became furious
the king could become full of fury - Dan. 3:18
the king commanded the death of all the wise men in Babylon
the king later commanded the death of Daniel's friends - Dan. 3:16-23

4. the Chaldeans were ordered to be put to death - 2:13

the decree was sent out to destroy the wise men
the kings had the power of life and death in their decrees - Esth. 3:12-15; Dan. 6:9-15
the decree included Daniel and his friends
the king had earlier found Daniel and his friends wiser than the rest - Dan. 1:19-20

C. Nebuchadnezzar is asked for time by Daniel - 2:14-18

1. Daniel answered with wisdom when the decree went out - 2:14

Daniel answered with counsel

Daniel received his counsel from the Lord - Dan. 2:19, 28

Daniel answered with wisdom

Daniel and his friends had already been recognized as men of wisdom - Dan. 1:19

Daniel made his request to Arioch

Daniel learned that the king had appointed Arioch to destroy the wise men - Dan. 2:24

Daniel knew Arioch was going to kill the wise men

Daniel knew that he had to carry out the decree of the king - Dan. 2:13

2. Daniel asked why the decree required such haste - 2:15

Daniel asked Arioch a question

Daniel asked why the decree was so urgent

Daniel was told by Arioch what had happened

Daniel heard what had happened in the palace - Dan. 2:9-13

3. Daniel asked the king for time so he could give the interpretation - 2:16

Daniel went in and talked to the king

Daniel was recognized as a man of wisdom by the king - Dan. 1:19

Daniel asked the king to give him time

Daniel knew it was important to seek wisdom from God - Dan. 5:11

Daniel said he would show the king the interpretation

Daniel expected God to answer his prayers - Dan. 6:10

4. Daniel told his friends the request and asked them to pray - 2:17-18

Daniel immediately went to his house

Daniel had made his house a house of prayer - Dan. 6:10

Daniel told his friends about the situation

Daniel and his friends all trusted in God - Dan. 1:17

Daniel asked his friends to pray for the mercies of God

Daniel had a pattern of depending on the Lord - Dan. 1:8

Daniel asked them to pray that God would reveal this secret

Daniel and his friends had their prayer answered - Dan. 2:18-23

Daniel asked them to pray that they would not perish

Daniel had heard the decree of the king - Dan. 2:13

D. Nebuchadnezzar's dream is revealed to Daniel - 2:19-30

1. Daniel has the dream revealed to him by God - 2:19-23

a. Daniel has the secret revealed in a night vision - 2:19

**God revealed the secret to Daniel in a night vision
God received a prayer of blessing from Daniel**

b. Daniel gave thanks to God for His wisdom - 2:20

**Daniel said blessed is the name of God forever
Daniel said that wisdom belongs to God
God is the source of sound wisdom - Prov. 8:14
Daniel said that might belongs to God
God is the source of all power - Ps. 62:11**

c. Daniel gave thanks to God for His rule - 2:21

**God changes the times and the seasons
God removes and sets up kings
God gives wisdom to the wise
God gives knowledge to those who have understanding**

d. Daniel gives thanks to God for revealing the secret things - 2:22

**God reveals the deep and secret things
God is the source of light and understanding - Dan. 5:11-14
God knows what is in the darkness
God says darkness and light are alike to Him - Ps. 139:11-12
God has light dwelling within Him
God is light and has no darkness in Him - I John 1:5**

e. Daniel thanked God for answering their prayer - 2:23

**Daniel thanks God for giving him wisdom and might
Daniel did not take any credit for his wisdom - Dan. 2:29-30
Daniel thanked God for answering his request
Daniel asked his friends to pray for God's mercies - Dan. 2:18
Daniel thanked God for revealing the king's matter
Daniel thanked God for revealing the secret - Dan. 2:19**

2. Daniel tells the king that God will reveal the meaning - 2:24-30

a. Daniel is brought before the king - 2:24-26

1) Daniel said he would reveal the dream - 2:24

Daniel went to Arioch who had been appointed to destroy the wise men

Arioch had been sent by the king to destroy the wise men - Dan. 2:14-15

Daniel told Arioch not to destroy the wise men

Arioch had been assigned to carry out the king's decree - Dan. 2:12-13

Daniel told Arioch to bring him before the king

Arioch had learned that Daniel could interpret the dream - Dan. 2:19-23

Daniel said he would reveal the interpretation

Arioch learned that God had revealed the secret to Daniel - Dan. 2:19

2) Daniel was brought to the king in haste - 2:25

Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king

Daniel was used by God to deliver many facing death - Prov. 24:11

Arioch called Daniel one of the captives of Judah

Daniel had been taken as a captive from Judah - Dan. 1:6

Arioch said Daniel would interpret the dream

Daniel had been chosen by God to reveal the secret - I Cor. 1:27-28

3) Daniel was asked by the king if he could interpret the dream - 2:26

the king spoke to Daniel

Daniel had already shown the king he was a man of wisdom - Dan. 1:19-20

the king asked Daniel if he could make known the dream he had seen

Daniel had to tell the dream as well as the interpretation - Dan. 2:3-9

the king asked Daniel if he could interpret the dream

Daniel would later be asked to interpret a dream for the king - Dan. 4:8

b. Daniel gives all credit to God - 2:27-30

1) the king is told his counselors could not help him - 2:27

Daniel then spoke to the king

Daniel said that the God of heaven reveals secrets - Dan. 2:28

Daniel told him his counselors could not reveal the dream

Daniel explained that the counselors could not interpret the dream - Dan. 2:10-11

2) the king is told there is a God in heaven - 2:28

Daniel said that there is a God in heaven

Daniel had his trust in the God of heaven - Dan. 2:18

Daniel said that the God of heaven reveals secrets

Daniel led the king to realize there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets - Dan. 2:47

Daniel knew that God explains the thoughts - Amos 4:13

Daniel said that God had revealed to the king what would be in the latter days

Daniel had other things revealed to him about the latter days - Dan. 10:14

Daniel knew that only the true God can reveal things that are to come - Is. 41:22-23

Daniel knew that God revealed things about the last days to Jacob - Gen. 49:1

Daniel knew that God revealed things about the last days to Balaam - Num. 24:14-17

Daniel knew God had said Israel would have distress in the latter days - Deut. 4:30

Daniel knew that the Lord's house would be established in the latter days - Is. 2:2

Daniel knew that Israel would experience judgment in the latter days - Jer. 30:24

we can also know that perilous times will come in the last days - II Tim. 3:1-8

we can also know that there will be scoffers in the last days - II Pet. 3:3-4

Daniel said he would reveal the dream and its interpretation

Daniel knew that God is the One who interprets dreams - Gen. 40:8; 41:16

3) the king is told why he had the dream - 2:29

Daniel told the king these thoughts came to him on his bed

Daniel knew that God reveals the deep and secret things - Dan. 2:22

Daniel caused the king to realize God reveals secrets - Dan. 2:47

Daniel told the king that these thoughts would be fulfilled

Daniel said God will cause His words to be fulfilled forever - Dan. 2:44

Daniel said God had revealed what would come to pass

Daniel said God would cause these things to come to pass - Dan. 2:36-45

4) the king hears that Daniel does not depend on human wisdom - 2:30

Daniel said he was not a man of special wisdom

Daniel knew that it was God who must give wisdom - Gen. 41:16

Daniel said he had no more wisdom than anyone else

Daniel had received his wisdom from God through prayer - Dan. 2:17-19

Daniel said the dream was revealed for our sakes

Daniel said God wanted the king to know what would come to pass - Dan. 2:45

God has done all things for our sakes - II Cor. 4:15

Daniel said the Lord would reveal the thoughts of his heart

God says His Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart - Heb. 4:12

E. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream about a great image - 2:31-45

1. Daniel explains the dream - 2:31-35

a. the king had dreamed of a great image - 2:31

Daniel said the king has seen a great image

God later gave Daniel other visions about this image - Dan. 7:1-12:3

Daniel said the great image had splendor that was excellent

God says he will one day destroy the pride of the haughty - Is. 13:11-13

Daniel said the form of the great image was awesome

God knew the king would later make a great image and require worship - Dan. 3:1-7

b. the king had seen a head of fine gold - 2:32

the image had a head of fine gold

God said this was the first kingdom (Babylon) - Dan. 2:36-38; 7:4

the image had a breast of silver

God said this was the second kingdom (Medo-Persia) - Dan 2:39; 7:5; 8:20

the image had thighs of bronze

God said this was the third kingdom (Greece) - Dan. 2:39; 7:6; 8:21-22

c. the king had seen legs of iron and clay - 2:33

the image had legs of iron

God says this is the fourth kingdom or world empire (Rome) - Dan. 2:40; 8:23-25

the image had feet part of iron and part of clay

God said this represents the kingdom partly strong and partly broken - Dan. 2:41-43

d. the king saw a stone smash the image - 2:34

the king saw a stone cut without hands

God says that Christ is that Stone - Ps. 118:22; Acts 4:11; I Pet. 2:7

the king saw the stone break the feet

God will send Christ to have everlasting dominion - Dan.. 7:13-14

e. the stone then filled the whole earth - 2:35

the image became like chaff

God will consume the kingdoms of the earth - Dan. 2:45; Rev. 11:15

the stone became a great mountain that filled the earth

God will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed - Dan. 2:45

2. Daniel says that Nebuchadnezzar is the head of gold - 2:36-38

a. the king heard the interpretation of the dream - 2:36

Daniel said this is the dream

Daniel thanked God for revealing the dream to him - Dan. 2:19-23

Daniel said we will tell the interpretation

Daniel said he would tell the king the interpretation - Dan. 2:24

b. the king was told he was a king of kings - 2:37

Daniel said that the king was a king of kings

God did make Nebuchadnezzar a king of kings - Dan. 5:18-19

God had to humble Nebuchadnezzar before He recognized God - Dan. 4:34-35

Daniel said that the God of heaven had given him a kingdom

Daniel said this kingdom was given to Nebuchadnezzar by God - Dan. 5:18

Daniel said that the God of heaven had given him power

Daniel said that the king had power given by God - Dan. 4:25

Daniel said that the God of heaven had given him strength

Daniel knew that all power is given from above - John 19:11

Daniel said that the God of heaven had given him glory

Daniel would later see the king claim the glory for himself - Dan. 4:28-33

c. the king was told he was the head of gold - 2:38

Daniel said God had given people, animals, and birds into the king's hand

God had given the king great dominion - Dan. 4:21-22

Daniel said God made him ruler over them all

Daniel knew that God is the true ruler over all who allows others to rule - Ps. 50:10-11

Daniel said that the king was the head of gold

Daniel said the gold head of the image was the king - Dan. 2:32

3. Daniel says that a second and third kingdom will arise - 2:39

Daniel said a second kingdom would arise which was inferior to the king

God found the kingdom of Babylon wanting and gave it to the Medes - Dan. 5:28-31

God said the second kingdom would be the kings of Media and Persia - Dan. 8:20

God said a third kingdom would arise and rule over the earth

God said a third kingdom would arise that had four wings - Dan. 7:6

God said the third kingdom would come from the west - Dan. 8:5-8

God said this third kingdom would be Greece - Dan. 8:21-22

4. Daniel says that the fourth kingdom would be both strong and weak - 2:40-43

a. the fourth kingdom would be strong - 2:40

**(the things about the fourth kingdom all fit Rome) - Dan. 7:7-8, 23-27
the fourth kingdom would be strong like iron
the fourth kingdom would break in pieces and bruise**

b. the fourth kingdom would be divided - 2:41

**the fourth kingdom would be divided
the fourth kingdom would have the strength of the iron**

c. the fourth kingdom would be strong and weak - 2:42

**the fourth kingdom would be partly strong
the fourth kingdom would be partly broken**

d. the fourth kingdom would not adhere well - 2:43

**the fourth kingdom would mingle with the seed of men
the fourth kingdom would not adhere together**

5. Daniel says there will be an eternal kingdom that will not be destroyed - 2:44-45

a. Daniel said the God of heaven would set up an eternal kingdom - 2:44

God would set up a kingdom that would never be destroyed
God promised that One would come from David and rule forever - Ps. 89:3-4, 19-36
God said that this kingdom would consume all others and stand forever
Christ will be the everlasting ruler - Is. 9:6-7; Ps. 145:13; Rev. 11:15
Christ will be the ruler in the ages to come - Eph. 1:20-22

b. Daniel said God had told the king what would happen in the future - 2:45

God said that He would send a Stone cut without hands
God said He would be the One who would provide that Stone - Is. 28:16
God said that Stone would destroy the nations
God says that Christ will rule over all the nations - Ps. 96:4-13
God said the dream was certain and the interpretation sure
God is the One who establishes and brings to pass - Gen. 41:28, 32

F. Nebuchadnezzar promotes Daniel to a position of leadership - 2:46-49

1. the king fell on his face before Daniel - 2:46

the king fell on his face and worshiped Daniel
this was a common practice in ancient cultures - Acts 10:25
the king ordered a sacrifice for Daniel
this was a common practice in ancient cultures - Acts 14:13

2. the king recognized Daniel served the true God - 2:47

the king said Daniel served the God of gods
Daniel had given all of the glory to God - Dan. 2:37
the king said Daniel served the Lord of kings
Daniel would see the king also serve the Lord much later - Dan. 4:34-35
the king said Daniel served a revealer of secrets
Daniel had the secret revealed to him after a time of prayer - Dan. 2:18-19
the king said Daniel served a God who revealed this secret
Daniel said that God would reveal this particular secret - Dan. 2:28-30

3. the king promoted Daniel to a high position - 2:48

the king recognized Daniel as a great man
Daniel became a great man in two world empires - Dan. 2:49; 6:1-3
the king gave Daniel many presents
Daniel later turned down gifts and rewards - Dan. 5:17
the king made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon
Daniel later distinguished himself also among the Medes and Persians - Dan. 6:3-9
the king made Daniel chief of the governors and wise men
Daniel later had this same position among the Medes and Persians - Dan. 6:1-2

4. the king promoted the three friends of Daniel - 2:49

Daniel requested leadership for his three friends
the three friends had the same commitment as Daniel - Dan. 1:8-16
the three friends had also been blessed with wisdom - Dan. 1:17-20
the three friends had also prayed with Daniel - Dan. 2:17-18
the three friends continued to stand for the Lord - Dan. 3:12-18
Daniel sat in the gate of the king
the gate of the city was where the local leaders met - Ruth 4:1
the gate of the king was often a position of leadership - Amos 5:15

II. Daniel sees God protect his three faithful friends - 3:1-30

A. Nebuchadnezzar becomes proud and makes an image - 3:1-7

1. the king orders the image made - 3:1-3

a. the king made an image of gold - 3:1

the king made an image of gold

the king had seen this image in his dream - Dan 2:31-32

the king was a man of great pride - Dan. 4:30

the king made the image 90 feet high and 9 feet wide

the king had made an image of gold as a god - Ex. 20:23

the king set up the image in the plain of Dura

the king ordered all of his officials to come and view his god - Dan. 3:2-3

(this location is in Babylon but the place is uncertain)

b. the king gathered all his leaders to the dedication - 3:2

the king sent to gather all of his leaders together

the officials were gathered from all of the provinces - Dan. 3:3

the leaders were ordered to come to the dedication of the image

the officials were told to worship the image - Dan. 3:4-5

the leaders came to dedicate the image that the king had set up

the officials came from all lands the king ruled - Dan. 3:7

the officials followed the instructions and worshiped - Dan. 3:7

the officials saw three men who did not worship the image - Dan. 3:12

c. the king had the people stand before the image - 3:3

the king had all of his leaders gathered together

the king was actually demonstrating emperor worship - Dan. 3:6

the king expected all to worship his image - Dan. 3:12

the king gathered all the leaders around his image

the king made the image so large everyone could see it - Dan. 3:1

the king had them stand before the image he had set up

the king had the instructions given to the leaders - Dan. 3:4-6

the king expected everyone to worship his image - Dan. 3:7

the king was filled with fury toward the three who refused - Dan. 3:13

the king offered them one more chance to obey - Dan. 3:14-15

the king was told they served a God who could deliver them - Dan. 3:17-18

2. the king orders his leaders to worship his image - 3:4-7

a. the king told the leaders they were to bow down - 3:4-5

the king had the herald call out his command

the people were given other messages from the heralds - Dan. 4:1

the king told the people what to do when they heard music

the people were to fall down when they heard the music - Dan. 3:7

the people were to worship the image of the king - Dan. 3:7, 12

the king ordered everyone to fall down and worship his image

the king had chosen leaders who would follow his instructions - Dan. 1:3-4

the king gave very specific instructions to the leaders - Dan. 1:4-6

the king expected immediate obedience - Dan. 3:16-19

b. the king told the consequences if they failed to bow down - 3:6

the king gave a warning to all who failed to fall down and worship

those who failed to fall down were brought to the king - Dan. 3:13

those who failed to fall down were given a final warning - Dan. 3:15

those who failed to fall down saw the warning carried out - Dan. 3:19-20

the king said they would be cast into a burning fiery furnace

the king was reminded of his punishment - Dan. 3:11

the king carried out his threat - Dan. 3:21-23

c. the king gave the orders for all to bow down - 3:7

the people heard the music

the leaders had to make a choice whom they would serve - Josh. 24:15

the leaders who did not follow God all chose to worship - Dan. 3:12

the people fell down and worshiped the image

the leaders were used to following the king's instructions - Dan. 1:3-5

the leaders had not gained wisdom from God - Dan. 1:17-19

the leaders fell down and worshiped - Dan. 3:10

the leaders did not recognize how Satan deceives - Rev. 12:9

the leaders picture the actions of future leaders - Rev. 13:3-4, 8

the people recognized the king as their god

the leaders worshiped to protect their power - Dan. 3:2-3

the leaders were not men of character like the three - Dan. 1:8-11

the leaders were controlled by fear like Adam - Gen. 3:10

the leaders were like all who do not know God - Rom. 1:25

the leaders had no fear of God - Rom. 3:18

B. Nebuchadnezzar hears that Daniel's three friends refuse to worship the king's image - 3:8-12

1. the three were accused by certain Chaldeans - 3:8-9

some Chaldeans came to the king
the Chaldeans had been shown their gods did not help - Dan. 2:10-13, 19
the Chaldeans wanted to destroy the influence of the Jews - Dan. 3:12

some Chaldeans accused the three Jews
the Medes later tried to destroy Daniel - Dan. 6:6, 12-13
the enemies of the Jews tried to destroy them - Ezra 4:12-16
Haman also tried to destroy the Jews - Esther 3:6-9

2. the king was reminded of his decree - 3:10-11

the Chaldeans reminded the king of his decree
the Chaldeans reminded the king of what he had spoken - Dan. 3:4-7

the Chaldeans reminded the king of his musical cue
the Chaldeans said the king had ordered the music - Dan. 3:5, 7

the Chaldeans said they were all to fall down and worship
the Chaldeans had all fallen down in worship - Dan. 3:7

the Chaldeans reminded the king of his warning
the Chaldeans spoke of the penalty for not falling down - Dan. 3:6

the Chaldeans said those who did not worship would be burned
the Chaldeans were eager to see the three destroyed - Dan. 3:12

3. the king heard three Jews did not bow - 3:12

the king was told about the three Jews
the three had not bowed to the image of the king - Dan. 3:14
the three told why they did not bow down - Dan. 3:16-18

the king was told the three did not regard the king
the three were accused by certain Chaldeans - Dan. 3:8

the king was told the three did not serve his gods
the three said they would not serve the gods of the king - Dan. 3:18

the king was told the three did not worship his image
the three said they would not worship the image of the king - Dan. 3:18
the three had formed their convictions years earlier - Dan. 1:8-14
the three had been blessed by God for their convictions - Dan. 1:17
the three had been given wisdom before the king - Dan. 1:18-20
the three had their trust in God - Dan. 3:17

C. Nebuchadnezzar becomes furious with rage - 3:13-18

1. the king told the three they must worship his image - 3:13-15

a. the king had the three men brought to him - 3:13

the king was filled with rage

the king was a man of great anger - Dan. 2:12-13

the king was filled with fury

the king became totally enraged - Dan. 3:19

the king became so angry he destroyed others - Dan. 3:20-22

the king ordered the three to be brought to him

the king chose to give them one more opportunity - Dan. 3:15

b. the king asked them if they did not worship his image - 3:14

the king spoke to the three men

the king had spoken to these men years earlier - Dan. 1:19-20

the king asked if it was true that they did not serve his gods

the king had not mentioned his gods in the decree - Dan. 3:5-7

the king asked if it was true they did not worship his image

the king had given a threat to all who would not worship his image - Dan. 3:6-7

c. the king said he would give them one more opportunity - 3:15

the king told them to get ready to worship

the king had told them to worship his image - Dan. 3:5

the king said all kinds of music would be played again

the king was going to repeat the music - Dan. 3:7

the king said they were to fall down and worship his image

the king wanted all the leaders to fall down before his image - Dan. 3:6

the king warned of the consequences if they did not

the king had already warned of the consequences earlier - Dan. 3:6

the king said no God would deliver them out of his hands

the king had not learned from earlier events - Dan. 2:27-28

the king did not recognize God as the Creator - Rom. 1:18-23

the king was forced to recognize the power of God - Dan. 3:26

the king was forced to recognize the greatness of God - Dan. 3:29

the king was still controlled by his own pride - Dan. 4:29-30

the king had to be humbled by God - Dan. 4:30-37

the king finally gave glory to God - Dan. 4:1-3

2. the king heard that the three would trust in God - 3:16-18

a. the three gave a careful answer to the king - 3:16

the three answered the king

the three were able to speak to the king with boldness - Eph. 6:19

the three said they had no need to answer the king

the three said they had already made their decision - Dan. 3:17-18

the three had made that decision years earlier - Dan. 1:10-17

the three show us what happens when we yield to the Lord - Acts 4:29-31

b. the three said they would trust God to deliver them - 3:17

the three said they would trust their God

the three followed the example of Job and trusted God - Job. 13:15

the three said that they served God

the three knew the God that they served - Dan. 6:20-22

the three said God was able to deliver them out of the fiery furnace

the three understood the power of God - Dan. 3:26

the three knew that the Lord was their strength - Ps. 27:1-2

the three knew that God was the rock of their strength - Ps. 62:1-7

the three said God was able to deliver them out of the king's hand

the three knew that the king was not in control - Dan. 3:19-24

the three knew God would be with them in testing - Dan. 3:25

the three knew that God is able to save - Heb. 7:25

c. the three said they would not serve the king's image - 3:18

the three said God might choose not to deliver them

the three did not fear because they trusted their Creator - Is. 51:12-13

the three knew that God was for them - Rom. 8:31

the three chose to obey God rather than men - Acts 5:29

the three were willing to give their lives to obey - Rev. 12:11

the three were bold because they were righteous - Prov. 28:1

the three did not count their lives dear to themselves - Acts 20:24

the three said they would still not serve the king's gods

the three were not going to bow down to any other gods - Ex. 20:3-5

the three were not going to serve the king's gods - Dan. 3:12

the three said they would still not worship the golden image

the three were not going to turn to any idol - Lev. 19:4

the three were not going to worship the king's image - Dan. 3:12

D. Nebuchadnezzar throws the three friends into the fiery furnace - 3:19-23

1. the king was filled with fury - 3:19

the king was filled with fury

the king had a problem with anger - Dan. 2:12; 3:13

the king had the expression of his face change

the king was not in control of his face - Acts 7:54

the king commanded the furnace to be heated seven times hotter

the king was acting out of anger and rage - Dan. 3:13

the king had no thought of anyone in his rage - Dan. 3:22

2. the king ordered the mighty men to cast them into the fiery furnace - 3:20

the king ordered his mightiest soldiers to tie up the three men

the king was determined to prove his word must be obeyed - Dan. 3:16-18

the king ordered his mightiest soldiers to throw the men into the fire

the king brought about the death of his best soldiers - Dan. 3:22

3. the king had them bound and cast into the fire - 3:21

the three were tied up with all of their clothes on

the three came out without their clothes being burned - Dan. 3:27

the three were thrown into the middle of the fiery furnace

the three were thrown into the middle of the furnace - Dan. 3:24

the three did not go through the fire alone - Dan. 3:25

4. the king saw his own soldiers die - 3:22

the flame in the furnace was exceedingly hot

the furnace had been heated to seven times its normal heat - Dan. 3:19

the flame killed the soldiers who threw the three into the furnace

the furnace killed some of the mightiest men in the kingdom - Dan. 3:20

5. the king saw the three land in the fire - 3:23

the three fell down bound in the furnace

the three had the ropes burned off - Dan. 3:25

the three were in the middle of the fiery furnace

the three just walked around in the furnace - Dan. 3:25

E. Nebuchadnezzar sees four men in the fiery furnace - 3:24-25

1. God caused the king to be astonished - 3:24

the king was astonished

the king had a son who was also shocked by what God did - Dan. 5:6

the king was like many who have been amazed by what God does - Acts 5:23-25

the king stood up quickly

the king had wanted them to bow to his image - Dan. 3:7, 18

the king now stood in response to what God had done - Dan. 3:28

the king spoke to his counselors

the king was shocked by what he saw - Dan. 3:25

the king had heard that God could protect them - Dan. 3:17

the king recognized that God was protecting them - Dan. 3:28

the king asked if they had thrown three men into the fire

the king saw four men walking in the fire - Dan. 3:25

the king's leaders also saw the four in the furnace - Dan. 3:27

the king was told that was true

the king learned his eyes were not deceiving him - Dan. 3:28

2. God caused the king to recognize His power - 3:25

the king told the counselors to look

the king had to make sure he was seeing properly - Dan. 3:27

the king saw four men walking in the middle of the fire

the king realized God had sent One to protect the three - Dan. 3:28

the king saw that they were not hurt

the king saw them walking around in the fire - Dan. 3:24

the king saw them walk out of the fire - Dan. 3:26

the king saw they had no injuries or even the smell of fire - Dan. 3:27

the king said the fourth looked like the Son of God

the king had refused to recognize the power of God - Dan. 3:16

the king did not realize God had given him his kingdom - Dan. 5:18

the king did not recognize the greatness of God - Dan. 6:22

the king was forced to recognize the power of God - Dan. 3:28

the king was still not ready to repent of his sin - Dan. 4:27

the king would finally recognize the God of heaven - Dan. 4:37

the king then called for others to recognize the greatness of God - Dan. 4:1-3

**God had called the king and would bring the king to Himself!
God is still calling people today!**

F. Nebuchadnezzar recognizes the power of God - 3:26-28

1. God brought the three out of the fire - 3:26

the king went near the mouth of the furnace

the king saw that God had delivered the three - Dan. 3:17

the king had his rage turned to respect - Dan. 3:13

the king called to the three

the king had a very different tone in his voice - Dan. 3:15

the king recognized them as servants of the Most High God

the king realized again that God is the God of gods - Dan. 2:47

the king had recognized their trust in God - Dan. 3:17-18

the king was forced to see why they had that trust - Dan. 3:28

the king told them to come out of the furnace

the king had ordered them thrown into the furnace - Dan. 3:20

the king had been overruled by God - Dan. 3:29

the king told them to come to him

the king was not able to smell fire after they came out - Dan. 3:27

the king saw them walk out of the furnace

the king had earlier seen them walking in the furnace - Dan. 3:25

2. God caused those three to be a witness to all the leaders - 3:27

the king had a large group gathered around him

the king had gathered all of his leaders to dedicate his image - Dan. 3:2

the king had seen all of those leaders worship his image - Dan. 3:7

the king had them thrown into the fire with those leaders watching - Dan. 3:19-27

the king and the leaders saw the three men come out of the fire

the king recognized God in front of the other leaders - Dan. 3:28

the king made a new decree in front of those leaders - Dan. 3:29

the king saw that the fire had no power on them

the king saw the violence of fire quenched - Heb. 11:34

the king saw them made strong through faith - Heb. 11:33-38

the king saw that their hair was not singed

the king has seen God go with them through the fire - Dan. 3:25

the king did not know that God even numbers the hairs - Matt. 10:30

the king saw that their garments were not affected

the king was forced to recognize there is a God in Israel - I Sam. 17:46-47

the king was beginning to recognize that glory belongs to God - Ps. 96:7-9

the king smelled that the smell of fire was not on them

the king learned that God also controls the fire - Ex. 3:1-2

3. God caused those three to be a witness to the king - 3:28

the king blessed the God of the three

the king had earlier denied the power of God - Dan. 3:15

the king had just seen the power of God - Dan. 3:25

the king now made a decree about God - Dan. 3:29

the king said God had sent His angel to protect the three

the king had been shocked to see four in the fire - Dan. 3:25

the king said God delivered His servants who trusted Him

the king had seen the trust of these three men - Dan. 3:16-18

the king said the three had changed the king's word

the king had been forced to reverse his word - Dan. 3:6, 26

the king said the three had yielded their bodies

the king had seen them yield their bodies as a living sacrifice - Rom. 12:1

the king said the three had chosen to worship only their own God

the king had seen they would not worship his image - Dan. 3:18

G. Nebuchadnezzar promotes Daniel's three friends - 3:29-30

1. the king made a new decree - 3:29

the king made a new decree

the king's old decree was to worship the image - Dan. 3:5-7

the king's new decree forbid speaking against the God of the three - Dan. 3:28

the king was continuing to learn more about God - Dan. 2:47

the king said no one was to speak a word against the God of the three

the king always provided severe punishments - Dan. 1:12; 3:6

the king gave the punishment for speaking against God

the king however did not seek God until later - Dan. 4:34

the king said there is no other God who can deliver like this

the king really changed his words - Dan. 3:15

the king recognized that God is able to deliver - Dan. 3:28

the king was one of several who finally recognized God - Dan. 6:27

2. the king promoted the three - 3:30

the king promoted the three

the king had set them over the affairs of Babylon - Dan. 2:49

the king gave them greater leadership in Babylon

the three already had real leadership in Babylon - Dan. 1:17-20

the three had already been given more leadership - Dan. 2:49

III. Daniel interprets the vision of Nebuchadnezzar - 4:1-37

A. the vision of Nebuchadnezzar - 4:1-18

1. Nebuchadnezzar sent a proclamation to all nations - 4:1-3

a. the king sent a message to all the nations - 4:1

the king sent this message to all people

the king had conquered many nations like Judah - Dan. 1:1-2

the king was the ruler of many peoples and nations - Dan. 3:4

the king sent this message to people throughout the earth

the king wanted to tell how God had worked in his life - Dan. 4:34-37

the king sent a message of peace

the king sent a common greeting from kings - Dan. 6:25

b. the king spoke of the way God had worked in his life - 4:2

the king wanted to speak of the signs God had worked

the king had a dream interpreted to him by Daniel - Dan. 4:19-27

the king had become proud instead of humbling himself - Dan. 4:28-30

the king saw the dream come true in his life - Dan. 4:31-33

the king wanted to speak of the wonders God had worked

the king had his kingdom taken from him - Dan. 4:31

the king had become like an animal - Dan. 4:32-33

the king recognized that the High God had worked in his life

the king was restored to sanity by God - Dan. 4:34

the king proclaimed the glory of God - Dan. 4:35-37

c. the king spoke about the greatness of God - 4:3

the king said the signs of God are great

the king recognized the works of God are truth - Dan. 4:37

the king said the wonders of God are mighty

the king had seen God completely humble him - Dan. 4:31-33

the king said the kingdom of God is everlasting

the king had earlier heard about the everlasting kingdom - Dan. 2:44

the king realized that God is everlasting - Dan. 4:34

the king said the rule of God is from generation to generation

the king recognized the dominion of God as eternal - Dan. 4:34

2. Nebuchadnezzar had a vision which he asked the magicians to interpret - 4:4-7

a. the king tells the background for his dream 4:4

the king was at rest in his house

the king had become strong in his kingdom - Dan. 4:22

the king was encouraged to turn from his sin - Dan. 4:27

the king was flourishing in his palace

the king had built a great kingdom - Dan. 4:20-22

the king recognized that he had built a great kingdom - Dan. 4:30

b. the king had a dream that produced fear - 4:5

the king had a dream that made him afraid

the king had a dream that caused fear at an earlier time - Dan. 2:3

the king had thoughts as he lay on his bed

the king experienced dreams which took away his sleep - Dan. 2:1

the king had visions in his head that troubled him

the king admitted his dreams made him afraid - Dan. 2:3

c. the king sent for all the wise men to interpret his dream - 4:6

the king sent a decree to bring all the wise men

the king had sent for the wise men with his earlier dream - Dan. 2:2

the king wanted them to interpret the dream for him

the king had asked them to tell him the dream and interpret it - Dan. 2:4-9

the king ordered their death because they could not tell him - Dan. 2:10-13

the king told the wise men his new dream but they could not interpret - Dan. 4:7

the king finally called for Daniel to interpret the dream - Dan. 4:8

d. the king did not receive an interpretation from any of these men - 4:7

the king had the various interpreters come to him

the wise men were expected to interpret the king's dreams - Dan. 2:4

the wise men had promised to interpret the earlier dream - Dan. 2:7

the king told his dream to them

the wise men could not turn to God for help - Dan. 2:28

the wise men did not realize that God reveals the secret things - Dan. 2:19-23

the king did not receive any interpretation from them

the wise men failed as they had at an earlier time - Dan. 2:10-11

the wise men did not give glory to God like Daniel - Dan. 2:27-30

the wise men were unable to interpret - Dan. 2:10

3. Nebuchadnezzar asked Daniel to interpret the vision - 4:8-10

a. the king had Daniel brought to him - 4:8

Daniel was the last to come before the king

Daniel had been the last to come before the king for the earlier dream - Dan. 2:25

Daniel had been named after the god of the king

Daniel had been given the name of the king's god - Dan. 1:7

Daniel was recognized as having the spirit of the holy God

Daniel had been recognized as following the God of gods - Dan. 2:47

Daniel was recognized as having the spirit of the holy God - Dan. 4:8

Daniel had the dream told to him by the king

Daniel heard the dream from the king - Dan. 4:10-18

b. the king asked Daniel to interpret the dream - 4:9

the king called Daniel the master of magicians

the king had classified Daniel with the other magicians - Dan. 2:13

the king had not paid attention when Daniel gave glory to God - Dan. 2:28-30

the king said he knew Daniel had the spirit of the holy God

the king had recognized this for a period of time - Dan. 2:47

the king had already given Daniel a position of leadership - Dan. 2:49

the king said he knew no secret troubled Daniel

the king had recognized great wisdom in Daniel - Dan. 1:20

the king had heard Daniel say God could reveal secrets - Dan. 2:28

the king had earlier promoted Daniel to great power - Dan. 2:48

the king asked Daniel to tell him the vision of his dream

the king called Daniel when the others had failed - Dan. 4:6-7

the king asked Daniel to interpret the dream

the king had no other way to deal with his fear - Dan. 4:5

c. the king said his dream was about a great tree - 4:10

the king said he had this vision while in bed

the king received his vision in a dream - Dan. 4:4-5

the king said the vision was about a tree

the king would hear Daniel interpret the meaning of the tree - Dan. 4:20-21

the king said the tree was very great

the king would be told the tree represented him - Dan. 4:22

the king would be told that he would be removed from greatness - Dan. 4:25

the king did not pay attention to the interpretation - Dan. 4:28-31

4. Nebuchadnezzar tells the dream to Daniel - 4:11-18

a. Nebuchadnezzar saw a great tree grow and get cut down - 4:11-15

1) the king saw the tree grow and become great - 4:11

the tree grew and was strong and reached unto heaven
the tree was the king and he was very powerful - Dan. 4:20
the tree could be seen to the end of the earth
the tree showed the king ruling the earth - Dan. 2:36-37; 4:22

2) the king saw the tree become very fruitful - 4:12

the tree had fair leaves and much fruit
the king had a very great kingdom - Dan. 4:21-22
the tree gave shade to the animals and birds rested in its branches
the king did have a great kingdom with great power - Dan. 4:30
the tree was able to feed all flesh

3) the king saw a holy one come down from heaven - 4:13

the king saw an unusual vision as he lay in his bed
the king saw a watcher, and a holy one, come down from heaven
the king saw the Lord send one to judge him - Dan. 4:23-25

4) the king heard the holy one say to cut the tree down - 4:14

the holy one said to cut down the tree and cut off its branches
the king would be removed from power for seven years - Dan. 4:23, 32
the holy one said to shake off the leaves and scatter the fruit

5) the king heard the holy one say to leave the trunk - 4:15

the holy one told them to leave the stump
the king would not be destroyed but live in the field - Dan. 4:23
the king would be removed until he recognized God - Dan. 4:25-26
the holy one said to leave the stump with a band of iron and bronze
the king would lose his reason and understanding - Dan. 4:34
the holy one said to let him (the stump) be wet with the dew
the king would be driven from men and live like an animal - Dan. 4:33
the holy one said to let him be with the animals in the grass
the king had this happen - Dan. 4:33

b. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed the last part was talking about a man - 4:16-18

1) the king saw the person changed to an animal's heart - 4:16

the king heard the heart would be changed from the heart of a man
the king was trusting in his own efforts (heart)- Jer. 17:5-6
the king would have his heart changed within him - I Sam. 25:37
the king would have his heart become dull - Luke 8:27-29
the king heard the heart would become like the heart of an animal
the king would be driven from men and live with the animals - Dan. 4:32
the king heard this would last for seven times
the king would have this last for seven years - Dan. 4:32-34

2) the king saw that the Most High rules - 4:17

the king heard this was the decree of the watchers
God had a decree about the king announced by the watcher - Dan. 4:13-14
the king heard this was the demand of the most holy ones
God used an angel announce the coming judgment of the king - Dan. 4:23-25
God often used angels in announcing judgment - Gen. 18:22, 19:13
the king heard this was so people would realize the Most High rules
God uses many things to help people recognize Him - Acts 16:25-31
the king heard that the Most High gives kingdoms to whom He wills
God is the One who establishes all governments - Rom. 13:1
the king heard the Most High sets up kings
God is the One who puts down one and raises up another - Ps. 75:6-7

3) the king asked Daniel to interpret the dream - 4:18

the king said that was his dream
the king had told Daniel what he had dreamed - Dan. 4:10-17
the king asked Daniel to interpret the dream
the king knew Daniel could interpret dreams - Dan. 2:47
the king said his wise men could not interpret the dream
the king recognized the limitations of his wise men - Dan. 4:7
the king said Daniel was able to interpret the dream
the king had heard Daniel interpret the earlier dream - Dan. 2:44-47
the king said Daniel had the spirit of the gods
the king had still not recognized the Most High God - Dan. 4:9
the king was still exalting himself - Dan. 4:30
the king finally recognized the true and living God - Dan. 4:1-3

B. the vision is interpreted by Daniel - 4:19-27

1. Daniel said the dream was about the king - 4:19-23

a. Daniel was perplexed for a time - 4:19

Daniel was perplexed and his thoughts troubled him
Daniel knew the judgment that would come to the king - Dan. 4:31-34
Daniel heard the king tell him not to be troubled
Daniel had a concern to see the king repent - Dan. 4:27
Daniel said the dream would be good news to the king's enemies
Daniel knew the enemies would rejoice at the king's judgment - Dan. 4:31-33

b. Daniel explained about the tree - 4:20

Daniel said the tree was strong and tall
Daniel said the tree could be seen throughout the earth

c. Daniel explained about the leaves and branches - 4:21

Daniel said the tree had good leaves and much fruit
Daniel said the animals and the birds enjoyed the tree

d. Daniel explained that the tree represented the king - 4:22

Daniel said the king was the one who was strong
the king had captured many nations - Dan. 1:1
Daniel said the king had become very great
the king ruled the first of the great kingdoms - Dan. 2:37-38
Daniel said his kingdom reached to the ends of the earth
the king had ruled over many peoples and nations - Dan. 5:18-19

e. Daniel explained about the stump 4:23

Daniel said that messengers came down from heaven
the messengers had been sent by God from heaven - 4:13
Daniel said the messengers said to cut down the tree and destroy it
the messengers predicted the judgment of the tree (king) - Dan. 4:14
Daniel said the messengers said to leave the stump with a band on it
the messengers said the tree would not be totally destroyed - Dan. 4:15
Daniel said the king would be in the field for seven years

2. Daniel gave the interpretation of the dream - 4:24-27

a. the king heard the dream showed what God would do - 4:24

the king heard the interpretation of the dream

the king had the meaning of his dream explained - Dan. 4:10-17
the king heard that men are to recognize the Most High - Dan. 4:17
the king did not know God had promised judgment to Babylon - Is. 14:22-27

the king heard about the decree of the Most High

the king heard that he needed to repent - Dan. 4:27

the king heard this judgment would come on him

the king heard that his dream was bad news for him- Dan. 4:19
the king did not change in his pride - Dan. 4:28-30
the king had this judgment come as promised - Dan. 4:31

b. the king heard what would happen to him - 4:25

the king heard he would be driven from among men

the king was driven from among men - Dan. 4:32

the king heard that he would live with the animals and eat grass

the king became like an animal in the field - Dan. 4:33

the king heard this would last for seven years

the king had been warned this would last seven years - Dan. 4:16

the king heard he would finally recognize the Most High

the king finally did recognize the Most High - Dan. 4:34
the king finally did recognize that the Most High God rules - Dan. 5:21

the king heard he would finally realize God rules

the king finally realized God has an everlasting kingdom - Dan. 4:1-3
the king finally realized that God has everlasting dominion - Dan. 4:34

c. the king heard he would then recognize God - 4:26

the king heard he was the stump that would be left

the king had dreamed that the stump would be left - Dan. 4:15
the king would be driven from men but would not die - Dan. 4:33-34

the king heard that his kingdom would be returned to him

the king did have his kingdom returned to him - Dan. 4:36

the king heard this would happen when He recognized that God rules

the king did recognize that God rules - Dan. 4:3
the king did recognize that He rules the kingdoms of men - Dan. 5:21
the king did recognize that God has everlasting dominion - Dan. 4:34

d. the king was warned to repent - 4:27

Daniel asked the king to let his counsel be acceptable

Daniel spoke to the king without being ashamed - Ps. 119:46

Daniel was willing to try and persuade the king - II Cor. 5:11

Daniel told the king he needed to repent of his sin

Daniel was calling for the king to depart from evil - Prov. 16:6

Daniel was calling for the king to seek the Lord - Is. 55:6-7

Daniel said he needed to show mercy to the poor

Daniel knew a concern for others results from light from the Lord - Is. 58:10

Daniel said that would give him peace and tranquillity

Daniel knew how God lengthened the life of Ninevah - Jonah 3:10

C. the vision is fulfilled by God - 4:28-37

1. the king did not repent of his pride - 4:28-30

a. the king had these things happen to him 4:28

the Lord fulfilled His word

the Lord did keep His word to the king - Dan. 4:31

the Lord brought judgment on the king

the Lord did bring judgment on the king - Dan. 5:20-21

b. the king was enjoying his palace 4:29

a year later the king was walking in his palace

(the hanging gardens of Babylon were one of the seven wonders of the world)

a year later the king was thinking about the greatness of Babylon

the king had great pride in himself and his kingdom - Dan. 3:1-7

c. the king was boasting in pride - 4:30

the king boasted of the greatness of Babylon

the king was filled with pride - Dan. 5:20

the king boasted of what he had built

the king had built the first world empire - Dan. 2:36-38

the king boasted about his power

the king had the power of life and death to this people - Dan. 5:19

the king boasted about the honor of his majesty

the king had been given honor and majesty by God - Dan. 5:18-19

2. the king experienced the judgment that God promised - 4:31-33

a. the king was told his kingdom was taken from him - 4:31

the king was boasting in pride

the king did not realize that pride brings destruction - Prov. 16:18

the king had often demonstrated pride - Dan. 3:1-7

the king heard a voice from heaven

the king's son also received word of judgment from God - Dan. 5:27

the king heard that God was speaking to him

the king had God speak because he did not listen to Daniel - Dan. 4:27

the king heard that his kingdom was taken from him

the kingdom was later given to the Medes - Dan. 5:28

b. the king was told he would be with the animals - 4:32

the king heard he would be driven away from other people

the king had been told this by Daniel a year earlier - Dan. 4:25

the king heard he would live with the animals in the field

the king had been told he would be with the animals in the field - Dan. 4:23

the king heard he would eat grass like the oxen

the king had been told he would eat grass like the oxen - Dan. 4:25

the king heard this judgment would last for seven years

the king had been warned of the length of the judgment - Dan. 4:16

the king heard judgment would last until he recognized the Most High ruled

the king had been warned it would last until the Most High ruled - Dan. 4:25

the king heard judgment would last until he recognized that God is in control

the king had been warned that it would last until the Most High ruled - Dan. 4:17

c. the king had this happen the same hour - 4:33

the king had this judgment fulfilled immediately

the king's son was also warned of immediate judgment - Dan. 5:5

the king was driven from men

the king had been warned he would be driven from men - Dan. 4:25

the king ate grass like the oxen

the king had dreamed he would eat grass - Dan. 4:15

the king had his body covered with dew

the king had dreamed he would be covered with dew - Dan. 4:15-16

the king had his hair and nails changed

the king became like a wild man - Mark 5:3-5

3. the king humbled himself and gave glory to God - 4:34-37

a. the king finally recognized God - 4:34

the king had this period come to an end
the king lifted up his eyes to heaven
the king finally recognized the God of heaven - Dan. 4:1-3
the king had his understanding return
the king had been promised that God would restore him - Dan. 4:26
the king blessed the Most High
the king praised and honored the One who lives forever
the king gave honor to the King of heaven - Dan. 4:37
the king recognized God's everlasting rule
the king recognized that God has an everlasting kingdom - Dan. 4:3

b. the king recognized the greatness of God - 4:35

the king realized the people of the world are nothing
the king finally understood the nations are a drop in the bucket - Is. 40:15-17
the king realized God does according to His will in heaven
the king finally understood that God will carry out His thoughts - Is. 14:24-27
the king realized God does His will on earth
the king finally realized that God fashions the heart of every man - Ps. 33:14-16
the king realized no one can tell God what to do
the king finally realized no one can tell God what to do - Is. 45:9-11

c. the king had his reason and kingdom returned to him - 4:36

the king had his reason and his kingdom returned to him
the king had his counselors and lords seek him again
the king was established in his kingdom again

d. the king recognized God as the King of heaven - 4:37

the king gave praise and honor to the King of heaven
the Lord received praise and honor from the king - Dan. 4:1-3, 34
the king recognized all God's works are truth
the Lord does all of His works in truth - Ps. 33:4-6
the king realized that all God's ways are justice
the Lord is the One who does all things right - Ps. 119:75
the king realized God will bring down the proud - 4:30-31
the Lord resists the proud - James 4:6-10

IV. Daniel tells Belshazzar that judgment will come to him - 5:1-31

A. Belshazzar became the king and made a feast - 5:1-4

1. the king made a great feast for his lords - 5:1

Belshazzar made a great feast for his lords

the pride of Belshazzar was like that of his father - Dan. 5:22

Belshazzar drank wine with his lords

the pride of the king caused him to lift his hand against God - Dan. 5:23
the pride of the king led to the judgment predicted by Jeremiah - Jer. 51:39

2. the king decided to use the vessels from the temple - 5:2

the king became drunk with his lords

the king and his party became very drunk - Dan. 5:4

the king ordered his servants to bring the vessels from the temple

these vessels had been taken from the house of God in Jerusalem - Dan. 1:2

the vessels had been carried to the land of Babylon - II Kings 24:13

the king wanted to use the vessels for his party

the vessels of the temple were used to show his defiance of God - Dan. 5:23

3. the king had the vessels from the temple brought to him - 5:3

the king soon had received the vessels

the king used these vessels for his feast - Dan. 5:23

the king knew these came from the temple in Jerusalem

the king knew these came from the temple - Dan. 1:2; 5:2

the king and his party all drank from them

the king drank and partied with the entire group - Dan. 5:4

4. the king praised the gods of gold and silver - 5:4

the king and the people became more drunk

the king was filled with pride in his power - Dan. 5:22

the king was quickly sobered by what soon happened - Dan. 5:5

the king and the people praised the gods of the vessels

the king was praising the gods of gold and silver - Dan. 5:23

the king demonstrated a foolish and darkened heart - Rom. 1:21-23

the king was suddenly filled with fear - Dan. 5:6-7

the king was being judged for his pride - Dan. 5:22-30

B. Belshazzar saw a hand write on the wall of the palace - 5:5-9

1. the king suddenly saw a hand writing on the wall - 5:5

the king saw the fingers of a man's hand writing
the king learned that the hand had been sent from God - Dan. 5:24
the king saw this hand writing on the wall
the king saw the part of the hand that was writing

2. the king had his knees knock together in fear - 5:6

the king had his total appearance change
the king went from praise of his gods to great fear - Dan. 5:4, 9
the king had his thoughts trouble him
the king did not yet know that God was speaking to him - Dan. 5:22-24
the king had the joints of his hips loosened
the king had his knees begin knocking together

3. the king called for his wise men to interpret the writing - 5:7

the king called quickly for his wise men
the king promised a great reward to whoever would read the writing
the king promised a reward to the one who interpreted the writing
the king promised great wealth to the one who would interpret
the king promised the third position in the kingdom to that one

4. the king got no help from the wise men - 5:8

the king had all the wise men gathered in front of him
the king did not receive any help from his wise men - Dan. 5:15
the king was told that none of them could read the writing
the king was told that none of them could interpret the writing

5. the king became greatly troubled - 5:9

the king became even more troubled
the king was already greatly troubled - Dan. 5:6
the king had his whole appearance change even more
the king was already suffering from knocking knees - Dan. 5:6
the king was surrounded by his astonished lords
the king and his entire party were totally changed - Dan. 5:1-4

C. Belshazzar was told that Daniel could interpret the meaning of the handwriting - 5:10-12

1. the king was reminded of Daniel by the queen mother - 5:10

the queen mother heard what was happening

(the queen mother was probably the daughter of Nebuchadnezzar and the wife of Nabonidus who co-ruled with Belshazzar - 5:16, 29)

the queen mother came into the banquet house

the queen mother had not been an invited guest - Dan. 5:2

the queen mother gave the customary greeting

this was the normal greeting to a king - Dan. 2:4; 3:9; 6:6; 6:21

the queen mother told the king not to let his thoughts trouble him

the queen mother had heard his thoughts were troubling him - Dan. 5:6

the queen mother told the king not to let his appearance be changed

the queen mother had heard about the looks of the king - Dan. 5:6

2. the king heard about the ministry of Daniel in the time of his father - 5:11

the queen mother said there was a man with the spirit of the Holy God

Daniel was recognized as having the Spirit of God - Dan. 4:16

the queen mother said he had light, wisdom and understanding

Daniel had shown his wisdom for many years - Dan. 1:17-20

Daniel had said his wisdom came from God - Dan. 2:28-30

the queen mother said Nebuchadnezzar was the king's father

(the king was probably the grandson on his mother's side) - Dan. 5:18

the queen mother said Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel chief of the magicians

Daniel had been promoted to a high political position - Dan. 2:46-48

Daniel had been recognized as the chief of the magicians - Dan. 4:7-8

3. the king heard the queen mother suggest he call for Daniel - 5:12

the queen mother said Daniel had an excellent spirit

Daniel was recognized as having the spirit of the gods - Dan. 4:8-9

the queen said Daniel had knowledge and understanding

Daniel knew that the king was already aware of him - Dan. 5:22-23

the queen mother said Daniel could interpret dreams

Daniel had interpreted other dreams - Dan. 2:47; Dan. 4:19

the queen mother suggested that Daniel be called

Daniel would be able to read the handwriting she said - Dan. 5:14-15

Daniel did come and interpret the handwriting - Dan. 5:25-28

D. Belshazzar asked Daniel to interpret the handwriting - 5:13-17

1. the king had Daniel brought before him - 5:13

Daniel was brought before the king

Daniel was often brought before kings - Dan. 2:25; Dan. 4:8; Dan. 6:2

Daniel was asked if he had been brought from Judah

Daniel was among those brought from Judah many years earlier - Dan. 1:3-7

2. the king said he had heard about the understanding of Daniel - 5:14

the king said he had heard about Daniel

the king had heard through the queen mother - Dan. 5:10

the king said Daniel had the spirit of the gods

the king was not the first king to recognize this - Dan. 4:9

the king said Daniel had understanding and wisdom

the king had heard Daniel had wisdom like the gods - Dan. 5:11

3. the king said the magicians could not interpret the writing - 5:15

the king said he had called for his wise men

the king said he asked them to interpret the writing

the king said they were unable to interpret the writing

4. the king offered a reward if Daniel could interpret it - 5:16

the king had heard that Daniel could interpret dreams

Daniel looked to God for wisdom to interpret dreams - Dan. 2:28-30

the king asked Daniel to read and interpret the writing

Daniel had to first read the writing and then interpret it - Dan. 5:24-28

the king offered Daniel the third position in the kingdom

Daniel was offered the third ruler because the king ruled with his father - Dan. 6:29

5. the king heard that Daniel would interpret the writing - 5:17

Daniel told the king to keep his gifts

Daniel did not want the gifts the king offered - Dan. 5:7, 16

Daniel said he would read the writing

Daniel was able to read the writing of the hand - Dan. 5:8, 24

Daniel said he would interpret the writing

Daniel was able to interpret the writing - Dan. 5:25-28

E. Belshazzar was reminded of his pride 5:18-24

1. the king is reminded of the pride of his father - 5:18-21

a. Daniel said God gave Nebuchadnezzar his kingdom - 5:18

Daniel said God gave Nebuchadnezzar the kingdom

God had given the kingdom to Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 2:37

Daniel said God gave Nebuchadnezzar majesty

God had given Nebuchadnezzar a great kingdom - Dan. 4:22

Daniel said God gave Nebuchadnezzar glory

God had judged the king when he failed to recognize this - Dan. 4:22-25

Daniel said God gave Nebuchadnezzar honor

God had given Nebuchadnezzar great honor among the nations - Dan. 2:37-38

b. Daniel said God had made Nebuchadnezzar very powerful - 5:19

Daniel said all the nations trembled before him

Daniel said he had the power of life and death

Daniel said he had the power to set up and put down

c. Daniel said Nebuchadnezzar had become proud and lost his power - 5:20

Daniel said that the heart of the king was lifted up

Daniel had warned Nebuchadnezzar of his pride - Dan. 4:27

Daniel said that the mind of the king became hardened in pride

Daniel explained how Nebuchadnezzar was thinking - Dan. 4:29-31

Daniel said the king had been removed from the throne

Daniel said God removed Nebuchadnezzar from the throne - Dan. 4:31-33

Daniel said the king had his glory taken away

Daniel had said the king would become like an animal - Dan. 4:22-25

d. Daniel said Nebuchadnezzar was driven away from men - 5:21

Daniel said the king was driven from men and lived with the animals

Daniel said the king was wet with the dew of heaven

Nebuchadnezzar was driven out into the fields - Dan. 4:32-33

Daniel said the king recognized the Most High God ruled

Nebuchadnezzar realized that God is the One who rules - Dan. 4:1-3

Daniel said the king recognized God is the One who appoints

Nebuchadnezzar recognized that God rules over all - Dan. 4:34-35

2. the king is rebuked for his own pride - 5:22-24

a. Daniel told the king he had not humbled his heart - 5:22

Daniel said the king was the son (grandson) of Nebuchadnezzar
the king was from the family of Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 5:11

Daniel said the king had not humbled his heart
the king had shown his pride and rebellion against God - Dan. 5:1-3
the king had praised the gods of gold and silver - Dan. 5:4

Daniel said the king knew what happened to Nebuchadnezzar
the king had seen the pride of Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 4:29-31
the king had seen the judgment of Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 4:32-34

b. Daniel said the king lifted himself up against the Lord - 5:23

Daniel said the king lifted up his hand against the Lord
Daniel said the actions showed direct rebellion against God - Dan. 5:3

Daniel said the king had taken the vessels of the temple
Daniel knew what the king had ordered - Dan. 5:2

Daniel said the king had used the vessels to party
Daniel knew how the king had used the vessels- Dan. 5:3

Daniel said the king had praised the gods of gold and silver
Daniel said the king worshiped false gods - Dan. 5:4

Daniel said that such gods have no knowledge or understanding
Daniel said that such gods do not see or hear - Ps. 115:4-8
Daniel knew that idols are the work of men's hands - Ps. 135:15-17

Daniel said God is the source of life and breath
Daniel said that God is the One who gives us breath - Ps. 104:29
Daniel knew God gives breath and spirit to those on earth - Is. 42:5

Daniel said God is the One who owns all our ways
Daniel knew that God is the One who knows our ways - Ps. 139:3
Daniel knew God is the One to whom we must give account - Heb. 4:13

Daniel said that the king had not glorified God
Daniel knew that the king was not giving glory to God - Rom. 1:21-23

c. Daniel said the hand had been sent from the Lord of heaven - 5:24

Daniel said the hand had been sent from God
the king had seen a hand writing on the wall - Dan. 5:5
Daniel said God had caused the writing to be written
the king did not give God glory in his pride - Dan. 5:22-23

F. Belshazzar heard that he would be judged - 5:25-29

1. Daniel reads the writing 5:25

Daniel said he would read the writing

Daniel was trusting the Lord to help him read it - Dan. 2:28-30

Daniel read the words that were written

Daniel did what none of the king's wise men could do - Dan. 5:7-8

2. Daniel tells what will happen to the kingdom - 5:26

Daniel said this is the interpretation

Daniel went on to interpret what was written - Dan. 5:17

Daniel explained the meaning of the word "MENE"

Daniel said the kingdom would soon end - Dan. 9:1-2

Daniel said the kingdom had been numbered

Daniel knew that Isaiah had promised judgment for Babylon - Is. 13:1-14:32

Daniel said the kingdom was finished

Daniel knew God had promised to uncover the nakedness of Babylon - Is. 47:1-15

Daniel knew the time when Babylon would be punished - Jer. 25:11-12

3. Daniel tells what God says about the king -5:27

Daniel explained the meaning of the word "TEKEL"

God says people weighed in the scales are lighter than vapor - Ps. 62:9

Daniel said the king was personally weighed in the balances

God had weighed Belshazzar in His balances - Dan. 5:22-23

Daniel said the king was found wanting

God said the king would be judged that very night - Dan. 5:30

4. Daniel tells who will take control - 5:28

Daniel explained the meaning of the word "PERES"

(Peres is the plural of Upharsin and means to divide)

God had determined that Babylon would be taken - Dan. 5:31

Daniel said the kingdom was being divided

God gave the kingdom to the Medes and the Persians - Dan. 6:8

Daniel said the kingdom was given to the Medes and Persians

Daniel will later tell more about this division - Dan. 8:3-4, 20

Daniel had this vision while Belshazzar was still king - Dan. 8:1

Daniel even predicted how long the Persians would rule - Dan. 11:1-2

5. Belshazzar honors Daniel for interpreting the writing - 5:29

the king commanded Daniel to be clothed with scarlet

the king put a chain of gold around the neck of Daniel

the king had promised a chain of gold for interpreting the writing - Dan. 5:7

the king made a proclamation concerning Daniel

the king was told his gifts were not important - Dan. 5:17

the king appointed Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom

the king had offered to make Daniel third ruler in the kingdom - Dan. 5:16

the king had originally made this offer to the magicians - Dan. 5:7

G. Belshazzar was judged that night - 5:30-31

1. the king was killed that very night - 5:30

Belshazzar experienced the judgment of the Lord that very night

God is the One who held the breath of the king - Dan. 5:23

God said that the king had come short - Dan. 5:27

Belshazzar was killed that very night

God brought Darius, the Mede, to the throne that night - Dan. 5:31

2. the king was defeated by Darius, the Mede - 5:31

Darius, the Mede, captured Babylon that very night

(the king knew the army of the Medes and the Persians was outside the wall)

(the king thought Babylon could never be conquered)

the king was so sure he was having a feast - Dan. 5:1-2

the king was so sure he mocked the true God - Dan. 5:3

the king was so sure he worshiped the gods of gold and silver - Dan. 5:4

the king was acting with great pride - Dan. 5:22

the king was so sure he lifted up himself against the Lord of heaven - Dan. 5:23

Darius was 62 years old when he captured Babylon

Darius quickly recognized the wisdom of Daniel - Dan. 6:1-3

Darius quickly developed a close friendship with Daniel - Dan. 6:13-15

Darius spent a sleepless night because of concern for Daniel - Dan. 6:18-23

Darius was king when Daniel had two of his visions - Dan. 9:1; 11:1

Darius was king during the time of Ezra - Ezra 4:24

Darius issued a decree to let the rebuilding of the temple continue - Ezra 6:12

Darius was in his sixth year as king when the temple was finished - Ezra 6:13-15

Darius was king when Haggai and Zechariah also prophesied - Hag. 1:1; Zech. 1:1

V. Daniel is protected from the lions - 6:1-28

A. Darius promoted Daniel to a position of leadership - 6:1-3

1. Darius placed 120 satraps in charge of his kingdom - 6:1

Darius organized the Medo-Persian empire

Darius was the ruler who conquered Babylon - Dan. 5:31

Darius appointed 120 satraps over his empire

Darius worked with effective principles of delegation- Ex. 18:21-23

Darius placed those men over the whole kingdom

Darius ruled an empire of many nations - Esther - 1:1

2. Darius placed Daniel over the governors and satraps - 6:2

Darius appointed three governors over the 120 satraps

Daniel immediately had the others begin plotting against him - Dan. 6:4-5

Darius appointed Daniel as the first governor

Daniel had held a similar position in Babylon - Dan. 2:48-49

Darius told the satraps to give their reports to the governors

Daniel and the governors supervised the satraps - Ex. 18:21, 25

Darius said they were to make sure the kingdom suffered no loss

Daniel and the other leaders were to give an account to the king - Ezra 4:22

Daniel and the others were to make sure the king did not suffer loss - Esther 7:4

3. Daniel was recognized as having an excellent spirit - 6:3

Daniel was preferred above the governors and satraps

Daniel was a man of great wisdom - Dan. 1:19-20

Daniel was a leader with much experience - Dan. 2:47-47

Daniel was not a man who wanted to benefit himself - Dan. 5:17

Daniel knew how to select wise leaders - Dan. 1:17-20; 2:49

Daniel had an excellent spirit in him

Daniel was a man who depended on God - Dan. 2:18, 28-30

Daniel was a man of godly character - Dan. 6:10

Daniel was recognized as having an excellent spirit - Dan. 5:12, 14

Daniel was given skill by God to understand - Dan. 9:23

Daniel was a man who did not depend on himself - Prov. 3:5-6

Daniel was being considered to be over the whole realm

Daniel had been over all of Babylon - Dan. 2:48

Daniel was an effective leader under several rulers - Dan. 6:28

B. Darius did not know that the other leaders were plotting against Daniel - 6:4-9

1. the governors and satraps tried to find fault with Daniel - 6:4

the leaders looked for some charge to bring against Daniel

leaders often try to destroy other leaders - Dan. 3:8

leaders who are wicked plot against the just - Ps. 37:12

leaders who are wicked want to destroy the righteous - Ps. 37:32

leaders who are wicked hate the upright - Prov. 29:27

the leaders looked for something wrong in the way he governed

Daniel also behaved wisely in all his ways - I Sam. 18:14

Daniel was also honorable in all he did - I Sam. 22:14

Daniel depended on God for wisdom - Dan. 3:30

the leaders could find no charge or fault

Daniel was a man who was blameless - Prov. 11:5

the leaders were forced to recognize Daniel was faithful

Daniel had conduct that was honorable - I Pet. 2:12

Daniel spoke words that could not be condemned - Titus 2:8

the leaders did not find any error or fault in him

Daniel was a leader with a good conscience - I Pet. 3:16

2. the governors and satraps found that Daniel was blameless - 6:5

the leaders said they could not find any fault with Daniel

Daniel was a man who prayed daily for wisdom - Dan. 6:10

Daniel was a man who trusted God in difficult situations - Dan. 6:22

the leaders said they could make a law against his God

godless men want to deny the true and living God - Dan. 6:11

godless men want to develop a worship of man - Dan. 6:12

godless men want to destroy those who are godly - Dan. 6:13

godless men have always followed that pattern - Rom. 1:21-32

3. the governors and satraps went to the king with a plan - 6:6

the leaders gathered together before the king

the leaders had already prepared their plan to trap Daniel - Dan. 6:11

the leaders were waiting for the opportunity to destroy Daniel - Ps. 56:6

the leaders had their plan backfire and destroy them - Dan. 6:24

the leaders acted like they had great respect for the king

the leaders came with a greeting of respect - Dan. 2:4; 3:9; 5:10; 6:21

the leaders were actually setting their trap - Dan. 6:12-15

4. the governors and satraps asked the king to make a new law - 6:7

the leaders said they were speaking for all the governors

the king had appointed three governors - Dan. 6:2-3

the leaders said they were speaking for all the satraps

the king had appointed 120 satraps - Dan. 6:1

the leaders said they were speaking for all the counselors

the kings had men who served as their counselors - Dan. 3:24, 27; 4:36

the leaders said they were speaking for all the advisors

the kings had men who served as their advisors - Dan. 3:2, 3, 27

the leaders said they had consulted together to establish a royal statute

the king heard his leaders were all in agreement on this statute - Dan. 6:15

the leaders said they had consulted to make a firm decree

the king was asked to make a decree of restriction - Dan 6:12

the leaders said their decree said people were only to petition the king

the king was being requested to limit prayers only to himself - Dan. 6:13

the leaders said all offenders would be thrown into the lions' den

the king was requested to throw any offenders into the den of lions of Dan. 6:12

5. the governors and satraps said to make it an unchangeable law - 6:8

the leaders asked the king to establish the decree

the leaders wanted the king to command the writing - Esther 3:12

the leaders asked the king to sign the writing

the leaders wanted it sealed with the king's signet ring - Esther 8:10

the leaders said to make it a law which could not be changed

the leaders wanted to make certain it could not be changed - Dan. 6:15

the leaders said that was the law of the Medes and Persians

the leaders asked that it be written in the laws of the Medes and Persians - Dan. 6:12

the leaders said their laws were unchangeable

the leaders knew the laws of the Medes and Persians were unchangeable -
Esther 1:19

6. the governors and satraps asked the king to sign the law - 6:9

the king heard their request

the king did not have his trust in the Lord - Ps. 118:9

the king put his trust in his princes - Ps. 146:3

the king was trapped by the decision he made - Prov. 6:2

the king signed the written decree

the king was later asked if he had signed the decree - Dan. 6:12

the king could not reverse his own decree - Dan. 6:15

C. Darius learned about the prayer of Daniel - Dan. 6:10-15

1. the men asked the king if he had made a decree - 6:10-12

a. Daniel was a man of prayer and integrity - 6:10

Daniel learned that the king had signed the decree

Daniel did not fear the king's decree - Dan. 1:8

Daniel went to his house and opened the windows

Daniel was not afraid to be seen when he prayed - Dan. 6:13

Daniel faced Jerusalem as he knelt on his knees and prayed

Daniel knew the reason why he prayed facing Jerusalem - II Chron. 6:38

Daniel knew that God would hear and act - II Kings 8:38-40

Daniel prayed and gave thanks to God

Daniel prayed with boldness as he came to the Lord - Heb. 4:16

Daniel had been doing this since he was young

Daniel had made the Lord first in his life as a young man - Dan. 1:8-9

b. Daniel was watched by the men against him - 6:11

Daniel had enemies who were watching him

the enemies had prepared their trap carefully - Dan. 6:6

Daniel was observed as he prayed to God

the enemies were planning to accuse Daniel to the king - Dan. 6:13

c. Daniel was accused before the king - 6:12

the leaders went to the king and spoke to him

evil leaders are always looking for their opportunity - Dan. 3:8

evil leaders usually focus on self gain - Acts 16:19

the leaders asked the king if he had signed the decree

the leaders made sure the decree was unchangeable - Esther 1:19

the leaders asked if people were to petition anyone else for 30 days

the leaders had included this in their original request - Dan. 6:7

the leaders asked if such a person would be cast to the lions

the leaders had planned how Daniel would be killed - Dan. 6:16

the king told them that what they said was true

the leaders had actually deceived the king - Dan. 6:14

the king said the law of the Medes and Persians could not be changed

the leaders knew that the laws of the Medes and Persians would stand - Dan. 6:8

the leaders knew the laws could not be altered - Esther 1:19

2. the men accused Daniel to the king - 6:13-15

a. the leaders accused Daniel of breaking the law - 6:13

the leaders then spoke to the king

the leaders knew that their trap was ready - Dan. 6:7, 12

the leaders said that Daniel was a captive from Judah

the leaders knew that Daniel was originally from Judah - Dan. 1:6; 2:25

the leaders may have been against all the Jews - Dan. 3:12; Esther 3:8

the leaders said that Daniel did not show due regard to the king

the leaders were appealing to the pride of the king - Dan. 6:4-8

the leaders said Daniel did not obey the decree that was signed

the leaders were actually telling the truth in this charge - Dan. 6:10

the leaders said Daniel was still praying three times a day

the leaders knew that Daniel would obey God - Dan. 6:5

the leaders did not understand that God must be first - Acts 5:29

b. the leaders put the king in a very difficult situation - 6:14

the king was very displeased with himself

the king had a great respect for Daniel - Dan. 6:3

the king had a great concern for Daniel - Dan. 6:20

the king set his heart to deliver Daniel

the king was forced to realize Daniel must trust in the Lord - Dan. 6:16

the king would see the Lord deliver Daniel - Dan. 6:21-22

the king would see Daniel protected from harm - Dan. 6:23

the king spent the rest of the day trying to deliver Daniel

the king was unable to deliver Daniel - Dan. 6:15

the king also spent a sleepless night - Dan. 6:18

c. the leaders demanded that the law be carried out - 6:15

the leaders came back to the king

the leaders had set their trap - Dan. 6:6-8

the leaders had seen Daniel praying - Dan. 6:10-11

the leaders thought Daniel would be destroyed - Dan. 6:12-13

the leaders reminded the king about the rule of the Medes and Persians

the leaders used these laws when getting the decree signed - Dan. 6:8

the leaders had questioned if these laws were firm - Dan. 6:12

the leaders reminded the king that the law could not be changed

the leaders thought they would destroy Daniel - Dan. 6:16-17

D. Darius had Daniel cast into the lions' den - 6:16-17

1. the king gave the command to cast Daniel to the lions - 6:16

the leaders forced the king to give the command

a leader is often made weak by evil men - II Sam. 3:39

a leader is often controlled by the fear of man - Prov. 29:25

a leader often fails in his responsibility as a leader - Jer. 38:5; Matt. 14:8-10

a leader controlled by fear is not a leader - Matt. 27:23-26

the leaders brought Daniel to the lions' den

evil leaders often try to destroy the innocent - Jer. 26:14

the leaders cast Daniel into the lions' den

the leaders thought they had succeeded in their plan - Dan. 6:6-8

the leaders did not know the God that Daniel worshipped - Dan. 2:28-30

the leaders did not know that God would protect Daniel - Dan. 6:22-23

the leaders did not know that they had sealed their own doom - Dan. 6:24

the king spoke to Daniel just before they cast him in

the king came early to see what happened to Daniel - Dan. 6:19

the king recognized that Daniel served God continually

the king was growing in his understanding of God - Dan. 6:20

the king would come to a true understanding of God - Dan. 6:26-27

the king said God would deliver Daniel

the king was not very sure God would deliver Daniel - Dan. 6:18-20

2. the king put his seal on the stone closing the entrance - 6:17

the king had a stone placed over the mouth of the lions' den

the king made it possible for the cave to be sealed - Matt. 27:66

the king sealed it with his own signet ring

the king's signet ring gave great authority - Gen. 41:42

the king's signet ring was used to sign decrees - Esther 3:12

the king's signet ring meant a law could not be revoked - Esther 8:8

the king's signet ring was used again against the Jews later - Esther 3:10

the king's signet ring later gave victory to the Jews - Esther 8:10

the king had the leaders seal it with their signet rings

the king allowed the other leaders to use their authority - Dan. 6:1-3

the king knew that the purpose could not be changed

the king had a great concern for Daniel - Dan. 6:14

the king was unable to change the law - Dan. 6:15

the king hoped Daniel would live - Dan. 6:19:20

the king saw God work - Dan. 6:23

E. Darius learns that Daniel has been protected - 6:18-23

1. the king spent a sleepless night - 6:18-20

a. the king did not sleep that night - 6:18

the king went to his palace

the king spent the night fasting

the king showed his mourning by fasting - I Kings 21:27

the king did not have any music to encourage him

the kings often used music to make them happy - Eccles. 2:8

the lack of music usually meant sorrow - Is. 24:8-10

the lack of music will be a sign of judgment in the future - Rev. 18:22

the king did not get any sleep

the king was not the first king to lose sleep - Dan. 2:1

the king was not the last to lose sleep - Esther 6:1

the king lost sleep because of a troubled heart - Ps. 77:4

b. the king got up early in the morning - 6:19

the king got up very early in the morning

the king had spent a sleepless night - Dan. 6:18

the king hurried to the den of lions

the king wanted to see if the Lord had protected Daniel - Dan. 6:16

c. the king immediately called for Daniel - 6:20

the king came to the den of lions

the king had sealed this den the night before - Dan. 6:17

the king cried to Daniel with a grieving voice

the king was in sorrow as he hoped to hear Daniel answer - Dan. 6:21-23

the king called out to Daniel

the king was not very sure about his statement the previous night - Dan. 6:16

the king called Daniel the servant of the living God

the king was beginning to recognize the character of God - Dan. 6:26-27

the king recognized that Daniel served God continually

the king recognized the commitment of Daniel - Dan. 6:10

the king was beginning to understand the strong faith of Daniel - Dan. 1:8

the king was beginning to understand the source of Daniel's wisdom - Dan. 3:28-30

the king asked Daniel if God delivered him from the lions

the king had seen Daniel thrown to the lions - Dan. 6:16

2. the king learns that God has spared Daniel - 6:21-23

a. Daniel responded to the king - 6:21

Daniel answered the king

Daniel had been protected by the Lord - Dan. 6:16

Daniel gave the king a greeting of respect

Daniel gave the common greeting to a king - Neh. 2:3

b. Daniel said God had protected him - 6:22

Daniel said God had sent His angel

God had earlier sent His angel to protect Daniel's friends - Dan. 3:25

Daniel said the angel had shut the lions' mouths

God had honored the faith of Daniel - Heb. 11:33

Daniel said the lions did not hurt him

God delivered Daniel out of the mouth of the lion - II Tim. 4:17

Daniel said he was found innocent before God

God delivered Daniel because Daniel believed in Him - Dan. 6:23

Daniel said he was found innocent before the king

Daniel also conducted himself with godly sincerity - II Cor. 1:12

c. Daniel was taken out of the lions' den - 6:23

the king was exceedingly glad

the king had spent a long difficult night - Dan. 6:18

the king commanded them to take Daniel up out of the den

the king had previously commanded him to be thrown to the lions - Dan. 6:16

the king saw that Daniel had no injuries

the king saw that God has all power - Dan. 3:26-27

the king saw the results of believing God

the king now believed instead of just talking - Dan. 3:16

F. Darius orders the death of those who plotted against Daniel - 6:24

the king gave a command about the men who accused Daniel

the king realized the leaders were trying to destroy Daniel - Dan. 6:4-9

the king ordered them and their families thrown to the lions

the king gave them what they had requested for Daniel - Dan. 6:7

the king saw that the lions overpowered these people

the king saw they were torn in pieces

the king saw that God judges sin - Gal. 6:7

G. Darius made a decree ordering the people to fear the God of Daniel - 6:25-28

1. the king wrote a new decree - 6:25

the king sent this decree to all the people in his empire

this was a common greeting from kings - Dan. 4:1

the king told the people that he wanted peace to be multiplied to them

this was often included in a greeting from kings - Ezra 4:17

2. the king said that the people must tremble and fear the God of Daniel - 6:26

the king said the decree was to every part of his kingdom

the kings often sent decrees to their empires - Dan. 3:29; Ezra 6:8-12

the king said people must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel

we are to tremble and fear before God because He is holy - Ps. 99:1-3

the king said God is the living God

the king, like Nebuchadnezzar, recognized God is living - Dan. 4:34-37

the king said God is steadfast forever

the king recognized that God could not be moved - Ps. 93:1-2

the king said God's kingdom will not be destroyed

the king realized God's kingdom will never be destroyed - Dan. 2:44

the king said God's rule is forever

the king recognized God will rule forever - Ps. 146:10

the king showed the same kind of faith as Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 4:34-37

3. the king said God works wonders in heaven and in earth - 6:27

the king said God delivers and rescues

God gives deliverance to those who trust Him - Ps. 18:48-50

the king said God works signs and wonders

God reveals His signs and wonders - Dan. 4:2-3

the king said God does this in heaven and in earth

God chooses through whom to reveal His signs and wonders - Acts 4:30-31

the king said God had delivered Daniel from the power of the lions

God had protected Daniel from the lions - Dan. 6:22-23

4. the king saw God prosper Daniel - 6:28

Daniel prospered the rest of the reign of Darius

Daniel had visions revealed during the rule of Darius - Dan. 9:1; 11:1

Daniel prospered under Cyrus the Persian

Daniel had visions revealed during the reign of Cyrus - Dan. 10:1

VI. Daniel has a vision of four beasts - 7:1-28

A. the vision of Daniel began with four great beasts - 7:1-8

1. the four beasts came from the sea - 7:1-3

a. Daniel was given a vision during the first year of Belshazzar - 7:1

Daniel had this dream during the first year Belshazzar was king
Daniel had dreams under several different kings - Dan. 8:1; 9:1; 10:1

Daniel had this dream and vision while he was in bed

Daniel had visions in various places - Dan. 8:2

Daniel wrote down the dream

Daniel was chosen by God to write these visions - Dan. 12:4

Daniel wrote the main facts of the dream

b. Daniel saw the four winds stirring up the Great Sea - 7:2

Daniel tells what he saw in his vision at night

Daniel saw a vision of the Great Sea (sea represents peoples) Rev. 13:1

Daniel saw the four winds of heaven stirring up the Great Sea

John also had a vision of the four winds - Rev. 7:1

c. Daniel saw four beasts come up out of the sea - 7:3

Daniel saw four great beasts come out of the sea
the beasts represent four kings or kingdoms - Dan. 7:17

Daniel saw that each beast was different
the kings represent four very different kingdoms - Dan. 7:4-8

2. the first beast was like a lion - Babylon - 7:4

the first beast was like a lion

the first kingdom was Babylon - Dan. 2:37-38

the first beast had wings like an eagle

the first kingdom was described as being very swift - Deut. 28:49

the first beast had its wings plucked off

the first king was judged by God - Dan. 4:31-33

the first beast was made to stand on two feet like a man

the first king would boast in himself - Dan. 4:30

the first beast had a man's heart given to it

the first king had his reason restored - Dan. 4:36

3. the second beast was like a bear - Medo-Persia - 7:5

the second beast was like a bear
the second beast was raised up on one side
the second beast had three ribs in its mouth
the second beast - Persia - would show no mercy - Is. 13:17-21
the second beast was told to devour much flesh
the second beast would stir up the forces of Greece - Dan. 11:2

4. the third beast was like a leopard - Greece - 7:6

the third beast was the next thing Daniel saw
the third beast was like a leopard
the third beast had four wings like a bird's wings
the third beast had four heads
the four generals of Greece took the four parts of the kingdom - Dan. 8:8, 22
the third beast had power given to it

5. the fourth beast was a terrible looking creature - 7:7-8

a. the fourth beast was a terrible beast - 7:7

Daniel saw this beast in his night vision
Daniel said this beast was dreadful, terrible and strong
Daniel asked about the meaning of this beast - Dan. 7:19
Daniel said this beast had huge iron teeth which destroyed
Daniel learned this was a very destructive kingdom - Dan. 2:40; 7:19
Daniel said this beast trampled the residue with its feet
Daniel learned this fourth kingdom would tread down the earth - Dan. 7:23
Daniel said this beast had ten horns
Daniel learned the ten horns represented ten kings - Dan. 7:24

b. the fourth beast had an unusual little horn - 7:8

Daniel said there was also a little horn
Daniel learned the little horn would make war against the saints - Dan. 7:21-22
Daniel said the little horn plucked out three of the first horns
Daniel learned the little horn would defeat three kings - Dan. 7:20
Daniel said this horn had eyes like a man
Daniel learned that the little horn had eyes - Dan. 7:20
Daniel said this horn had a mouth speaking pompous words
Daniel heard the little horn would speak against the Most High - Dan. 7:25

B. the vision included a vision of God - 7:9-12

1. Daniel also saw God in his dream - 7:9

Daniel saw thrones set in place

Daniel saw a vision of the final judgment - Rev. 20:11-15

Daniel saw the Ancient of Days (God) seated

Daniel learned that God would one day rule - Dan. 7:22

Daniel saw the Son of Man (Christ) come to the Ancient of Days - Dan. 7:13

Daniel said His clothes were white as snow

Daniel saw a vision of Christ in His glory - Rev. 1:12-13

Daniel said His hair was like pure wool

Daniel saw a vision of the appearance of Christ - Rev. 1:4-15

Daniel said His throne was like a fiery flame

Daniel learned that God would bring fiery judgment - II Pet. 3:7-10

2. Daniel saw the nations gathered before God - 7:10

Daniel saw a fiery stream come from Him

Daniel saw that God would defeat Satan's leader - Dan. 7:25-26

Daniel saw a great multitude ministering to Him

Daniel saw the saints ruling with Christ - Dan. 7:27

Daniel saw a great multitude standing before Him

Daniel learned about the innumerable multitude before Christ - Rev. 5:11-12

Daniel saw the court seated and the books opened

Daniel learned the unbelievers would be judged from the books - Rev. 20:12

3. Daniel saw the beast killed and its body destroyed - 7:11

Daniel watched because of the great words the horn was speaking

Daniel saw the little horn speak great words against the Most High - Dan. 7:25

Daniel watched until the beast was killed

Daniel saw the kingdom taken from the little horn - Dan. 7:24-26

Daniel saw its body destroyed and given to the burning flame

Daniel saw the early judgment of the little horn - Rev. 19:20

4. Daniel saw the other beasts lose their power - 7:12

Daniel saw the rest of the beasts have their power taken away

God will destroy the power of all the kingdoms at the coming of Christ - Dan. 2:35

Daniel saw their lives prolonged for a season and a time

God allows each kingdom to stand for a time - Dan. 7:25

C. the vision included a vision of Christ - Dan. 7:13-14

1. Daniel saw the Son of Man coming in the clouds - 7:13

Daniel saw another important thing in his night vision

Daniel received his visions at various times and places - Dan. 8:1-2, 9:21

Daniel saw one come like the Son of Man

Christ, the Messiah, was seen in Daniel's vision - Dan. 9:26

Christ often called Himself the Son of Man - Matt. 16:26, Luke 19:10

Daniel saw the Son of Man come in the clouds of heaven

Christ is coming in the clouds of heaven - Rev. 1:7

Christ said He would be coming in the clouds of heaven - Matt. 26:64

Christ said He would come from the right hand of the Power - Mark 14:62

Daniel saw the Son of Man come to the Ancient of Days

the Ancient of Days is the one who will oversee judgment - Dan. 7:9

the Ancient of Days will give that judgment to the saints - Dan. 7:22

the Ancient of Days will crown Christ as king - Dan. 2:44-45

Daniel saw the Son of Man before the Ancient of Days

Christ will stand before the Father who sits on the throne - Rev. 5:6-10

2. Daniel saw the eternal kingdom of Christ - 7:14

Daniel saw the Son of Man given dominion

Christ will be placed on the throne by the Father - Ps. 2:6-8

Christ has been given dominion over all things - Ps. 8:6

Christ has had all things delivered to Him by the Father - Matt. 11:27

Christ has had all authority given to Him - Matt. 28:18

Daniel saw the Son of Man given glory

Christ is the King who will receive all glory - Ps. 24:7-10

Daniel saw the Son of Man given a kingdom

Christ must reign over all things - I Cor. 15:26-27

Daniel saw the Son of Man served by all people, nations and languages

Christ will be served by people of every tongue, people and nation - Rev. 5:9-10

Daniel saw the Son of Man receive an everlasting dominion

Christ has been given a kingdom that is everlasting - Dan. 4:3

Christ has been given a kingdom that will never end - Is. 9:7

Christ will have everlasting dominion as He rules with the saints - Dan. 7:27

Daniel saw that this dominion would not pass away

Christ and the saints will possess this kingdom forever and ever - Dan. 9:18

Daniel saw that this kingdom would not be destroyed

Christ will rule in a kingdom that will never be destroyed - Dan. 2:44

D. the vision was explained to Daniel - 7:15-28

1. Daniel learned the four beasts were four kingdoms - 7:15-17

a. Daniel was troubled in his spirit - 7:15

Daniel was grieved in his spirit in the midst of his body

Daniel was grieved and troubled because of the vision - Dan. 7:28; 8:27

Daniel was grieved in his spirit just like Paul - Rom. 9:2-3

Daniel was grieved when he heard of judgment just like John - Rev. 10:9-11

Daniel was troubled by the visions of his head

Daniel was not the only one troubled by visions - Dan. 2:1-3; 4:5

b. Daniel asked for an interpretation of these things - 7:16

Daniel came to one of those who stood by

Daniel was helped by angels to understand the visions - Dan 8:13-16; 9:21-27

Daniel asked him to explain the truth of the vision

Daniel was given help to understand the visions - Dan. 10:12

Daniel was given an answer by the one who stood by

Daniel was often helped by angels to understand - Dan. 12:6-7

Daniel was helped to know the interpretation of these things

Daniel was not the only prophet who had visions explained - Zech. 1:6-11

c. Daniel learned the meaning of the four beasts - 7:17

Daniel learned that the four beasts were four kings (kingdoms)

Daniel had earlier learned about the four kingdoms - Dan. 2:36-45

Daniel learned these kingdoms would arise out of the earth

Daniel has seen these as animals coming out of the sea - Dan. 7:3-7

2. Daniel learned the saints would see final victory - 7:18

Daniel learned the saints of the Most High would take the kingdom

the saints would come and possess the kingdom - Dan. 7:22

Daniel learned that the saints would possess the kingdom

the saints will have the kingdom given to them - Dan. 7:27

the saints will reign with Christ in the earthly kingdom - Rev. 20:4

Daniel learned that the kingdom would last forever and ever

the saints will be part of an everlasting kingdom - Dan. 7:27

the saints will be joint heirs in the eternal kingdom - Rom. 8:14-17

3. Daniel asked about the fourth beast - 7:19-23

a. Daniel wanted to know about the fourth beast - 7:19

Daniel wanted the truth about the fourth beast
Daniel saw it was diverse from all the others
Daniel saw this beast had teeth of iron and nails of bronze
Daniel saw this beast was very destructive

b. Daniel learned about the horns - 7:20

Daniel saw the beast had ten horns
Daniel saw a little horn before which three horns fell
Daniel saw the little horn had eyes and a mouth that spoke great things
Daniel recognized this as one who spoke with great pride - Dan. 7:25
Daniel saw his appearance was greater than his fellows

c. Daniel learned that the little horn made war with the saints - 7:21

Daniel saw the little horn making war against the saints
the little horn (antichrist) came up later and spoke great things - Dan. 7:8
Daniel saw the little horn prevailing against the saints
the little horn will make war on the saints - Rev. 13:7

d. Daniel learned that the Ancient of Days would come - 7:22

Daniel saw the Ancient of Days come
Daniel saw the Ancient of Days come to sit in judgment - Dan. 7:9
Daniel saw that judgment was given to the saints
Daniel saw that God will allow the saints to judge - Dan. 7:27
Daniel saw that the saints possessed the kingdom
Daniel saw that the saints would possess the kingdom - Dan. 7:13-14

e. Daniel learned that the fourth kingdom would be diverse - 7:23

Daniel learned the fourth beast was the fourth kingdom
the fourth kingdom was the fourth beast - Dan. 2:40
Daniel learned it would be diverse from all other kingdoms
the fourth kingdom was very different from the others - Dan. 7:7
Daniel learned it would devour the whole earth
the fourth kingdom would conquer the nations and destroy - Dan. 7:7-8

4. Daniel learned about the antichrist - 7:24-26

a. the little horn would subdue three kings - 7:24

the ten horns are ten kings that would arise

the ten horns are mentioned again in Revelation - Rev. 13:1

the ten horns are ten kings who have not yet received power - Rev. 17:12

the little horn (antichrist) would arise after them

the little horn will come up among the horns - Dan. 7:8

the little horn would be diverse from the others

the little horn is different than the other horns - Dan. 7:8

the little horn would subdue three kings

the little horn will defeat three of the kings - Dan. 7:20

b. the little horn would speak against the Most High - 7:25

the little horn would speak great words against the Most High

the antichrist (little horn) will blaspheme God - Rev. 13:5-6

the little horn would wear out the saints of the Most High

the antichrist will try to destroy the saints - Rev. 12:13-14

the little horn would think to change the times and the laws

the antichrist will make it impossible to buy or sell - Rev. 13:16-17

the little horn would be given power for a period of time

the antichrist will have his power for 42 months - Rev. 13:5

the little horn would last for a time and times and half a time

the antichrist will be finished after this 42 months - Dan. 12:7

c. the little horn would be consumed and destroyed - 7:26

the Ancient of Days would sit in judgment

the Ancient of Days will sit in judgment - Dan. 7:9-10

the Ancient of Days will judge out of the books - Dan. 7:10

the Ancient of Days will judge all unbelievers out of the books - Rev. 20:12

the Ancient of Days would take away the power of the little horn

the Ancient of Days will judge and destroy the little horn - Dan. 7:11

the Ancient of Days will judge all unbelievers - Rev. 20:12-14

the Ancient of Days would destroy this dominion forever

the little horn (beast) will be cast alive into the lake of fire - Rev. 19:20

the little horn will be joined in the lake of fire by Satan - Rev. 20:10

the little horn will be joined in the lake of fire by all unbelievers - Rev. 20:15

the little horn and all unbelievers will experience the second death - Rev. 21:8

5. Daniel learned about the everlasting kingdom - 7:27-28

a. Daniel learned about the eternal kingdom - 7:27

the saints would be given the kingdom

the saints will possess the kingdom forever and ever - Dan. 7:18

the saints will reign with Christ in the earthly kingdom - Rev. 20:4

the saints will serve with Christ in the everlasting kingdom - Dan. 7:14

the saints would be given the dominion

the saints will judge the peoples - Ps. 149:5-9

the saints will inherit the nations - Is. 54:3

the saints will be given the responsibility to judge - Rev. 20:4

the saints would receive the greatness of the kingdom

the saints will enjoy the greatness of the earthly kingdom - Is. 60:11-16

the saints will have the Lord as King - Zech. 14:9

the saints will be part of an everlasting kingdom

the saints will be in a kingdom that will stand forever - Dan. 2:44

the saints will be with the One who has everlasting dominion - Dan. 4:34

the kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom - Ps. 145:13

the kingdom will be under the rule of Christ - Is. 9:6-7

the kingdom will have no end - Luke 1:33

the saints will serve the Most High

the saints will serve God in the eternal kingdom - Rev. 22:3-4

the saints will obey the Most High

the saints will include some from all of the families of the nations - Ps. 22:27

the saints from all nations will worship and obey Him - Ps. 86:9

b. Daniel was troubled with his thoughts - 7:28

Daniel said this was the end of his vision

Daniel had received this vision during the night - Dan. 7:1-2

Daniel said that his thoughts greatly troubled him

Daniel said his visions and thoughts troubled him - Dan. 7:15

Daniel said that his appearance even changed

Daniel said the vision affected his body - Dan. 7:15

Daniel kept this matter in his heart

Daniel said that his other visions were not understood - Dan. 8:27

Daniel was told to shut up the words to the time of the end - Dan. 12:4

Daniel was not always allowed to understand his visions - Dan. 12:8-9

**The Plan of God for Israel
Daniel 8:1-12:13**

I. Daniel receives a vision of a ram and a he-goat - 8:1-27

A. the Lord gave Daniel the vision - 8:1-2

1. this vision was his second vision - 8:1

God gave Daniel this vision during the third year of Belshazzar

God caused the vision to appear to Daniel

God was the source of all Daniel's visions - Dan. 8:15-17

God gave this vision after his first vision

2. this vision came when he was in Shushan - 8:2

Daniel had this vision while he was in Shushan

Daniel saw in this vision that he was by the river Ulai

B. the Lord showed Daniel a ram and a he-goat in the vision - 8:3-14

1. the ram was very great - 8:3-4

a. Daniel saw a ram with two horns - 8:3

Daniel saw a ram with two horns as he stood by the river

the ram represented the empire of Media and Persia - Dan. 8:20

Daniel saw that both of the horns were high

the ram had two horns - the first was Media and the second Persia - Dan. 6:12

Daniel saw that the second horn came up higher

the ram's second horn became larger - Persia - Dan. 6:28

b. Daniel saw the ram pushing in several directions - 8:4

Daniel saw the ram push west, north and south

Persia worked to expand its empire - Ezra 1:2

Daniel saw that no beast could stand before the ram

Persia was able to conquer many nations - Dan. 7:5

Daniel saw that no beast could be delivered out of his hand

Persia was used by God to judge great Babylon - Dan. 5:25-31

Daniel saw that the ram did as he chose

Persia would continue to grow richer - Dan. 11:1-2

2. the he-goat was even greater - 8:5-8

a. Daniel saw a he-goat come from the west - 8:5

the goat came from the west and went over the whole earth
the goat is identified as Greece - Dan. 8:21
the goat did not touch the ground as it traveled
(the army of Greece was known for its rapid movement)
the goat had a notable horn between his eyes
(the notable horn was Alexander the Great, the leader of Greece)
when Alexander died, his four generals divided the empire - Dan. 8:22

b. Daniel saw the he-goat charge at the ram - 8:6

the goat came to the ram that had two horns
the ram is identified as the kings of Media and Persia - Dan. 8:20
the goat ran to him in the fury of his power
the ram had its two horns broken by the goat - Dan. 8:7

c. Daniel saw the he-goat destroy the ram - 8:7

the goat was moved with anger against the ram
the king of Greece was moved with anger against Medo-Persia - Dan. 8:5-6
the goat smote the ram and broke his horns
the king of Greece defeated Medo-Persia - Dan. 8:20-21
the goat completely defeated the ram
the king of Greece gained the dominion - Dan. 7:6
the goat won total victory over the ram because no one could help
the king of Greece came against the ram with full power - Dan. 8:6

d. Daniel saw the he-goat develop four horns - 8:8

the goat grew very great
the second kingdom was inferior to the first kingdom - Dan. 2:39
the third kingdom had a very great rule when it defeated the second - Dan. 2:39
the goat had his horn broken when he was strong
(Alexander the Great died at a very early age)
the four generals of Alexander divided the empire among themselves - Dan. 8:22
the goat had four horns come up in its place
the four horns were four kingdoms into which Greece was divided - Dan. 8:22
the four horns are the same as the beast with four heads - Dan. 7:6

3. the he-goat had a little horn arise - 8:9-12

a. Daniel saw a little horn come out of one of the horns - 8:9

a little horn came out of one of the horns

this little horn came from one of the four kingdoms of Greece - Dan. 8:8, 23

the little horn grew toward the south and the east

the little horn came out of the Syrian kingdom of the four - Dan. 8:22

the little horn pushed south toward what is now Israel - Dan. 11:21-35

the little horn grew toward the pleasant land

the pleasant land is also called the glorious land - Dan. 11:16, 41

b. Daniel saw the little horn become great - 8:10

the little horn grew and became great

the little horn became powerful during the latter part of four kingdoms - Dan. 8:23

(the little horn was a ruler called Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 B.C.)

the little horn cast down some of the stars

the little horn went after some of the stars (used of the Jews) - Gen. 11:9

the little horn stomped on them

the little horn would turn against the Jews - Dan. 11:31-32

c. Daniel saw the little horn magnify himself - 8:11

the little horn magnified himself

the little horn will magnify himself - Dan. 8:25

(the little horn, Antiochus Epiphanes, pictures the future antichrist)

the little horn stopped the daily sacrifice

the little horn stopped the daily sacrifice - Dan. 11:31

the little horn caused the sanctuary to be cast down

the little horn polluted the sanctuary - Dan. 11:31

the little horn desecrated the temple - I Macc. 1:20-24, 41-50

d. Daniel saw the little horn cast down the truth to the ground - 8:12

the little horn opposed the daily sacrifices

the little horn would take away the daily sacrifice - Dan. 11:31

the little horn cast the truth to the ground

the little horn used deceit to prosper - Dan. 8:25

the little horn did all this and still prospered

the little horn prospered for a time - Dan. 8:24

4. the little horn desecrates the temple - 8:13-14

a. Daniel heard a holy one ask how long the vision would last - 8:13

Daniel heard one holy one speak to another holy one
the holy ones are angels who are speaking to each other - Dan. 4:13, 17

Daniel heard the first ask how long the vision would be
the holy ones were discussing the length of time of the vision - Dan. 8:14
(this was fulfilled during the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes)

Daniel heard him ask about the daily sacrifices and the desolation
the holy ones were discussing the transgression of desolation - Dan. 9:17
(Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the temple by offering a pig on the altar, and this period lasted from then until his death - Sept. 6, 171 B.C. to Dec. 25, 165 B.C.)

Daniel heard him ask how long the sanctuary and host would be trampled
the holy ones were discussing how long the temple would be trampled - Dan. 11:31

b. Daniel heard that the vision would last for 2300 days - 8:14

Daniel heard the trampling would last for 2300 days
this was a very difficult time for the Jews - Dan. 11:30-33

Daniel heard that afterward the sanctuary would be cleansed
this cleansing was possible through the help of God - Dan. 11:32
(this cleansing is celebrated by the Jews when they observe Hanukkah)

C. the Lord sent Gabriel to interpret the vision to Daniel - 8:15-19

1. Daniel saw someone come to interpret the vision - 8:15

Daniel had seen the vision
Daniel was given this vision when King Belshazzar ruled - Dan. 8:1

Daniel was seeking to understand the meaning
Daniel had a great desire to understand the visions - Dan. 8:18-19

Daniel suddenly had someone standing before him
the Lord sent Gabriel to help him understand - Dan. 8:17
the Lord had sent other angels to interpret other visions Dan. 7:15-16
the Lord later sent Gabriel to Zacharias - Luke 1:19
the Lord also sent Gabriel to Mary - Luke 1:26

Daniel said this person looked like a mighty man
the name Gabriel means "mighty one of God"
the Lord used Gabriel as a messenger - Luke 1:19, 26
the Lord sent Gabriel to help Daniel understand - Dan. 8:19

2. Daniel heard that Gabriel would help him understand the vision - 8:16

Daniel heard the voice of a man from the bank of the river

Daniel had this vision when he was by the river Ulai - Dan. 8:1

Daniel heard the voice call to Gabriel

Daniel had things revealed by God in different ways - Dan. 2:17-19

Daniel heard Gabriel told to help him understand

Daniel did not understand what the vision meant - Dan. 8:19

3. Daniel heard that this vision related to the time of the end - 8:17

Gabriel came close to where Daniel was standing

Daniel wanted to know the meaning of his vision - Dan. 8:15

Gabriel saw Daniel fall on his face in fear

Daniel would have Gabriel come to him again at a later time - Dan. 9:21

Daniel learned then that Gabriel came to give him understanding - Dan. 9:22-23

Gabriel told Daniel the vision refers to the time of the end

Daniel was later given a vision revealing the near fulfillment - Dan. 11:21-35

(this would be the end or latter time) - Dan. 8:19, 23

Daniel was given a vision which revealed the final fulfillment - Dan. 11:36-12:3

(this would be the final end or “appointed time”) - Dan. 8:19

4. Daniel fell asleep while hearing about the vision - 8:18

Daniel fell into a deep sleep

Ezekiel fell on his face when he received a vision - Ezek. 1:1-28

Isaiah had a similar experience when he received a vision - Is. 6:1-7

Daniel was touched by Gabriel and stood upright

Daniel saw the vision and sought for the meaning - Dan. 8:15

Daniel had Gabriel come to explain the meaning - Dan. 8:16

5. Daniel was told Gabriel was making things known to him - 8:19

Gabriel said he would make known what would happen

Gabriel explained the various things in the vision - Dan. 8:20-25

Gabriel said this would be at the end of the indignation

Gabriel refers to the abomination of Antiochus - Dan. 11:31

Gabriel said that at the appointed time the end would be

Gabriel refers to the future abomination - Dan. 12:13

Christ showed this was referring to a future abomination - Matt. 24:15

Christ said this future abomination would also be set up - Mark 13:14

D. the Lord explained the vision through Gabriel - 8:20-27

1. the ram was the kingdom of Media and Persia - 8:20

Daniel had seen a ram in his vision

Daniel had seen a ram with two horns - Dan. 8:1-3

Daniel had seen two horns on the ram

Daniel learned that these were two nations joined together - Dan. 8:3

Daniel had it explained that the two horns were two kings or kingdoms

the first kingdom was Media (a Mede ruled first) - Dan. 5:31

the second kingdom was Persia (a Persian ruled second) - Dan. 6:28

2. the he-goat was the kingdom of Greece - 8:21-22

a. the great horn was Alexander the Great of Greece - 8:21

Daniel heard that the rough goat was the king of Greece

Alexander had quickly turned a country into an empire - Dan. 8:5

Daniel heard that the great horn was the first king

Alexander ruled with great power - Dan. 11:3

(Alexander conquered all the kingdoms around him by his early thirties)

Alexander died in 323 B.C. at the age of 33

b. the four that stood up were his four generals - 8:22

Daniel heard that the great horn would be broken

Alexander did not pass his kingdom on to his son - Dan. 11:4

(Alexander died at 33 while his son was still very young)

Daniel heard that four would stand up in his place

Alexander would have his kingdom divided to the four winds - Dan. 11:4

Daniel heard that four kingdoms would come out of the one nation

Alexander had his kingdom divided among four generals - Dan. 11:4

Cassander became ruler of Macedonia

Lysimachus became ruler of Asia Minor and Thrace

Seleucus became ruler of Syria and Babylonia

Ptolemy became ruler of Egypt and Arabia

Daniel heard that the four kingdoms would have much less power

(the four generals fought among themselves for 22 years)

the kings of Egypt and Syria would later fight over Israel - Dan. 11:5-6, 27

one of the kings of Syria was Antiochus Epiphanes - Dan. 11:28

(he would later set up the abomination that makes desolate) - Dan. 11:31

3. the king of fierce countenance would come from one of the four kingdoms of Greece - 8:23-25

a. this king would be of fierce countenance - 8:23

this vision would be fulfilled in the latter time of the four kingdoms
this vision would take place when their transgressions were full
the near fulfillment would be in the days of Antiochus - Dan. 8:9-14
this vision would happen when a king of fierce countenance arose
the near fulfillment would be by a very fierce king - Dan. 11:30-31

b. this king would have great power - 8:24

the king would be mighty but not through his own power
the far fulfillment will be the antichrist who gains world power - Rev. 13:3-9
this king would destroy others while he prospered
the antichrist will control the buying and selling of all - Rev. 13:16-18
this king would destroy both the mighty and the holy people
the antichrist will cause his followers to shed the blood of the saints - Rev. 15:6

c. this king would magnify himself - 8:25

this king would use cunning and deceit
this king would exalt himself in his heart
(the king would die of insanity and disease of the bowels)
this king would arise against the Prince of princes
this talks about how Antiochus desecrated the temple - Dan. 11:31
this also points forward to the antichrist of the future - Dan. 11:36-12:1

4. the vision caused Daniel to faint - 8:26-27

a. Daniel was told that the vision was true - 8:26

God told Daniel that the vision was true
God told Daniel to seal up the vision as it was for the future

b. Daniel was astonished by the vision - 8:27

Daniel fainted and was sick after he saw the vision
Daniel returned to his work of serving the king
Daniel had a vision which no one understood

II. Daniel receives a vision of seventy weeks - 9:1-27

A. the Lord showed Daniel that Jerusalem would be desolate for 70 years - 9:1-2

1. Daniel received this vision in the first year of Darius - 9:1

Darius was the ruler when Daniel received this vision

Darius was still the ruler when Daniel were thrown to the lions - Dan. 6:16-23

Darius was of the seed of the Medes

Darius was a Mede rather than a Persian - Dan. 5:31

Darius was the king over the realm of the Chaldeans

Darius conquered and ruled the Chaldeans (Babylonians) - Dan. 5:30

2. Daniel received understanding about the prophecy of Jeremiah - 9:2

Daniel was given understanding of the number of years

Jeremiah had made prophecies about seventy years - Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10

Daniel wanted to understand the prophecy of Jeremiah

Jeremiah had said that the nations would serve Babylon seventy years - Jer. 25:11

Jeremiah said that then Babylon would be made a desolation - Jer. 25:12

Jeremiah predicted restoration after the desolation - Jer. 29:10-11

Daniel read God would accomplish 70 years in the desolation of Jerusalem

Jeremiah had said Jerusalem would be empty for seventy years - II Chron. 36:21

B. the Lord heard the prayer of Daniel - 9:3-19

1. this prayer included fasting - 9:3

Daniel set his face to seek the Lord God

Daniel was a man committed to prayer - Dan. 6:10

Daniel had always been a man of prayer - Dan. 2:17-18

Daniel gave God the credit for answers to prayer - Dan. 2:28-30

Daniel was seeking God with prayer and supplications

this prayer came as a response to the Word of God - Dan. 9:2

this prayer caused Daniel to identify with God's people - Dan. 9:5

this prayer focused on confession of sin - Dan. 9:6-15

this prayer focused on the character of God - Dan. 9:7, 9, 15

this prayer seeks the glory of God - Dan. 9:16-19

this supplication is prayer because of a need - I Tim. 2:1

Daniel was also fasting in sackcloth and ashes

Daniel often fasted as he prayed - Dan. 10:2-3

2. this prayer included confession - 9:4-15

a. Daniel confessed the sins of the Jewish people - 9:4-7

1). Daniel recognized the greatness of God in his prayer - 9:4

God is the One to whom Daniel prayed

God is the great and awesome God

God is often recognized as an awesome God - Neh. 1:5; Ps. 47:2

God is the One who keeps His covenant and shows mercy

God will listen and show mercy when His people call - Jer. 29:10-13

God shows mercy to those who love and obey Him

God will show mercy when His people call Him - Jer. 33:3, 6-8

2). Daniel confessed the various forms of sin of his people - 9:5

the people had sinned, committed iniquity and done wickedly

Daniel confessed that Israel had done wickedly - Dan. 9:15; Ezra 9:6-7

the people had rebelled against God

Daniel knew that the people had rebelled by departing from God - Is. 59:13

the people had departed from God's precepts and ordinances

Daniel knew that the people had turned from God to idols - Ezek. 6:9-10

3). Daniel confessed their lack of obedience to the prophets - 9:6

the prophets were not listened to by the people

Daniel knew the people had not listened to the prophets - Dan. 9:10

the prophets were not listened to by the kings and princes

Daniel knew that the kings had not listened - Neh. 9:32-34

the prophets were not listened to by the fathers

Daniel knew that the fathers had not listened - Ezra 9:7

4). Daniel confessed the confusion of the people - 9:7

Daniel said that the Lord is righteous

Daniel said God is righteous in all His works - Dan. 9:14

Daniel said that the people were experiencing shame of face

Daniel knew the people were filled with shame - Dan. 9:8

Daniel said this included all the people wherever they were

Daniel knew that the people were widely scattered - Deut. 29:64

Daniel said they had been driven to many lands because of their sin

Daniel knew that scattering was the consequence of sin - Deut. 4:27-28

b. Daniel confessed the lack of obedience of the Jewish people - 9:8-11

1). Daniel said that they all deserved shame of face - 9:8

Daniel confessed that they all deserved shame of face

Daniel said they deserved this because they did not obey - Dan. 9:6-7

Daniel said that they deserved shame because of sin

Daniel did not want God to abhor them - Jer. 14:20-21

2). Daniel said that mercy and forgiveness belong to God - 9:9

God is a God of mercy

God shows mercy to those who love Him - Dan. 9:5

God is a God of forgiveness

God forgives those who ask for pardon - Num. 14:18-21

God provides this forgiveness through the blood of Christ - Eph. 1:6-8

God will show this even to those who have rebelled

God will forgive even those who have rebelled - Ex. 34:6-9

3). Daniel said they had not obeyed the laws of God - 9:10

the people had not obeyed the voice of the Lord

the people did not obey the voice of the Lord - II Kings 18:12

the people had not walked in His laws

the people had not walked in the laws of the Lord - II Kings 17:9-12

the people had not listened to His servants, the prophets

the people had not listened to the prophets God sent - II Kings 17:13-15

4). Daniel said that God's curse had been poured on the people - 9:11

Daniel said all Israel had broken God's law

the people broke God's law until He removed Israel - II Kings 17:18-23

Daniel said they had not obeyed God's voice

the people had forsaken the Lord and turned backward - Is. 1:4-6

Daniel said that the curse had been poured out on them

the people received the curse God had promised - Deut. 28:15-68

Daniel said this curse was written in the law of Moses

the people had ignored the law of Moses - Lev. 26:14-46

Daniel said the curse came as the result of sin

the people had been given the choice of life or death - Deut. 30:11-20

the people were reaping what they had sown - Gal. 6:7-8

c. Daniel confessed that God was righteous in judging the Jews - 9:12-15

1). God had fulfilled His words which He had spoken - 9:12

God had kept His promise about judgment
the Lord keeps His promises about judgment - Lam. 2:17
God had brought great disaster on the Jews
the Lord said He would bring judgment on the Jews - Ezek. 5:9
God had brought greater judgment to Jerusalem
the Lord said He would bring judgment on Zion (Jerusalem) - Joel 2:1-2

2). God had carried out the curse written in the law - 9:13

the people had the promise in the law of Moses
the people had been told what would bring a curse - Deut. 28:15-68
the people had received judgment for their sin
the people had seen judgment come on Jerusalem - Lam. 2:15-17
the people had not made their prayer to God
the people did not turn to the Lord - Is. 9:13
the people had not turned from their iniquities
the people had not called out to God - Is. 64:7
the people had not understood God's truth
the people had not asked God to restore them - Ps. 85:4

3). God is the One who is righteous even when judging - 9:14

God had kept the judgment in His mind
the Lord had seen the people did not obey - Jer. 2:30
God had brought that judgment on the people
the Lord had carried out His curse - Dan. 9:11
God had done this because He is righteous
the Lord must judge to be righteous - Ps. 129:4
God had done this because they had not obeyed Him
the Lord brought judgment because of wickedness - Dan. 9:5

4). God had shown His power in the past - 9:15

God had brought His people out of Egypt
God had done this with a mighty hand - Ex. 14:1-31
God had His power become known everywhere
God said this had not stopped them from sin and wickedness

3. this prayer asked God to show mercy to Jerusalem - 9:16-19

a. Daniel prayed and asked God to turn His anger from Jerusalem - 9:16

the Lord was showing righteous anger toward Jerusalem

Jerusalem was experiencing the righteous anger of God - Ps. 143:1

the Lord was asked to turn from that anger

Jerusalem was called the holy mountain - Dan. 9:20; Ps. 87:1-3

the Lord was showing that anger because of sin

Jerusalem was being judged for the sins of the people - I Kings 9:7-9

the Lord was asked to hear Daniel's confession of sin

Jerusalem was the reason why Daniel was praying - Dan. 9:2-4

b. Daniel asked God to let His face shine on the sanctuary - 9:17

Daniel asked the Lord to hear his prayer and supplications

the Lord was asked by Daniel to hear his prayer - Dan. 9:3-6

Daniel asked the Lord to shine His face on the temple

the Lord wants to shine His face on His people - Num. 6:23-26

Daniel asked the Lord to do this for the Lord's sake

the Lord was reminded the city was called by His name - Dan. 9:19

c. Daniel said that He was calling to God because of His mercies - 9:18

Daniel asked the Lord to hear

Daniel had a similar prayer to Solomon - I Kings 8:28-30

Daniel asked the Lord to see

Daniel asked the Lord to see as Hezekiah had done - II Kings 19:16

Daniel said he was not praying because of his righteousness

Daniel had already confessed the sins of his people- Dan. 9:4-11

Daniel said he was praying because of the Lord's mercies

Daniel understood and prayed for the Lord's mercies - Dan. 2:18

d. Daniel asked the Lord to hear and forgive - 9:19

Daniel asked the Lord to hear and forgive

Daniel asked the Lord to forgive as Solomon had done - II Chron. 6:21, 25-30

Daniel asked the Lord to listen and act

Daniel asked God to act as Isaiah had earlier prayed - Is. 64:9-12

Daniel asked the Lord to this for His own sake

Daniel asked the Lord to redeem for His mercies' sake - Ps. 44:23-26

Daniel asked the Lord to do it for the people called by His name

C. the Lord sent Gabriel to tell Daniel about the future - 9:20-23

1. Daniel received an answer while he was praying - 9:20

Daniel was praying and confessing sin

Daniel had set his face to seek the Lord - Dan. 9:3

Daniel was presenting His supplication to the Lord

Daniel had prayed confessing the need of the people - Dan. 9:4-12

Daniel was praying for the holy mountain (Jerusalem)

Daniel faced Jerusalem as he prayed for Jerusalem - Dan. 6:10

2. Daniel saw Gabriel come to speak to him - 9:21

Gabriel came while Daniel was praying

Gabriel had been told to explain an earlier vision- Dan. 8:15-16

Gabriel had seen Daniel in the beginning of his vision

Gabriel had explained an earlier vision to Daniel - Dan. 8:16

Gabriel came flying swiftly to Daniel

Gabriel had been sent when Daniel first started to pray - Dan. 9:23

Gabriel arrived at the time of the evening sacrifice

the evening sacrifice was at the ninth hour - Matt. 27:46; Acts 3:1

3. Daniel heard that Gabriel had come to give him understanding - 9:22

Gabriel told Daniel why he had come

Gabriel was always sent to explain something - Dan. 8:16; Luke 1:19, 26

Gabriel said that he had come to give Daniel skill to understand

Gabriel was going to explain the meaning of the seventy weeks - Dan. 9:24-27

4. Daniel was having his prayer answered because he was loved - 9:23

Gabriel said he was sent at the beginning of Daniel's prayer

Daniel had prayed for understanding about what Jeremiah wrote - Dan. 9:2

Gabriel said he was commanded to come and tell Daniel

Daniel had a later visit from one who came to explain a vision - Dan. 10:9-12

Gabriel said that Daniel was greatly beloved by God

Daniel is called a man greatly beloved - Dan. 10:11

Gabriel told Daniel to think about and understand the vision

Daniel had an earlier vision explained by Gabriel - Dan. 8:16

Daniel was going to be given understanding about the future - Dan. 9:24-27

Daniel was later taught about the latter days - Dan. 10:14

D. the Lord told Daniel about the seventy weeks - 9:24-27

1. the seventy weeks would bring an end to the judgment of Jerusalem - 9:24

Seventy weeks of judgment had been determined for the people
the seventy weeks is seventy weeks of years (also used in Ezekiel) - Ezek. 4:6
(the final week is described as the time of the antichrist) - Dan. 9:27
the seventy weeks would be a time of trouble for the Jews - Dan. 9:25

Seventy weeks of judgment had been determined for Jerusalem
the seventy weeks would be a time of trouble for Jerusalem - Dan. 9:2
(the final week would be the time of Jacob's trouble) - Jer. 30:7
the final week is the time of the tribulation - Revelation 6:1-19:21

Seventy weeks had been determined to finish the transgression
the seventy weeks would end with Satan bound - Ezek. 28:12-15; Rev. 20:1-3

Seventy weeks had been determined to make an end of sins
the seventy weeks would include the payment for sin - Heb. 9:26

Seventy weeks had been determined to make reconciliation for iniquity
the seventy weeks would include the crucifixion of Christ - Dan. 9:26

Seventy weeks had been determined to bring in everlasting righteousness
the seventy weeks would end with the coming of Christ - Rev. 19:11-16

Seventy weeks had been determined to seal the vision and prophecy
the seventy weeks and the time of the end were sealed up - Dan. 12:1-4

Seventy weeks had been determined until the anointing of the Most Holy
this would include the anointing of the future temple - Ezek 40:1-48:35
the would include the anointing of Christ as the King - Rev. 19:16

2. the seventy weeks would begin with the command to rebuild Jerusalem - 9:25

God wanted Daniel to know and understand
the seventy weeks were explained in summary to Daniel - Dan. 9:24-27

God said that there would be a command to rebuild Jerusalem
the seventy weeks began with the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (445 BC)- Neh. 2:1-8

God said that then the Messiah and Prince would come
the seventy weeks will include the first coming of Christ - Dan. 9:26
the seventy weeks will include the second coming of Christ - Matt. 24:30

God said there would be 7 weeks and 62 weeks
the seventy weeks had a period of seven weeks (49 years)
(the period could be either the end of Nehemiah's work or the writing of Malachi)
the 7 weeks plus 62 weeks (483 Jewish years) gives the year Christ was crucified

God said the street and wall would be rebuilt in troublesome times
the rebuilding included much opposition - Ezra 4:1-24; Neh. 4:1-6:19

3. the seventy weeks would see sixty-nine of the weeks happen before the Messiah would be cut off - 9:26

God said that the Messiah would be cut off

this refers to the crucifixion of Christ - Is. 53:8

God said that the Messiah would not be cut off for Himself

this refers to the fact that Christ would die for us - I Pet. 2:21, 24

this refers to the fact that Christ became a curse for us - Gal. 3:13

God said the people of the prince would destroy the city

the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

God said the people of the prince would destroy the sanctuary

the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

God said the end of it would be with a flood

the Roman army came like a flood that completely destroyed - Luke 13:34-35

God said desolations were determined until the end

the fullness of the Gentiles precedes the end of desolations - Rom. 11:25-26

4. the seventieth week is still future - 9:27 and Matthew 24:6, 15

God said the prince would confirm a covenant with the people

the people of the prince will make a covenant with Israel - Dan. 9:26

(the antichrist will come from the revived Roman empire in the tribulation)

God said the prince would break the covenant in the middle of the week

the prince will be the antichrist who makes a covenant with Israel - Mark 13:14

the antichrist will set up his image in the holy place - Matt. 24:15

God said the prince would bring an end to sacrifice and offering

the antichrist will be worshipped by the world - Rev. 13:4

the antichrist will continue for forty two months - Rev. 13:5

God said the prince would bring an abomination to make desolate

the antichrist will speak blasphemy against God - Rev. 13:6

the antichrist will have power over all nations - Rev. 13:7-8

God said the prince would make this last until the consummation

the antichrist will only be given a short time (42 months) - Rev. 11:2

the antichrist acting for Satan will try to destroy the Jews - Rev. 12:3-17

the antichrist will persecute the Jews - Matt. 24:15-21

the antichrist will destroy all who do not take his mark - Rev. 13:16-18

God said the prince would pour his wrath out on the desolate

the antichrist will take total power - Rev. 13:16

the antichrist will not allow any to buy or sell - Rev. 13:17

the antichrist will be defeated by Christ - Rev. 19:16-19

the antichrist will then have judgment come to him - Rev. 19:20

III. Daniel is given a vision of the future of Israel - 10:1-12:13

A. the vision begins with a vision of the glory of God - 10:1-9

1. Daniel prepares for the vision - 10:1-3

a. Daniel received this vision in the third year of Cyrus - 10:1

Daniel received the vision in the third year of Cyrus

this would have been in 536 B.C. and Daniel was close to 90 - Ezra 1:1

Daniel had the vision revealed to him by God

this vision was only received by Daniel - Dan. 10:7

Daniel had been given the name of Belteshazzar

this name had been given to Daniel when he was brought to Babylon - Dan. 1:7

Daniel was told that the vision was true

this vision is declared to be true - Dan. 10:21; 11:2

Daniel was told that the time was long

this is why Daniel was later told to seal up the book - Dan. 12:4

Daniel was given understanding of the vision

this understanding was given to Daniel three weeks after the vision - Dan. 10:13-14

b. Daniel spent three weeks in mourning - 10:2

Daniel had prepared himself to receive this vision

Daniel had prepared his heart through fasting - Dan. 10:3

Daniel had prepared his heart by praying - Dan. 10:12

Daniel had spent three full weeks in mourning

Daniel had spent this time filled with sorrows - Dan. 10:16

c. Daniel fasted throughout the three weeks - 10:3

Daniel had not eaten bread during those three weeks

Daniel ate no bread until the Lord spoke to him - Dan. 10:16-17

Daniel had not eaten flesh during those three weeks

Daniel ate no meat until the Lord spoke to him - Dan. 10:16-17

Daniel had not eaten the fruit of the vine during those three weeks

Daniel did not drink any grape juice until the Lord spoke to him - Dan. 10:16-17

Daniel did not anoint himself during those three weeks

Daniel had not worried about his appearance - Dan. 10:8

Daniel fasted and prayed for the entire three weeks

Daniel did not know why it took the angel that long to come - Dan. 10:13

2. Daniel has the vision take away his strength - 10:4-9

a. the vision came while Daniel was by the river - 10:4

this vision came on the 24th day of the first month
this vision came while Daniel was by the river
the river Hiddekel is now known as the Tigris River

b. the vision caused Daniel to see a certain man - 10:5

Daniel was by the river when he saw a certain man
this is an Old Testament appearance of Christ - Dan. 12:6-7
Daniel saw that this man had an unusual appearance
this was a vision of Christ in His glory - Rev. 1:13-15

c. the vision was of the glory of God - 10:6

Daniel saw the One who also appeared to John
this man is called the Son of man (Christ) by John - Rev. 1:13-15
Daniel both saw Him and heard Him speak
this visitor spoke and caused Daniel to go into a deep sleep - Dan. 10:9

d. the vision was not seen by those with Daniel - 10:7

Daniel was the only one who saw the vision
Daniel had others with him at the time of the vision
Daniel saw them so filled with fear that they fled and hid

e. the vision caused Daniel to become without strength - 10:8

Daniel was left alone while he saw this vision
Daniel was left alone as the others fled - Dan. 10:7
Daniel became without strength as he saw the vision
Daniel lost all physical strength as he saw Christ - Dan. 10:17-18
Daniel saw himself as he really was
Daniel had a similar experience to Isaiah - Is. 6:1-5

f. the vision caused Daniel to fall into a deep sleep - 10:9

Daniel heard the words as the man spoke
Daniel fell into a deep sleep with his face to the ground

**B. the vision showed the conflict between the holy and the unholy angels -
10:10-21**

1. Daniel had an angel come and speak to him - 10:10-13

a. Daniel had an angel come and touch him - 10:10

**an angel came and touched Daniel
an angel set Daniel on his hands and knees**

b. Daniel had the angel tell him to stand - 10:11

the angel told Daniel he was a man greatly beloved
Daniel was known as a man greatly beloved - Dan. 9:23
the angel told Daniel to understand his words
Daniel had an angel come at an earlier time to help him understand - Dan. 8:16-17
the angel told Daniel to stand upright
Daniel had an angel speak to him several times - Dan. 8:15-16; 9:21
the angel told Daniel he had been sent to speak to him
Daniel had the angel come to give him understanding - Dan. 9:22-23; 10:14
the angel saw Daniel stand and tremble
Daniel was still filled with fear - Dan. 8:17

c. Daniel was told that he did not need to fear - 10:12

the angel told Daniel not to fear
Daniel did not need to fear because he was beloved - Dan. 9:23; 10:11
the angel said God knew Daniel wanted to understand
Daniel had a learner's attitude after 70 years in captivity - Dan. 1:1-6; 10:1
the angel said that God heard his prayer the first day
Daniel had prayed for understanding for three full weeks - Dan. 10:1-2
the angel said he had been sent to speak to Daniel
Daniel had been visited by an angel several times - Dan. 6:22; 8:16; 9:21

d. Daniel was told the angel had been hindered by Satan - 10:13

the angel said the prince of Persia opposed him for 21 days
Michael is the angel who leads the fight against Satan - Rev. 12:11
the angel said the angel Michael had come to help him
Michael is one of the chief angels - Jude 9; Rev. 12:11
the angel had remained with the kings of Persia for those days

2. Daniel saw the vision was about the latter days for Israel - 10:14-17

a. Daniel heard that the angel would tell him about the latter days - 10:14

the angel came to tell Daniel what would happen to his people in the latter days

Daniel was also told to seal up the book until the time of the end - Dan. 12:4

the angel said that the vision was for a long period of time

Daniel had a vision that went to the final judgments - Dan. 12:2-3

b. Daniel fell to the ground and became speechless - 10:15

Daniel heard the words that were spoken to him

Daniel was the only one who saw the vision - Dan. 10:7

Daniel put his face to the ground

Daniel often put his face to the ground when God sent messengers - Dan. 9:18

Daniel became unable to speak

Daniel became without strength and speechless - Dan. 10:8-9

c. Daniel had his mouth opened by the Lord - 10:16

Daniel had the son of man touch his lips

Daniel was touched and strengthened - Dan. 10:18

Daniel was then able to open his mouth and speak

Daniel was no longer dumb and unable to speak - Dan. 10:15

Daniel said that the vision had caused him sorrows

Daniel had been mourning for three full weeks - Dan. 10:2

Daniel said that the vision took away his strength

Daniel had become without strength - Dan. 10:8-9

d. Daniel told the Lord that he had no strength in him - 10:17

Daniel asked how he could even talk with the Lord

Daniel viewed himself as a servant whenever the Lord spoke to him - Dan. 9:3-19

Daniel received several visions from the Lord - Dan. 7, 8, 9, 10-12

Daniel said that he had no strength remaining in him

Daniel had been left without strength - Dan. 10:8

Daniel said that all this had taken away his breath

Daniel had some visions trouble him - Dan. 7:28

Daniel had some visions cause him to become sick - Dan. 8:27

Daniel had his breath taken away by all that happened - Dan. 10:7-9

Daniel was given understanding by the Lord - Dan. 9:20-23; 10:11

3. Daniel learned he would have the vision explained - 10:18-21

a. the angel came back and strengthened Daniel - 10:18

the angel came back and touched Daniel

Daniel had been touched earlier in the vision - Dan. 10:10

the angel had the appearance of a man

Daniel describes angels as appearing like men - Dan. 8:15-16

the angel strengthened Daniel

Daniel mentions his lack of strength several times - Dan. 10:8, 11, 16, 17

b. the angel told Daniel to be strong - 10:19

the angel told Daniel he was greatly loved so not to fear

Daniel was greatly loved by the Lord - Dan. 9:23

Daniel was greatly loved so the Lord wanted him to understand - Dan. 10:11

Daniel did not need to fear because the Lord was with him - Is. 41:10

the angel told Daniel to have peace and be strong

Daniel received the same encouragement that Joshua received - Joshua 1:6-9

the angel speaking caused Daniel to be strengthened

Daniel knew his source of strength was the Lord - II Cor. 12:9

the angel heard Daniel tell him to speak

Daniel wanted to know what the angel would say - Dan. 10:20-21

c. the angel said he was going to fight two princes - 10:20

the angel asked Daniel if he knew why the angel had come

the angel said the prince of Persia had withstood him for 21 days - Dan. 10:13

the angel said he would return to fight the prince of Persia

the angel was going to return to fight the king of Persia - Dan. 10:13

the angel said that the prince of Greece would then come

the angel was giving the order of the kingdoms - Dan. 11:2

d. the angel said he would explain the vision - 10:21

the angel said he would tell Daniel what is noted in the Scripture of Truth

Daniel was told that the visions were true - Dan. 8:26

Daniel learned of God's plans at the time God chose - Dan. 11:2

God has His time plan for all things - Is. 46:9-11

the angel said he had no one to help him against the princes except Michael

Michael would stand up for the people of God - Dan. 12:1

C. the vision included several coming kings - 11:1-20

1. the kings of Persia would be defeated by a mighty king - 11:1-4

a. the angel had originally strengthened Michael - 11:1

the angel had confirmed Michael in the first year of Darius
the angel and Michael encouraged each other - Dan. 10:21
the angel had strengthened Michael in the first year of Darius
the angel and Michael helped each other - Dan. 10:13

b. the angel told how long Persia would last - 11:2

the angel said he would tell Daniel the truth
the angel came to tell Daniel about the latter days - Dan. 10:14
the angel said that Persia would have three more kings
these were Cambyses, Pseudo-Smerdis and Darius I Hystaspes
the angel said that the final king would be richer than all the other kings
the final king was Xerxes I (Ahasuerus in Esther) from 486 to 465 B.C.
the angel said the final king would stir up his people against Greece
Xerxes lost battles to Greece from 481-479 B.C.

c. the angel said a mighty king from Greece would then rule - 11:3

the angel said a mighty king would arise in Greece
the mighty king, Alexander the Great, completed the defeat of Persia in 331 B.C.
the angel said that king would rule with great dominion
the mighty king was the he-goat from the west - Dan. 8:5
the angel said that king would do according to his own will
the mighty king conquered and made Greece a world empire

d. the angel said his kingdom would be divided into four - 11:4

the angel said the empire of Greece would be divided into four
Alexander died at age 36 so the kingdom was divided by four of his generals
the angel said the empire would not go to the family of the mighty king
Alexander's young son did not gain power when his father died
the angel said the four would not rule as the mighty king had ruled
Alexander's four generals did not have nearly as much power
the angel said the kingdom of Greece would be uprooted
Greece was divided into four, two of which were Egypt (south) and Syria (north)
(the king of the south and the king of the north are the focus of Daniel 11)

2. the kings of the south would defeat the king of the north - 11:5-9

a. the king of the south would become strong - 11:5

**the king of the South (Ptolomies of Egypt) would become strong
the king of the South would gain power over the king of the North (Syria)
the king of the South would have a great dominion**

b. the king of the south would send his daughter to the king of the north - 11:6

**the king of the South would make an agreement with the king of the North
the king of the South would give his daughter in marriage to that king
the king of the South would not allow his daughter to retain authority
the queen would be given up (killed) along with those with her**

c. the king of the south would prevail against the north - 11:7

the new king of the south would arise
this was Ptolemy III Euergetes who ruled Egypt (246-222 B.C.)
the new king of the south would come against the north
this king conquered Syria and took their treasures - Dan. 11:8
the new king of the south would conquer the north
this king of the south conquered Syria's king, Seleucus II Callinicus
the new king of the south would be victorious
the king of the south won a great victory over Syria

d. the king of the south would take captives to Egypt - 11:8

the king of the south would take the gods of the north to Egypt
Ptolemy took the idols of Syria to Egypt as well as riches of the king
the king of the south would also take the princes and their riches
Ptolemy also took the princes and riches of Syria with him
the king of the south would stay in power longer than the king of the north

e. the king of the north would return to his own land - 11:9

the king of the north would then come against the south
Callinicus was defeated by Ptolemy again in 240 B.C. when he tried to attack Egypt
the king of the north would be defeated and return to his own land
Callinicus was defeated but his sons later continued the fight - Dan. 11:10

3. the kings of the north and the south will continue to have conflict - 11:10-20

a. the king of the south will become proud - 11:10-12

1) the king of the south will have an army come from the north - 11:10

the king of the north would continue to come against the south
the sons of Callinicus continued the fight against Egypt - Dan. 11:11-35
the king of the north would assemble a large army
the Syrians gathered a large army to go and fight against Egypt
the king of the north would overwhelm and pass through
the Syrians were able to defeat the Egyptians at first
the king of the north would return and stir up strife
the Syrians came back to fight against Egypt again
the Syrians were defeated this time by Egypt - Dan. 11:11

2) the king of the south would defeat the king of the north - 11:11

the king of the south would be filled with rage
Ptolemy IV of Egypt (222-203 B.C.) was filled with anger against Syria
the king of the south would go out to fight the king of the north
Ptolemy IV went to fight against the king of Syria, Antiochus III (223-187 B.C.)
the king of the south would be met by a great multitude
Ptolemy IV had a great army come against him from the north
(this army was led by Antiochus III of Syria)
the king of the south would defeat this multitude
Ptolemy IV was able to defeat this great army temporarily

3) the king of the south would become proud - 11:12

the king of the south would become proud because of the victory
Ptolemy IV became proud because of this victory
(pride goes before a destruction - Prov. 16:18)
the king of the south would defeat many
the king of the south did win some great victories
Ptolemy IV Philopator (222–203 B.C.) devastated the
Syrian army under Antiochus III the Great (223–187 B.C.).
(this verse says he was able to kill tens of thousands)
the king of the south would not prevail in the end
Egypt only experienced victory for a short time
the king of the north won a series of victories 13 years later - Dan. 11:13-16

b. the king of the north will return - 11:13-16

1) the king of the north will come against the south again - 11:13

the king of the north would gather a larger army
Antiochus III returned with a great army
the king of the north would come to fight again after a few years
Antiochus came with this army thirteen years after the previous defeat
the king of the north would also come with much equipment
Antiochus came well equipped to fight against Egypt

2) the king of the north would be joined by rebellious Jews - 11:14

many Jews would join the king of the north
these Jews were trying to gain freedom from Egypt
many of these Jews would come with great violence
these were violent Jews who used great violence
many of the violent would exalt themselves
these violent Jews would boast in their pride
many of the violent would fall in battle
these violent Jews would fail in their attempt at freedom

3) the king of the north would conquer the fortified cities - 11:15

the king of the north would come to battle
the king of the north would fight against Egypt
the king of the north would build a siege mound
the king of the north would take the fortified cities
the king captured the cities as far south as Gaza
the king of the north would be victorious over the south
the king of the north defeated Egypt and took control of Palestine
the king of the north would defeat the best troops of the south
the king of the north defeated the best troops of Egypt

4) the king of the north would also take control of Israel - 11:16

the king of the north will do according to his own will
the king of the north would have no one who could withstand him
the king of the north would stand in the Glorious Land
Antiochus took control of the land of Israel after defeating the Egyptians
the king of the north would destroy with his power

c. the king of the north suffered defeats and later died - 11:17-20

1) the king of the north gave his daughter to the king of the south - 11:17

the king of the north would use his strength to retain his power

Antiochus was doing everything to expand his power

the king of the north would have others with him

Antiochus persuaded other rulers to join on his side

the king of the north would give his daughter to the king of the south

Antiochus gave his daughter Cleopatra to marry the king of the south

the king of the north would not have his daughter stand with him

Antiochus probably hoped his daughter would be a spy for him

the king of the north would find his daughter did not help him

Cleopatra favored her husband rather than her father

2) the king of the north then attacked the coast to the west - 11:18

the king of the north would turn toward the coastland of the west

Antiochus turned toward the west to try and conquer the coastlands

the king of the north would experience initial victory

Antiochus was able to initially defeat the coastlands

the king of the north would meet a ruler who helped the coastlands

Antiochus was then opposed by Lucius Scipio Asiaticus, a Roman general

the king of the north would be completely defeated by this ruler

Antiochus was completely defeated by the growing Roman power

3) the king of the north was defeated and soon died - 11:19

the king of the north would start back toward his own country

Antiochus started back toward his own country in defeat

the king of the north would stumble and fall

Antiochus tried to plunder a Persian temple in Elymais

the king of the north would then die

Antiochus was killed by the defenders of the temple

4) the king of the north who came into power then died - 11:20

the new king of the north would impose taxes on Israel

the new king of the north would soon be destroyed

the new king of the north would not be destroyed in battle

the new king, Seleucus IV Philopater, was poisoned and died

D. the vision included the vile and willful king - 11:21-45

1. the willful king will defeat the king of the south 11:21-29

a. this king will work to conquer through peace - 11:21-24

1) the vile king would gain power by flatteries - 11:21

Daniel saw that a vile king would arise

the vile king was Antiochus IV Epiphanes , the Syrian who persecuted Israel

Daniel saw that the vile king would not receive the honor of royalty

the vile king was the brother of Seleucus, the legal king of Syria who was murdered

Daniel saw that the vile king would come peaceably

the vile king knew the son of the king was being held hostage in Rome

Daniel saw that the vile king would seize the kingdom by intrigue

the vile king seized power when his brother was murdered

2) the vile king would destroy Israel and the “prince of the covenant” - 11:22

the vile king would win victory with the force of a flood

the vile king swept away the armies of Egypt like a flood

the vile king would also get rid of the high priest of Israel

the vile king got Menelaus, the brother of the high priest, to kill his brother

3) the vile king would make a league with another deceiver - 11:23

the vile king made an alliance with a rival to the king of Egypt

Antiochus made a treaty with Philometer who was trying to gain power in Egypt

the vile king had as his goal to gain greater power in Egypt

Antiochus was using deceit to try and gain greater power in Egypt

the vile king would conquer with a small number of people

Antiochus was able to conquer Memphis, Egypt with a small army

4) the vile king would gain plunder and riches - 11:24

the vile king would pretend to come in peace

Antiochus was pretending friendship to gain his power

the vile king would go into the richest places of Egypt

Antiochus plundered the riches of Egypt to give rich gifts to gain support

the vile king would do more than any of his forefathers

the vile king would devise his plans against the strongholds

Antiochus actually had a plan to conquer all of Egypt

b. this king will be against the holy covenant - 11:25-29

1) the vile king would capture the king of the south by treachery - 11:25

Antiochus would lead his army against Philometer
Philometer, who had become an enemy, would fight Antiochus
Antiochus would have Philometer fight him in battle
Philometer was encouraged by his counselors to fight - Dan. 11:26
Antiochus would capture Philometer because of the plans of his counselors
Philometer did not know that his counselors were against him

2) the vile king would defeat the king of the south - 11:26

the king of south would be destroyed by his own counselors
the counselors betrayed Philometer in an effort to get him killed
the king of the south would be encouraged to fight Syria by his counselors

3) the vile king would give limited power to the two kings - 11:27

Antiochus would pretend to help both of the Egyptian kings
Antiochus offered to help Philometer regain the throne in Egypt
Antiochus and the two kings of Egypt would speak lies to each other
Antiochus and the two kings, Philometer and Euergetes, were all speaking lies
Antiochus would be frustrated as the two kings established a joint rule
Antiochus became frustrated because Philometer and Euergetes agreed to joint rule

4) the vile king would defile Jerusalem as he passed back through - 11:28

Antiochus would return to his land with great riches
Antiochus was returning from Egypt with great riches
Antiochus would meet a revolt in Israel while returning and attack
Antiochus would stop an attempt to get rid of Menelaus and profane the temple
Antiochus would bring great destruction in Israel before returning to Syria
Antiochus massacred 80,000, took 40,000 prisoners and sold 40,000 as slaves

5) the vile king would go against Egypt a third time - 11:29

Antiochus would go against Egypt a third time
Antiochus would go back to fight against the two kings a third time
Antiochus would not succeed like his former successes
Antiochus would not experience success this third time

2. the willful king will pollute the temple in Jerusalem - 11:30-35

a. this king will take away the daily sacrifice - 11:30-32

1) the vile king would be in contact with those who forsook God - 11:30

Antiochus would have ships come from Cyprus to attack

these were Roman ships that sided with Egypt

Antiochus would be grieved by these armies coming

these ships caused Antiochus to return home to avoid fighting Rome

Antiochus would take out his anger against Israel as he returned home

this anger caused him to take out his rage against Israel

Antiochus would do damage to the people of Israel

this was carried out by opposing those who obeyed God's covenant

Antiochus would favor the Jews who had forsaken the covenant

this also caused him to show favor to the Jews who rejected God's covenant

2) the vile king would pollute the sanctuary and stop the sacrifice - 11:31

Antiochus would send his troops against Jerusalem

these troops attacked Jerusalem on the Sabbath killing many people

Antiochus would have the soldiers defile the temple

these troops desecrated the temple and banned circumcision

Antiochus would have them take away the daily sacrifice

these troops stopped the sacrifices and offered a pig on the altar

Antiochus would place the abomination of desolation in the temple

these troops set up an idol to Zeus in the temple called the abomination of desolation

Daniel used this abomination to point to the future antichrist - Dan. 9:27

Christ used this abomination to point to the future antichrist - Matt. 24:15

3) the vile king would corrupt others by flattery - 11:32

Antiochus would corrupt the unfaithful Jews by flattery

Antiochus got the unfaithful Jews to side with him - Dan. 11:30

Antiochus would have the believing Jews stand against him

Antiochus had the Jews who followed God stand against him
(these Jews were willing to die rather than compromise) - Dan. 11:33

Antiochus would see the believing Jews carry out great exploits

these Jews revolted against Antiochus and were successful

these Jews were led by Judas Maccabeus

these Jews were helped in the revolt by Rome

b. this king will cause many to fall - 11:33-35

1) the faithful would not stop Biblical instruction - 11:33

the people who understand are the faithful
God always keeps a faithful remnant - Rom. 11:4
the people who are faithful would continue to instruct others
God shows that persecution will not stop the faithful in any period - Acts 8:1-4
the people who were faithful would be killed
God says that the faithful have suffered many kinds of persecution - Heb. 11:33-38
the people who were faithful would be taken into captivity
God says that the faithful will even go into captivity

2) the faithful would receive little help - 11:34

many Jews would fall away under persecution
this happened as Antiochus persecuted the Jews
the Jews committed to God would receive little help
the believing Jews were given very little help from others
the Jews committed to God would have some join them in fear
the believing Jews had some join them who pretended loyalty to God

5) the faithful would be tested by persecution until the time of the end - 11:35

(since this verse takes things to the end time, these things will still happen)
Daniel had been promised he would learn about the time of the end - Dan. 8:17-19
Daniel was told the time of the end would be the final week - Dan. 9:27

those who are faithful would fall as martyrs
God says that people will be faithful unto death - Rev. 12:11
those who are faithful would be refined
God says that He will refine and restore Israel - Zech. 13:9
those who are faithful would be purified
God says that His plan is to purify the faithful - Dan. 12:10
those who are faithful would be cleansed
God says that His plan is to cleanse the faithful - Dan. 12:10
those who are faithful will face persecution until the time of the end
God tells how long this final persecution shall last - Dan. 12:11
those who are faithful would experience this until the appointed (end) time
God says to count it all joy when faced with trials - James 1:2
God says to greatly rejoice when going through trials - I Pet. 1:6-7
God says to be faithful unto death - Rev. 2:10

**3. the willful king will exalt himself but then be overthrown - 11:36-45
(this willful king pictures the antichrist of the time of the end - 11:35)**

a. the willful king (antichrist) will exalt himself as God - 11:36-38

1) the willful king will speak against God - 11:36

the willful king will do according to his own will
the antichrist will be allowed to exercise great power - Dan. 9:27
the willful king will exalt and magnify himself above every god
the antichrist will speak with great pride - Dan. 7:8
the willful king will speak blasphemies against the true God
the antichrist will speak blasphemies against God - Rev. 13:5-6
the willful king will prosper until God completes His wrath
the antichrist will be used by God to judge sinful mankind - Dan. 9:27
the plan that God has determined will be done
the antichrist will last for only a short period of time - Dan. 11:45
the antichrist will be destroyed by God - Dan. 7:11; Rev. 19:20

2) the willful king will have no desire for gods or for women - 11:37

the willful king will not recognize God
the antichrist wants to be the one who is worshiped - Rev. 13:4-78
the willful king will have no desire for women
(this may indicate that the antichrist will be a homosexual)
the willful king will not recognize any gods (idols)
the antichrist will require all to take his number - Rev. 13:16-17
the willful king will exalt himself above all gods
the antichrist will also be against all gods - Rev. 13:16-18

3) the willful king will have power as his god (the god of fortresses) - 11:38

the willful king will focus on the god of power
the antichrist will use this power to attack every stronghold - Dan. 11:39
the willful king will honor power with gold and silver
the antichrist will control all wealth - Rev. 13:16
the willful king will honor power with precious stones
the antichrist will control everything that is bought or sold - Rev. 13:17
the willful king will honor the god of power with pleasant things
the antichrist will use power to gain complete control - Rev. 13:4-5
the antichrist will have power over all peoples - Rev. 13:7-8

b the willful king will overthrow many countries - 11:39-41

1) the willful king will divide the land for gain - 11:39

the willful king will act against all the strong places
the antichrist will destroy any power that tries to compete - Rev. 13:17
the willful king will use riches to gain power
the antichrist will do whatever is necessary to gain power
the willful king will use power to rule over many
the antichrist will rule over all the people of the earth - Rev. 13:8
the willful king will use power to conquer the land
the antichrist will stand in the holy place - Matt. 24:15

2) the willful king will defeat all who stand against him - 11:40

the willful king will defeat the powers of the south
the antichrist will not allow Egypt to escape - Dan. 11:42
the antichrist will gain the treasures of the south - Dan. 11:43
the willful king will defeat the powers of the north
the antichrist will then turn to defeat the powers of the north - Dan. 11:44
the willful king will overpower all of the forces from north and south
the antichrist will sweep away all who stand against him - Dan. 11:44
the willful king will then pass through into Israel
the antichrist will enter into the glorious land - Dan. 11:41
the antichrist will place his palace in the glorious land - Dan. 11:45

3) the willful king will enter the glorious land - 11:41

the willful king will control the land of Israel
this control will allow him to set up his abomination - Matt. 24:15
this control will be followed by persecution of the Jews - Matt. 24:16-21
this control will bring a siege against Judah and Jerusalem - Zech. 12:2
this control will be extended to the entire earth - Rev. 13:16-17
this control will bring all nations against Israel - Zech. 12:3
this control will mean that only the Lord can defend Israel - Zech. 12:8
(this will result in the judgment of all nations - Zech. 12:9)
this control will refine the people the people of Israel - Zech. 13:8-9
the willful king will overthrow many other countries
this control will cause many nations to be overthrown - Dan. 11:44
the willful king will have a few countries escape from his hand
this control extends only as far as God allows

c. the willful king will be brought to an end - 11:42-45

1) the willful king will extend his hand against the nations - 11:42

the willful king will stretch out his hand against other countries

his concern will be to control the entire world - Rev. 13:8

the willful king will not let Egypt escape

his concern will be to control all peoples - Rev. 13:16

2) the willful king will control the wealth - 11:43

the willful king will control the gold and the silver

his control will extend to all that is bought and sold - Rev. 13:17

the willful king will have power over all the precious things of Egypt

his control will extend to all of the riches of Egypt

the willful king will have power over the riches of Libya and Ethiopia

his control will extend to all of the riches of the other nations

3) the willful king will fight the nations that trouble him - 11:44

the willful king will hear of armies coming from the east and north

the armies from the east will number 200,000,000 people - Rev. 9:16

the willful king will go forth with great fury

the willful king will rule during a time of great trouble - Dan. 12:1

the willful king will go to destroy and annihilate

the willful king will pour out his anger against the Jews - Zech. 12:2-3

4) the willful king will be brought to an end - 11:45

the willful king will place his throne between the seas

the willful king will exercise his power in Judah and Jerusalem - Zech. 12:2-3

the willful king will place his throne on the glorious holy mountain

the willful king will set up his abomination in the holy place - Matt. 24:15

the willful king will come to an end

the Lord will come to fight against the willful king - Rev. 19:11-16

the Lord will defeat the willful king and the armies of the ungodly - Rev. 19:17-19

the Lord will use this time to bring the Jews to Himself - Zech. 12:10

the Lord will then establish His rule - Rev. 20:4-6

the willful king will have no one to help him

the Lord will take away his power and destroy it unto the end - Dan. 7:24-26

the Lord will bring eternal judgment on the willful king - Rev. 19:20

E. the vision included the tribulation - 12:1

Michael will stand to protect Israel during the tribulation

this will be needed because all the nations will come against them - Zech. 12:3

Michael will stand watch over the people of Israel

this will be a time of great trouble for Israel - Matt. 24:21

Michael will do this because it is the time of Israel's trouble

this is called the time of Jacob's trouble - Jer. 30:7

Michael will know this is the worst time in the history of Israel

this will be a time of trouble as Satan tries to destroy the Jews - Rev. 12:12-17

Michael will deliver those who are written in the book

this will include the 144,000 - Rev. 7:1-8

this will include those preserved in the wilderness - Rev. 12:16-17

F. the vision included the two resurrections - 12:2-3

1. Daniel saw the resurrection of both the just and the unjust - 12:2

those who are dead will be raised to life

the Lord will raise all people to stand before him in the last day - Job 19:25-27

the people from throughout history will stand for judgment - John 5:29

there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust - Acts 24:15

some will be raised to everlasting life

the righteous will have their works judged for rewards - I Cor. 3:11-16

the Lord promises that the dead in Christ will be raised - I Thess. 4:14

the Lord says that we will be raised and changed - I Cor. 15:51-54

some will be raised to everlasting punishment

the unbelievers will be judged and receive eternal judgment - Rev. 20:11-15

the unbelievers will have their place in the lake of fire - Rev. 21:8

2. Daniel saw the reward of the wise - 12:3

those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament

the Lord says the righteous shall shine like the sun - Matt. 13:43

the Lord says the way of life winds upward for the wise - Prov. 15:24

the Lord causes the wise to understand - Dan. 12:2

those who are wise will turn many to righteousness

the Lord says those who are wise will win souls - Prov. 11:30

the Lord is the One who gives wisdom to the wise - Dan. 2:21

those who are wise will shine like the stars forever and ever

the Lord says the wise will inherit glory - Prov. 3:35

G. the vision will not be fulfilled until knowledge is increased - 12:4-13

1. Daniel was told that knowledge will increase in the end - 12:4

Daniel was told to shut up the words of this book

the vision was to be shut up because it was for the future - Dan. 8:26
the vision of John was not to be shut up for the time was at hand - Rev. 22:10

Daniel was told to seal the words of this book

the vision was to be sealed because it was for the end time - Dan. 9:24

Daniel was told it was to be sealed until the time of the end

this vision was to be sealed until the time of the end - Dan. 12:10

Daniel was told people would run to and fro in the time of the end

this vision would be the answer when men begin to seek understanding
(people will wander to and fro to seek the word of the Lord - Amos 8:11-12)

Daniel was told that knowledge would increase in the time of the end

this will happen in the time of the end - Dan. 11:35, 40
those who seek knowledge in the time of the end will find it in Daniel - Dan. 12:9-10

2. Daniel was told the vision would be sealed until the end - 12:5-9

1) Daniel saw two others by the river - 12:5

Daniel saw two others after he had seen the vision

the two that Daniel saw were two angels

Daniel saw that one was on his side of the river

Daniel saw one angel on his side of the river

Daniel saw that one was on the other side of the river

Daniel saw the second angel on the other side of the river

2) Daniel heard one angel ask a question - 12:6

Daniel saw a man who was clothed in linen

the one Daniel saw is probably the same one as in Daniel 10:6
(if so, this was an Old Testament appearance of Christ - Rev. 1:13-14)
this would be the same person that Joshua saw in Joshua 5:13-15; 6:2
this would be the same person who appeared to Gideon - Judges 6:11-23

Daniel saw that the one in linen was above the waters

the one in linen was above the waters rather than on one side of the river

Daniel heard one angel question the one in linen

here we see that the angels also want to know the future
(God has not revealed some things about the future to angels - Mark 13:32)

3) Daniel heard when all of these things would be finished - 12:7

Daniel saw the man in linen lift his hands to heaven

the one in linen held his hands toward the Father in heaven

Daniel heard the man in linen swear by the one who lives forever

the one in linen swore by the Father who is in heaven - Matt. 5:16

Daniel heard the man in linen tell how long this time would last

the man in linen said this would last for a time, times and half a time (3 1/2 years)

(this would be the last half of Daniel's seventieth week - Dan. 9:27)

this is the time period also described by 42 months - Rev. 11:2-3; 13:5

this is the time when the little horn persecutes the saints - Dan. 7:24-25

Daniel heard it would last until the power of the holy people was shattered

this will cause Israel to be refined and tested - Zech. 13:9

this will happen when all the nations gather against Israel - Zech. 14:2-3

this will cause the Jews to finally recognize Christ as the Messiah - Zech. 12:10

this will cause all Israel to be saved - Rom. 11:25-27

this will cause all Israel to know the Lord - Heb. 8:10-12

4) Daniel heard but did not understand - 12:8

Daniel said that he heard

Daniel heard this vision in the first year of Darius - Dan. 11:1

Daniel was told to shut up the words of this vision - Dan. 12:4

Daniel said that he did not understand

Daniel knew that God could choose to reveal the meaning - Dan. 2:19

Daniel had received interpretation of some of the earlier visions - Dan. 7:16

Daniel was told the words were sealed unto the end - Dan. 12:9

Daniel said that he asked for an explanation

Daniel had explained some of the visions of Nebuchadnezzar - Dan. 2:31-45

Daniel had interpreted the writing on the wall - Dan. 5:17-28

Daniel was told that the vision was even sealed up for him - Dan. 12:9

5) Daniel was told these things were sealed until the end - 12:9

Daniel was told to go his way

Daniel was told to go his way until the end - Dan. 12:13

Daniel was told that the words were closed up

Daniel was told that the words were to be shut up - Dan. 12:4

Daniel was told they were sealed until the time of the end

Daniel was told to seal up several of the visions - Dan. 8:26

John had a similar experience but was told not to write - Rev. 10:4

3. Daniel was told he would die before the end - 12:10-13

a. Daniel saw that many will be purified in the end - 12:10

Daniel heard that many would be purified

God is the One who will purify His people - Zech. 13:9

Daniel heard that many would be made white

God is the One who changes our sins from scarlet to white - Is. 1:18

Daniel heard that many would be tested

God is the One who tests us and purifies us - I Cor. 6:11

Daniel heard that the wicked would do wickedly

God says that the wicked devise wicked plans - Is. 32:6-7

Daniel heard that the wicked would not understand

God says that the wicked do not understand or repent - Rev. 9:20-21

Daniel heard that the wise would understand

God says a wise man will hear and understand - Prov. 1:5

b. Daniel saw the coming of the final earthly judgments - 12:11

Daniel was told that the daily sacrifice would be taken away

Daniel also describes an earlier stopping of the sacrifice - Dan. 11:31

Daniel was told the abomination of desolation would be set up

Matthew described when the abomination would be set up - Matt. 24:15

Daniel was told that there would then be a period of 1290 days

Daniel talks about the last half of the final week (3 1/2 years) - Dan. 9:27

c. Daniel saw the setting up of the kingdom - 12:12

Daniel was told that those who wait would be blessed

those are blessed who will enter the kingdom - Dan. 2:45; 7:13-14

Daniel was told that those who wait would wait 1335 days

this includes the 3 1/2 years plus time to set up the kingdom - Dan. 7:13-14, 27

d. Daniel was told that he would rest - 12:13

Daniel was told to go his way

Daniel had to be in his nineties at this point - Dan. 11:1

Daniel was told that he would rest and later stand

Daniel was told he could look forward to resurrection - Dan. 12:2

Daniel was told that he would stand in the end of the days

Daniel would be a part of the everlasting kingdom - Dan. 7:27