

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

Q: Why might Daniel be mourning?

A: Daniel was likely mourning for his people who had stopped (for 15 years) rebuilding the temple. Daniel was 84.

Q: Does verse 5 and 6 describe an angel or Jesus?

A: The description is very similar to <u>Revelation 1:12-16.</u>
However, Jesus would not need the help of another Michael in vs 13.

Q: V7, Have we seen this type of situation in other places in the bible?

A: Yes, Apostle Paul non the road to Damascus

Q:What happened to Daniel in vs 8-9?

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10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."

Q:What actions had Daniel taken that caused God to dispatch this angel to him?

A:. He was greatly beloved. He had a lifetime pattern of setting his heart on the word, praying, and humbling himself before God.

Q:This is a great example of spiritual battles happening in the supernatural world all around us. Can you think of other biblical examples?

A: 2 Kings 6 Revelation 12

Q: What was the key message delivered by the Angel?

A: To make Daniel know and understand what will happen to the Jews in the last days, far in the future

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15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me."

18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. 19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"

So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

Q: Why touch Daniel's lips?

A: Could be similar to Isaiah 6:7 or Jerimiah 1:9

Q: How was Daniel strengthened?

A: He was strengthened by the Angel

Q: What is the "Scripture of Truth?"

A: God's plan for His creation and time.

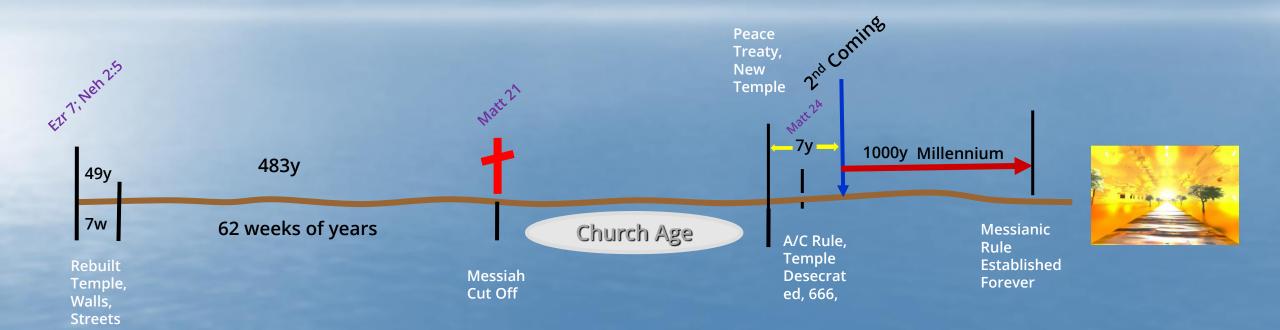
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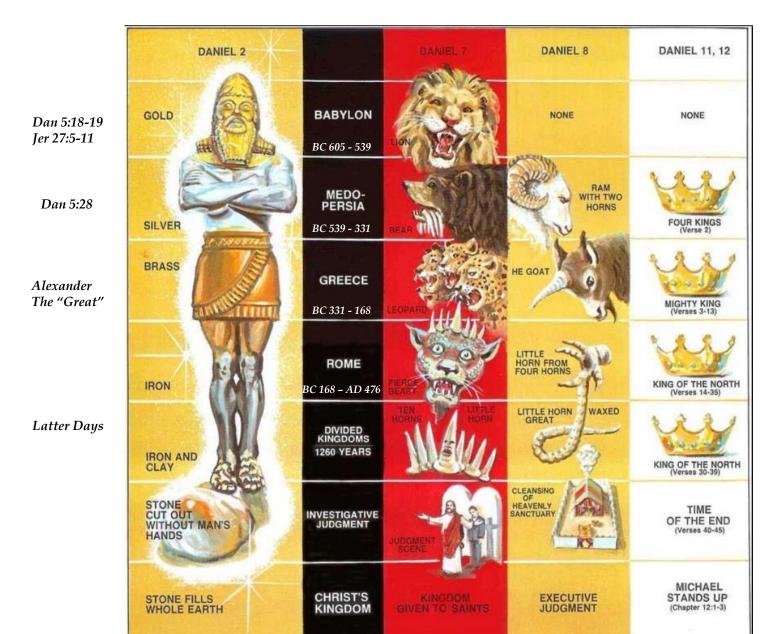
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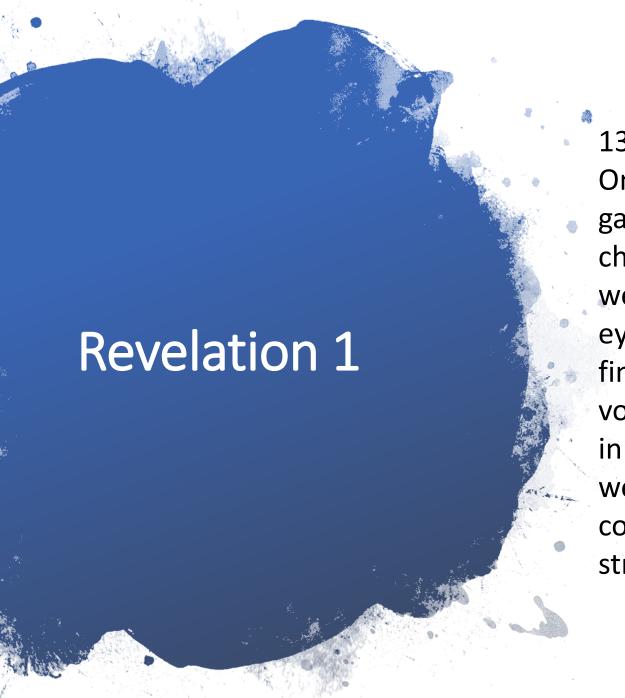
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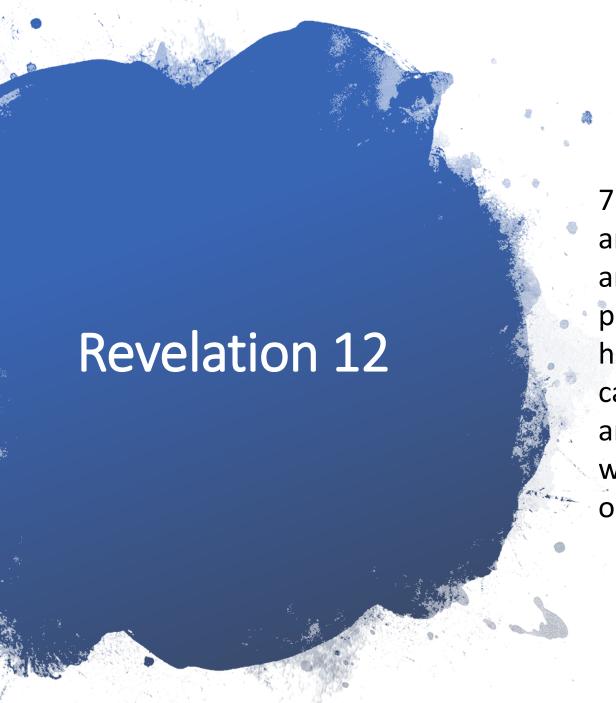


13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.



a 14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.



7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

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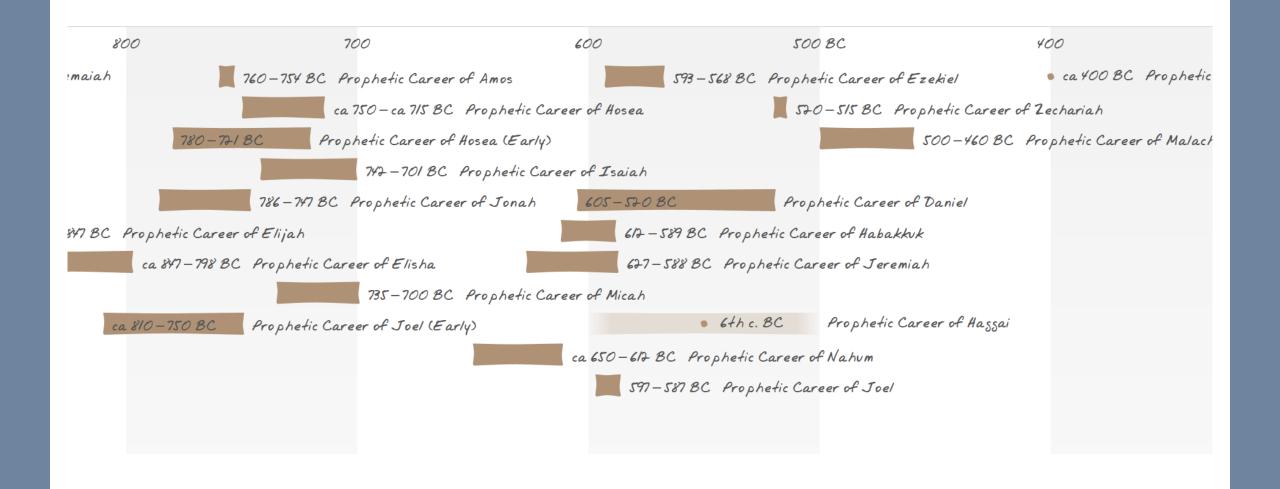
Chap 11 –







- Writer "God is my Judge" (Daniel Himself)
- Historical Timeline
 - 605 BC 535 BC
 - Daniel was in first set of 3 exile events
 - 605 (Danial)
 - 597 (Ezekiel)
 - 586 BC
- When Written between 536 and 530 BC
- Why Exile?
 - Judah's ongoing sin
 - Israel had fallen to Assyria in 722 BC
 - Isaiah, Jeramiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah warnings ignored
- Language 2:4 7:28 Aramaic, international language
- Purpose(s)
 - Encouragement and prophesy
 - During Successive gentile domination until Messiah's return
 - Display of Gods sovereignty
 - Major display of miracles



- 605 BC
- 597 BC
- 586 BC

