

End Times Prophecy

This Week:

Lesson: Daniel

Next Week: Daniel

Who was Daniel:

Daniel was carried into Babylonian captivity as a teen, under Nebuchadnezzar. He served as a senior court official under Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius (Medes) and Cyrus (Persia). Daniel was a prophet of dreams and visions, and was also given revelations by the angel, Gabriel

Daniel's revelations have a common theme of revealing kings and kingdoms. His fulfilled predictions are so obviously correct that many unbelieving critics have called the book a hoax and dated it so that as to be written after the predicted events had occurred.

Daniel 2:31-45 The Great Statue
 V38 Babylon the head of gold
 V39 Medo-Persian breast & arms of silver
 V40 Rome legs of iron, feet of iron and clay
 V 44 Divine kingdom, meteor

Daniel 7 The Four Beasts – really bizarre!

Daniel 8:3-8, 20-22 The Ram and the Goat - Medes and Alexander the Great

Jeremiah 25:8-11, 29:10

Daniel 9:1-3 The occasion for prayer for restoration
Daniel 9:20-27 Daniel's (Gabriel's) 70 sevens
 V20-24 Summary
 V 25-26a 7 sevens, 69 sevens
 V26b-27 70th seven – tribulation period

Discussion:

- **Note** in ch 2, the symbolic language and literal fulfillment of the first 3 kingdoms, consider that the fourth kingdom should also be literal.
- **Discuss** the kingdom in ch 2 does not separate the millennial kingdom from the eternal state – does this mean there's no millennial or are they blurred together?
- **Discuss** The vision of the four beasts in terms of historic/end-time nations and Armageddon. There's a lot we don't know, but a lot we can understand in terms of the Day of the Lord.
- **Discuss** the historical implications of fulfilled prophecy revealed in the vision of the ram and the goat, and the goat's horns.
- **Discuss** the 70 sevens, note that Gabriel separates the first 69, and the last 1 and that the conditions in vs 24 are unfulfilled.
- **Note** that from the decree of Artaxerxes to Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem, to the triumphal entry of Christ is exactly 483 (69x7) years (using Daniel's 360 day calendar).

Question to the Class:

If the 70 years of Jeremiah are literal, and the 483 years to Messiah being cut off is literal, does a 7 year period tribulation sound like a literal 70th seven?