

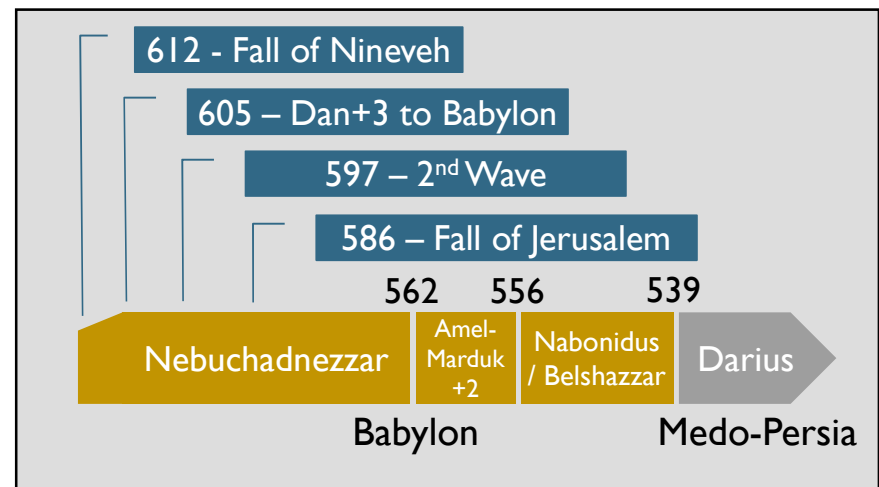
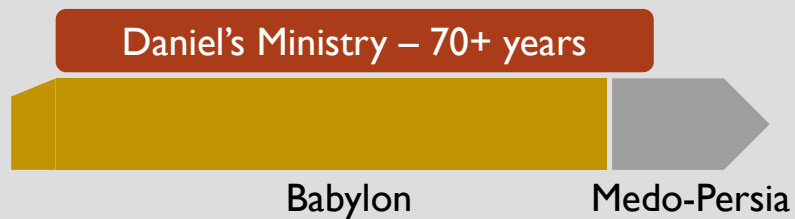
DANIEL

Lesson 10: Daniel 7:1-14
The Fifth Kingdom

DANIEL'S PIVOT

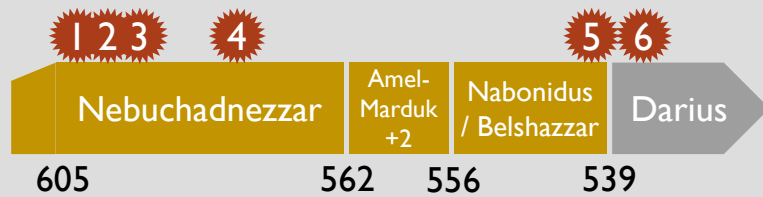
- Chapters 1-6 yield key highlights from the life of Daniel. From age 16 to 86, Daniel is exemplary.
- Chapters 7-12 provide excerpts from Daniel's prayer journal. Through specific visions, God gave Daniel glimpses of the future.
- So, before we jump into chapter 7, let's get our bearings.

Historical Timeline



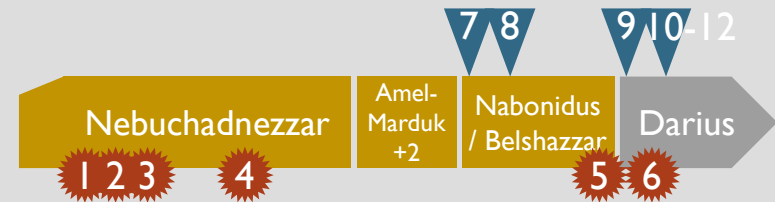
Narrative Chapters:

1 = King's Choice Food; 2 = Neb's Dream;
 3 = Fiery Furnace; 4 = Pride Pill;
 5 = Writing on the Wall; 6 = Lion's Den

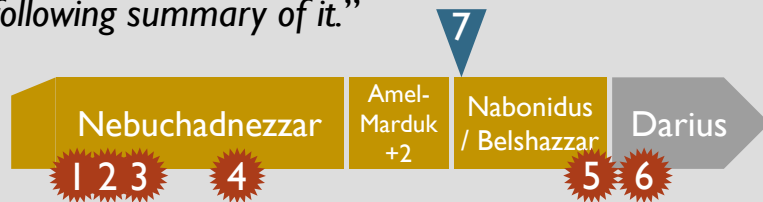


Prophetic Chapters:

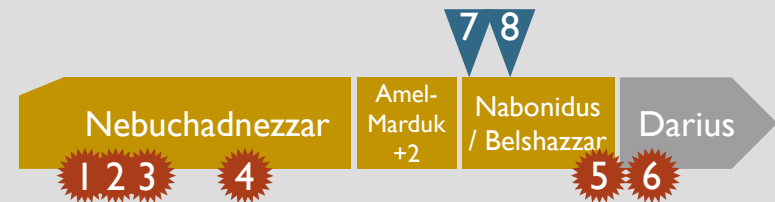
7 = Four beasts and a little horn;
 8 = Ram / goat and little horn; 9 = 69 weeks;
 10-12 = Roadmap to the end



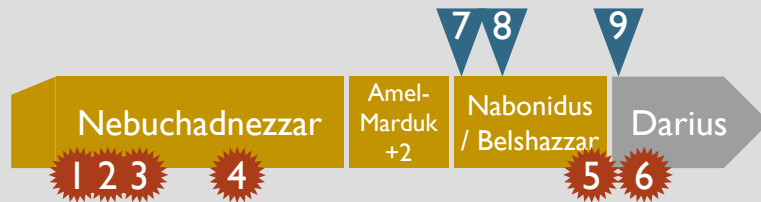
Daniel 7:1 – *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.”*



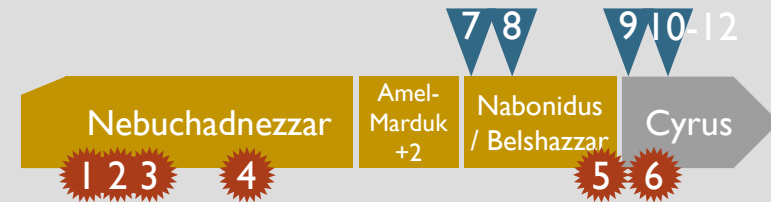
Daniel 8:1 – *In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously.*



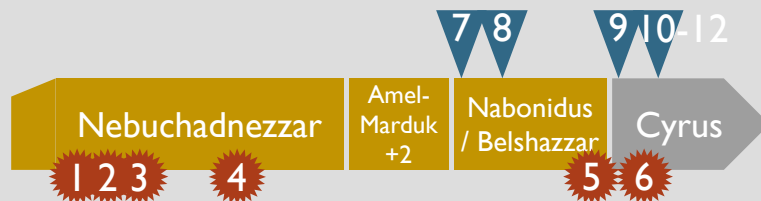
Daniel 9:1 – *In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—*



Daniel 10:1 – *In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belshazzar...*



Much of the prophesy in chapters 7-12 has been fulfilled. But a significant amount pertains to events yet future, possibly our future.



Mark 13:14, 19-20, 23 – *“But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ...For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.”*

- Jesus has told us everything we need to know, in advance, pertinent to coming climactic events. Some of this information comes through Daniel. As we will see in later chapters, Satan is threatened by saints who receive this information.
- When Jesus says “Behold! I have told you everything in advance,” He wants us to be ready! Understanding Daniel is part of our readiness plan. Do you remember the 10 virgins?

TWO PARTS – ONE MESSAGE

- Chapters 1-6 give us insight into how prevailing saints transit trials.
- Chapters 7-12 give us insight into the types of trials we should be prepared to face.
- Daniel 7-12 warn us, “Get ready to **Stay the Course.**” Daniel 1-6 demonstrates, “Here’s How!”

WHAT WE SEE IN DANIEL

- **“God alone”** is non-negotiable – Chapters 1, 3, 4, 6
- God can save **from** but can also save **through** – Chapters 3, 4, 6
- **Make the truth known** to those in your circle – Chapters 1– 6

ECHOES OF OUR FUTURE

- **Revelation 12:17** – *So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, **who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.***
- Daniel kept God’s commandments and held to his testimony. In some day yet future, Satan will specifically target those who do likewise.

ECHOES OF OUR FUTURE

- **Revelation 12:11** – *“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and **they did not love their life even when faced with death.**”*
- Daniel & friends regarded devotion to God as more important than life itself. In some day yet future, God’s people who do likewise will overcome.

ECHOES OF OUR FUTURE

- There is much more I want to tell you about how Daniel, part 2, connects to our future. But this must suffice for now.
- I will tell you more as we continue to work through the second half of the book.
- Today, we will stand beside Daniel to see what he saw (as recorded in the 1st half of chapter 7).

VISION SUMMARY – NEB’S VIEW

- Babylon (70 years) = Gold – the power of awe
- Medo-Persia (200 years) = Silver – the power of wealth
- Greece (300 years) = Bronze – the power of arms
- Rome (500 years + unknown) = Iron – the power of domination

VISION SUMMARY – DAN’S VIEW

- Babylon = Lion / Eagle
- Medo-Persia = Lopsided bear
- Greece = Four headed leopard
- Rome = Iron toothed monster

VISION SUMMARY – DAN’S VIEW

- **This is new:** In the fourth empire, one small horn will displace three and dominate the others. This horn is a proud man.
- **This is not new:** These four human empires will be replaced by a “fifth kingdom” that will have no connection to the previous four.

TEXTUAL DETAILS

- **Vs 1:** 556 BC – Daniel has a dream and writes it down. He is in the last phase of kingdom I.
- **Vs 2:** Shifts to 1st person / memoirs; 4 winds = all compass directions. Churning a large water body.
- **Vs. 3:** Four different beast emerge – these are four kings (Daniel 7:17).

TEXTUAL DETAILS

- **Vss. 4-6:** A lion with eagle wings who is retored to manhood; a lopsided bear having consumed 3 ribs but still hungry; a four-headed, four winged leopard.
- The leopard (and others) **receive** dominion, it is given to them by someone.
- **Vss. 7-8:** A fourth beast exceeds previous 3 for power and terror. Fundamentally different. Scary!

TEXTUAL DETAILS

- Iron teeth, 10 horns, 3 of which are pulled out by the roots by a horn that is a proud man.
- This is not human evolution and progress.
- **Vss. 9-10:** The scene shifts to a hall of judgment.
- Daniel is not (at first) expecting God but the evidence fits with no one else.

TEXTUAL DETAILS

- Judgment is about to be pronounced!
- **Vss. 11-12:** The little horn is destroyed and cast into the fire.
- The other beasts exist even after they lose their previous position of dominance but not forever.
- Then Daniel sees something unexpected! (2 weeks)

HOW TO GET READY

- **Daniel 7:21** – *I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them.*
- Don't believe the lie that when you "come to Jesus" everything will all get better – there may be hard decisions to make and consequences to accept.
- Don't be surprised by opposition – expect it! Don't assume God is mad at you.

HOW TO GET READY

- **Here is God's opinion:** *Even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled; If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you (1 Peter 3:14; 4:14).*

HOW TO GET READY

- **Daniel 7:21** – *I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them.*
- When people's hatred for Jesus and the things of God puts you in the crosshairs, you are demonstrating your true identity! This ought to be an encouragement! *So they went out from the presence of the Council, rejoicing...*

HOW TO GET READY

- **Daniel 7:9–10** – *“And the Ancient of Days took His seat; ...the court sat, and the books were opened.”*
- Even when we “feel good about our lives” we are not qualified to render an opinion. His is the only opinion that matters. Forget “likes!”
- Only what He thinks matters, truly matters. So ask, “What do you think I need to know? Do?”

HOW TO GET READY

- **Daniel 7:9–10** – *“And the Ancient of Days took His seat; ...the court sat, and the books were opened.”*
- Trust that justice **WILL** prevail.
- Before the one court that truly matters, God’s people will be exonerated.
- **Live for Him, leave it with Him!**

HOW TO GET READY

- **Daniel 7:21-22** – *That horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.*
- Recognize that your defeat is not found in opposition but denial.

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- **We will be saved through! Overpowered but declared victorious!**