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Lesson #9

God's Prophetic Timetable: The Visions of Daniel

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Establish that God gave an outline of world history and foretold to His people the kingdoms who would rule the world prior to the Messiah's first and second coming.
- These four kingdoms are: Babylon, Media/Persia, Greece, and Rome.
- These four kingdoms and their systems are spiritually characteristic of Satan's kingdom and his rule on the earth.
- God describes these four kingdoms in symbolic language which are spiritual types and shadows which can be studied to understand Satan's kingdom.
- The characteristics of these four kingdoms will be fully manifested in a future one-world government which will be ruled by the False Messiah.
- What historically happened during the time of these kingdoms are spiritual types, shadows, and object lessons which God gave to enable us to understand future prophetic events so we will know how to respond to them.
- We can establish the historical relationship to future prophetic events by comparing Old Testament scripture with New Testament scripture and by studying history to see the relationship between it and future prophetic events.

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GOD'S PROPHETIC TIMETABLE ("The Visions of Daniel")

WORLD KINGDOMS FROM THE TIME OF DANIEL

==> DANIEL 2 ... The Great Image

A. Daniel was a Jewish man who was taken captive to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar (*II Chronicles 36:5-7, 11-13, 17-20, Daniel 1:1-7*).

Daniel had favor with the rulership of Babylon (*Daniel 1:9, 2:48*).

B. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream which he forgot and therefore could not remember or interpret and called the best astrologers of the land to tell him the meaning of the dream but they could not. So, he ordered them all to be killed because they could not interpret the dream. Even though Daniel was not an astrologer, he was included to be killed. Therefore, Daniel petitioned King Nebuchadnezzar for time so that he could interpret the dream for the King. God showed Daniel the dream and the meaning of the dream and Daniel told the dream and the meaning of the dream to King Nebuchadnezzar. The dream was a preview of World Kingdoms down through the ages concluding with the second coming of *Yeshua/Jesus*. This is found in --->*Daniel 2:1-45*.

1. The golden head of the image was Babylon (*Daniel 2:32, 36-38*).

The breast and arms of silver was Medes/Persians (*Daniel 2:32, 39*). The Medo-Persian Empire defeated the Babylonians in 539 B.C.E., however; they were an inferior kingdom to Babylon in terms of size and strength (*Daniel 2:39, 5:17-20, 24-28, 31*).

3. The belly and thighs of the image were brass (*Daniel 2:32*). This was the Grecian empire under Alexander the Great who defeated the Medo-Persian Empire in 331 B.C.E. Bronze is much less valuable than pure gold or pure silver and Greece lacked much of the lustre and magnificence of the Babylonian and Medo-Persian empires. But, bronze is much stronger than gold or silver and the Grecian kingdom under Alexander the Great and his subsequent divided kingdom which was given over to his four generals who succeeded Alexander upon his death were awesome in their ability to quickly and decisively destroy their enemies. This is spoken of in (*Daniel 8:20-22*).

4. The iron legs of the image was Rome (*Daniel 2:33*). Rome defeated the Grecian empire in 146 B.C.E. (Before Common Era). Rome is represented by the legs because the Roman Empire was divided into East and West. The Western Roman Empire was centered in Rome. The Eastern Roman empire was in Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey). The Eastern Roman empire became known later as the Byzantine Empire and continued until they were defeated by the Turks in 1453 C.E. (Common

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Era). The Western Roman Empire ceased to exist as a major force in 476 C.E. when the Barbarians defeated Rome.

====> The feet of the image was part iron and part clay (*Daniel 2:33*). This is the Revived Roman Empire which will be headed by the Anti-Christ during the Tribulation Period (the 70th week of Daniel) (*Daniel 9:24-27*). The feet have ten toes and the Anti-Christ will rule over 10 kings. (*Daniel 7:2, 7, 23-25, Revelation 13:1, 5, 17:12-14*).

====> A great stone will arise and defeat the Revived Roman Empire whose feet was part iron and part clay (*Daniel 2:34-35, 42-45*). *Yeshua/Jesus* is the stone who will defeat the kingdom of the Anti-Christ at His second coming (*Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22, Matthew 21:42, Acts 4:10-11, Romans 9:32-33, Ephesians 2:20, I Peter 2:6-8*). *Yeshua/Jesus* is the Rock (*I Corinthians 10:4*).

The Kingdom that *Yeshua/Jesus* will set up is His 1,000 year millennial reign on earth (*Revelation 20:4-6*). This Kingdom is the great mountain that arose and will fill the whole earth (*Daniel 2:35,44, Isaiah 2:2-4, Psalm 47:2, 103:19, 145:1, 13*).

====> Next, we are going to use "Ramez" (tying scripture to scripture) to understand the spiritual principal that "what happened historically is a picture concerning what will happen prophetically."

THE FOUR KINGDOMS OF DANIEL 2

REPEATED AS FOUR BEASTS IN DANIEL 7

The four beasts came up out of the sea and were diverse from each other (*Daniel 7:3*).

1. The first beast was a lion. This was Babylon (*Daniel 7:4*).
2. The second beast was a bear. This was Medo-Persia (*Daniel 7:5*). The bear was raised up on one side refers to the fact that the Persian empire gradually gained supremacy over the Medes. The three ribs refer to the three empires absorbed by Persia: Babylon, Egypt, and Lydia.
3. The third beast was a leopard. This was Greece (*Daniel 7:6*). The four heads and wings refers to the division of the Greek empire into four kingdoms following the death of Alexander the Great.
4. The fourth beast is the Roman Empire (*Daniel 7:7*).

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====> The Anti-Christ also comes out of the sea and has the attributes of all four of these world kingdoms (*Revelation 13:1-2*).

====> The ten horns in (*Daniel 7:7*) are the ten kings who the Anti-Christ will rule over (*Daniel 7:7-8, 19-25, Revelation 13:1, 5, 17:12-14*). *Daniel 7:19-27* is the same as *Daniel 2:40-45*.

- a) The blasphemy from his mouth in *Daniel 7:8 = Revelation 13:1, 5-6*.
- b) The death of the Anti-Christ is found in *Daniel 7:11 = Revelation 13:3*.
- c) The defeat of the Anti-Christ is found in *Daniel 7:11 = Revelation 19:20*.

THE VISION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT (Medo-Persia/Greek Empires)

====> *Daniel 8* is a prophecy concerning the empires of Medo-Persia, followed by Alexander the Great, followed by the four ruling kingdoms of his divided empire, and finally a prophecy concerning a ruler from one of the four divided kingdoms named Antiochus Epiphanes IV who would go into the temple of Israel and declare himself to be God.

A. The vision had a ram with two horns (*Daniel 8:3*). The ram with two horns was the Medo-Persian empire (*Daniel 8:20*).

---> The Medo-Persian Empire was strong and did according to its will. This is a picture of the kingdom of the Anti-Christ (*Daniel 8:4 = Revelation 13:4*).

B. The goat in the vision was Greece (*Daniel 8:5, 21*).

1. The goat came from the west (*Daniel 8:5*). Greece is West of Medo-Persia.
2. The notable horn between the goat's eyes was the first king of Greece which was Alexander the Great (*Daniel 8:5, 21*).
3. The goat (Greece) defeated the ram (Medo-Persia) and no power on earth could stop him (*Daniel 8:7*).
4. When he was strong, the great horn (Alexander the Great) was broken. (Alexander died prematurely at a young age when his kingdom was powerful) (*Daniel 8:8*).
5. Four little horns came up from the big horn (*Daniel 8:8, 22*).

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6. Out of one of them (the four little horns) there arose a powerful king and defeated other members of the divided Grecian kingdom (*Daniel 8:9-10*). This powerful king was Antiochus Epiphanes IV.

7. This king would arise at the latter time of the reign of the divided kingdoms of Greece (*Daniel 8:23*).

8. The power of Antiochus IV will be great but not by his own power and will defeat the people of God (*Daniel 8:24*).

---> This is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will do the same thing. (*Revelation 13:2 = 12:9, Revelation 13:5-7*).

9. Antiochus IV went into the temple in Jerusalem during one of these major battles and took away the daily sacrifice in the temple and declared himself to be God (*Daniel 8:11-12*).

10. Antiochus IV will magnify himself and declare himself to be God (*Daniel 8:11, 11:36*).

---> Antiochus IV is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will also take away the daily sacrifice in the temple (*Daniel 9:27*) and declare himself to be God. (*II Thessalonians 2:3-4*) and oppose himself against God (*Revelation 13:5-6*).

11. During this time, THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD WILL BE STRONG, and will do great exploits and will instruct many but will still be overtaken by Antiochus IV (*Daniel 11:32-33*).

---> This is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will do the same thing to the people of God (*Revelation 13:7*).

12. Antiochus IV will prosper until the indignation be past (*Daniel 11:36*).

---> This is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will do the same thing to the people of God (*Revelation 13:5*).

13. Antiochus IV will set up an abomination of desolation in the temple of God (*Daniel 11:31*).

---> This is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will do the same thing (*Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15*).

14. When Antiochus IV invades the glorious land (Israel) (*Daniel 8:9, 11:41*), the land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon will escape out of his hand (*Daniel 11:41*). This is modern day Jordan.

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---> This is a picture of the same thing which will happen when the Anti-Christ invades and captures Jerusalem during the Tribulation (*Revelation 13:5*). The believers in *Yeshua/Jesus* will flee into the land of Edom to a place called Petra where they will be protected by God during the last 3 1/2 years when the Anti-Christ will control Israel (*Matthew 24:15, Revelation 12:6,14, Isaiah 16:1-5, 42:10-11*).

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LESSON REVIEW/QUESTIONS

1. In Daniel 2, Daniel has a prophetic vision seeing a great image. The head of the image was gold, the breast and arms were silver, the belly and thighs were brass, and legs were of iron.
 - a. Who does the head of gold represent?
 - b. Who does the breast and arms represent?
 - c. Who does the belly and thighs represent?
 - d. Who does the legs represent?
 - e. What is the meaning of the two legs?

2. In Daniel 7, this image in Daniel 2 is repeated in the form of four beasts.
 - a. Who does the first beast represent? What animal does it symbolize?
 - b. Who does the second beast represent? What animal does it symbolize?
 - c. Who does the third beast represent? What animal does it symbolize?
 - d. How many horns did the fourth beast have?

3. Give several examples how the fourth beast is characteristic of the future False Messiah and His Kingdom.

4. Daniel 8 is a prophetic vision of a ram and a goat.
 - a. What kingdom does the ram represent?
 - b. What kingdom does the goat represent?
 - c. Who does the notable horn between the ram's eyes represent?
 - d. What does the four little horns which came from the big horn represent?
 - e. Who was the powerful king who arose from among the four little horns?

5. When the powerful king who arose from the four little horns invaded the land of Israel, what lands escaped his invasion?

6. What is the spiritual prophetic parallel between what happened historically when Antiochus IV invaded Israel, and what will happen in the future when the Anti-Christ/False Messiah invades Israel during the tribulation?

7. Where will the majority of believers in Messiah flee during the tribulation when the False Messiah invades Israel?

8. Give several examples how what Antiochus IV did historically will parallel what the False Messiah will do and say?