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INTRODUCTION TO DANIEL

Daniel is the source for prophecy parameters of the end times and the four beasts. It is also YHVH's guide through time within the parameters set by the prophecy of seventy sevens. Every other Bible prophecy concerning the end times, whether large or small, is fill-in information. For instance, the largest fill-in is in the Book of Revelation that provides very graphic details about the last seven years of Daniel's prophecy of seventy sevens. The next largest is Ezekiel Chapters 38-45 that describe much of the millennium, building the third temple on a very clean Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and settling the twelve tribes back on their land. All of the writing prophets and much of the books of poetry contain bits of end time prophecy intermingled with imminent prophecy.

It is not uncommon to read over Bible passages that are waiting to reveal their truth, like looking for "lost" car keys that are in plain view. My car keys hang on a hook on the wall, and I suppose that would also define my writing style, and why not? The Bible puts its keys on hooks in plain view, too. Hooks are constraints or parameters. Look for the parameter hooks and you will not stray from the truth. No matter how much or how long one studies the Bible, it will always reveal new insights as the heart and mind open up to YHVH's wisdom and instruction.

Prophecy defines YHVH's parameters within the sea of human history, much like a small boat on a great ocean. Jumping prophecy parameters would be like jumping ship in the middle of the ocean only to drown or be attacked by sharks. In the same way, the Bible term for jumping ship is *false prophecy* and leads to *certain death*.

There are no New Testament prophecies or otherwise, no secret prophecies, and no prophecy stands alone. Altogether, every piece of prophecy, large or small, creates a mural of the directives in Daniel's seventy sevens; which brings us to the greatest mystery of all. If the last seven years brings a close to all prophecy, how does YHVH squeeze a thousand years into the last seven years.

CHAPTER ARRANGEMENT OF DANIEL

Ancient scrolls of writings were not referenced by chapter and verse numbers. The translators worked with context and knowledge from other canonized writings. For some unknown reason the translators of the Bible arranged the writings of Daniel out of sequence evidenced by the years of the kings noted at the beginning of some chapters.

In this book and in the Word of YHVH Bible, Special Edition, the chapters of the Book of Daniel are arranged in the order of the reigning kings and by linear years, allowing flow and continuity to what was previously considered difficult to understand.

RECOMMENDED USE

The first four chapters of this book contain the entire Book of Daniel, organized by the year of the king at the time of writing. Since the chapters of Daniel have never before been arranged by linear order, I recommend reading through the first four chapters, at least twice, to reach a better understanding of everything Daniel wrote.

The Book of Daniel is like a ship in the middle of a great ocean of history. On the high seas, there are always pirates eager to climb aboard to destroy with weapons of false prophecy based on history outside of prophecy parameters, and other extra-Biblical doctrines.

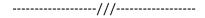
LINEAR CHAPTER FORMAT FOR DANIEL:

- 1. Chapters 1-4 under Nebuchadnezzar (3866 AM and 3887 AM)
- 2. Chapters 7, 8, & 5 under Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's son (circa. 3928-3932 AM)
- 3. Chapters 10-12 in Cyrus' third year (3935 AM)

- a. Reference to the first year of Darius in Chapter 11 is made by the angel of the Lord in reference to his work, not of Daniel's visions.
- 4. Chapters 9, 6 under Darius (3949 AM)

The linear time of the Bible is explained in the book titled, "Map of Route 77 to New Jerusalem," which contains linear year tables from Adam to New Jerusalem. *AM* is *Anno Mundi*, Latin for *year of the world or creation*, which actually begins with the creation of man. It is not possible to arrive at an exact count of years, but the Bible centered format used in the "Map" to count the years is within thirty years.

Other calendars relying on chronology alone cannot account for several hundred years and do not go beyond the Babylonian capture of Jerusalem. The Route 77 linear calendar goes all the way to New Jerusalem and is based on accurate and reliable Bible references.



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Chapter 5

DEFINING THE FOUR BEASTS

The four beasts are about purpose and time, but their existence came into being because of human choice and sin. Humans are born into this world with two things, choice and the curse of the knowledge of good and evil. The choices we make determines which side of the fence we are on; is it the green pastures of good with YHVH and Jesus? or is it in dry dark places with Satan? That, my friends, is the black and white of life on this earth. Yes, there is a grey area called the Law and conscience, which is not quite to the edge of the pasture where Jesus cares for his flock. To enter the pasture, one must make a choice to believe in the truth of the cross of Christ.

We must be careful not to step over the boundary lines of definition and interpretation when dealing with any prophecy of the Bible. YHVH has provided everything we need to know, even though some of the information is located in more than one book of the Bible. Always color inside the lines.

Each of the four beasts and their specified kings stand out from all other historical and future figures and events. Remember, prophecy has boundaries to protect us from false prophets and their false doctrines. Nebuchadnezzar's statue begins to lay boundaries by showing the four kingdoms within the form of a man in Daniel 2:36-45, indicating they are all of the same spirit.

³⁶—This [is] the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. ³⁷—You, O king, [are] a king of kings: for the Elahh of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸—And wherever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven has he given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You [are] this head of gold. (Daniel 2:36-38)

 39 —And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 —And the fourth

kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all [things]: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ^{41—}And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. ^{42—}And [as] the toes of the feet [were] part of iron, and part of clay, [so] the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ^{43—}And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. (Daniel 2:39-43)

⁴⁴—And in the days of these kings shall the Elahh of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵—Forasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it break in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great Elahh has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream [is] certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. (Daniel 2:44-45)

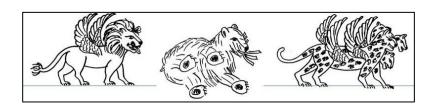
In Daniel 7:1-3 we see the four beasts come up out of the great sea; the sea, which is humanity and history. Again, we see the dragon of Revelation 13:1-2 coming up out of the sea; the sea is explained as being humanity, and again, boundaries are stated. The four beasts are specific and stand out from all other humanity, historical or future.

^{1—}In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, [and] told the sum of the matters. ²—Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. ³—And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (Daniel 7:1-3)

^{1—}And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. ^{2—}And the beast which I saw was like to a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (Revelation 13:1-2)

In Daniel 7:4-6 Daniel gives us the description of the first three beasts.

^{4—}The first [was] like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld until the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ^{5—}And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it rose up itself on one side, and [it had] three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus to it, Arise, devour much flesh. ^{6—}After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.



It is easier to see how Nebuchadnezzar's statue and the four beasts have an absolute association by making sections of the statue and coordinating other related graphics to each section.





The first beast is the lion and corresponds to the golden head on the statue. This beast represents King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and his capture of the kingdom of Judah in Jerusalem in 3885 AM. (2Kings 25:1-8) Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the first temple and the wall of the city.







The second beast is the bear and represents three kings, Cyrus II of Persia, Darius I the Mede, and Artaxerxes I Longimanus, (grandson of Darius I). This corresponds with the chest and arms of silver and the ram. One of the kings will be greater than the other two. This is because the decree to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem was initiated by Cyrus and referred to in the future by Darius and Artaxerxes.

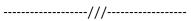
Cyrus made a decree in 3932 AM for the temple to be restored and the first wave of captives to return. (Ezra 1:1-4; Isaiah 44:28) Cyrus' decree also marks the beginning of Daniel's prophecy of seventy sevens. Darius I issued the same decree in 3949 AM after several years of opposition against the restoration of Jerusalem. (Ezra 6:1-15) The completion of the temple in 3955 AM marks the end of the prophesied seventy-year captivity. However, many Jews remained in Babylon until Nehemiah.

The third rib in the bear's mouth was Artaxerxes I, who issued a decree to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem at the request of Nehemiah in 3996 AM. (Nehemiah 2:1, 6:15) Most of the remaining survivors returned to Jerusalem.

The Babylonian captivity for transgression was under the first two beasts, called the lion, and the bear. The third beast represents world captivity under Babylon, the mother of harlots, which is SIN until the end, with the exception of grace through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 17:15-18)

The fourth beast is generally made to appear complicated, but is actually just as simple as the three before it. Most interpreters have not recognized the fact that the third beast fulfills its part in prophecy in three stages, the third and last stage is not yet fulfilled.

Below are two at-a-glance views of the four beasts, the statue of Nebuchadnezzar, and the three phases of the third beast.



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Chapter 6

DEFINING THE SEVENTY SEVENS

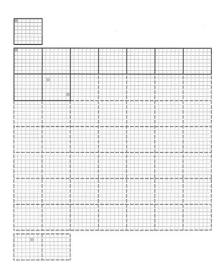


Diagram of Daniel's seventy sevens

During Israel's seventy-year exile in Babylon (3885-3955 AM), a young Hebrew named Daniel received visions and prophecies of the end-times. The common understanding of the term *end-times* is that it refers to the last seven years of Daniel's prophecy. However, the *end-times* (plural) actually began with the first year of the seventy sevens as seen in the diagram above. The last seven years is the end time (singular) of the prophecy, a.k.a., the *end of the age*. In a broad sense, the entire seventy-sevens represents the *last generation*.

The diagram shown here is based on Daniel's prophecy of seventy-sevens or seventy weeks, which is based on land Sabbaths and Jubilee. The grid of years does not depend on any calendar created by man. It is based entirely on Sabbath and will continue in multiples of the first forty-nine year pattern until Jesus returns. We can apply calendar or linear dates, but it will not change the grid and YHVH's appointed times.

According to Strong's Dictionary, the Hebrew word *shabuah*, translated to *weeks*, is derived from the ancient cardinal number of *seven*, meaning to *repeat seven times*. *Shabuah* also means the *sacred full one* and *complete*. The prophecy of seventy sevens essentially means a *sacred time of Sabbath* and *completion*.

Weeks indicates the ordinal number seven, which is Sabbath. There are three levels of Sabbath; the seventh day for physical and spiritual rest, the seventh year of no planting for a land rest, and Jubilee, which is the fiftieth year and also a land Sabbath. Jubilee is always the first year of a group of forty-nine years causing two land Sabbaths to be back to back. Jubilee denotes a new beginning when debts are canceled, slaves are set free, and sold land is returned to its original owners.

In a sense, the twelve tribes sold their land of promise for the price of their transgressions. The last Jubilee will cancel the debt, end the transgressions, and return their land. The last Jubilee will be an eternity in New Jerusalem.

False doctrine concerning the end time has run rampant for 2000 years. Is this the time for ears to be opened to understand Daniel's prophecies? Ears were still closed as close as thirty years ago, but I believe the ear plugs of complacency are starting to fall out. The clock is ticking and the days and years are passing. There is no more time to waste or to moly-coddle false prophets. It is time to start cleaning out the false doctrine that is keeping believers from the truth of the Bible.

The apostle Peter wrote, "But the day of our Adonai will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Then, since all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought you to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness, looking for and eagerly awaiting the coming of the day of YHVH, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness." (2Peter 3:10-13)

UNDERSTANDING YHVH'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

All sixty-six books of the Bible work in harmony to reveal YHVH to us. Two of those books, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" and "Daniel," are bound together with important knowledge of when the Day of YHVH will occur. Daniel's prophecy of seventy-weeks acts as a filter providing precise information and direction to the Day of YHVH and the end of this world, as we know it now. The Book of Revelation is a message from YHVH harmonizing OT prophecy using symbols as a form of shorthand. Everything in the Book of Revelation is a new view of OT prophecy, while Daniel's beasts and timing filter out intruders.

Daniel's seventy sevens is the road through end time prophecy to New Jerusalem. I call it Route 77. Denial of any part of this prophecy is tantamount to denial of YHVH and Jesus Christ. Father and Son are a package deal, and all end time prophecies are part of that package. Daniel's seventy sevens is the completion of Israel's transgressions and her redemption. Jesus Christ and all who believe in him are part of their redemption. Everything is neatly tied together in this prophecy.

The writers of the OT looked and prayed for the Day of YHVH when the Redeemer would come; the Law, Prophets, and Psalms speak of redemption and the Day of YHVH as though they are one. The apostles of Jesus also looked for the day of redemption when the one who paid Adam's debt would return to redeem His faithful possession.

Daniel's prophecy of seventy-weeks is the timing vehicle. It contains the purpose of the prophecy and certain key occurrences that will take place during the seventy sevens.

This is where I must apologize to all who have read my first book, The Book of Revelation, Decoded. I erred in saying the seventy sevens began with the completion of the wall in Jerusalem. My error affected calendar dates, but it could not and did not affect the timing of the seventy sevens grid or understanding of the occurrences of the last seven years. It was an error that did not step outside of the parameters of the prophecy.

The seventy sevens prophecy is intended to protect us from false doctrine entering from outside the boundaries of the prophecy. Numerology, mathematical wonders, and computer programs that find hidden messages in the original Hebrew scriptures are all outside the parameters and a waste of precious time. YHVH has hidden nothing from our eyes or hearing within His readable Word.

SIX OBJECTIVES OF THE SEVENTY SEVENS

²⁴—Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (Daniel 9:24)

Seventy weeks is a total of 490 years. The first 483 years ended with the cross of Christ at Passover in the beginning of the last chronological seven years. Christians are waiting for the last seven years of the prophecy to begin. So far, 1,979 years have passed since the cross of Christ and counting. We know it has not come and gone because all of the objectives of verses 24 and 27 have not yet been fulfilled.

What are the objectives of this prophecy? How many have been fulfilled?

There are six objectives in verse 24 in the order of occurrence:

- 1. Make reconciliation for iniquity (objective fulfilled on the cross of Jesus Christ)
- 2. To anoint the most Holy (objective fulfilled along with Isaiah 11:1-2; Revelation 4 and 5)
- 3. Finish the transgression, (objective unfulfilled)
- 4. Make an end of sins (objective unfulfilled)
- 5. To seal up the vision and prophecy (objective unfulfilled)
- 6. To bring in everlasting righteousness (objective unfulfilled)

Each objective is marked as fulfilled or unfulfilled, but we need to know how each will be fulfilled to test these conclusions.

THE SEVENTY SEVENS IN THREE BLOCKS OF TIME

²⁵—Know therefore and understand, [that] after the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem to the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. ²⁶—And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself. (Daniel 9:25-26a)

The timing of verse 25 covers 483 years of the second and third beasts to the cross of Christ, as shown below.

- 1. King Cyrus II (3932-3942 AM)
 - a. issued a decree to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (3932 AM)
- 2. King Darius (3949-3955 AM)
 - a. reissued the decree after several years of opposition against the restoration of Jerusalem (3949 AM)
- 3. King Artaxerxes (3976-4017 AM)
 - a. issued a decree to restore the wall around Jerusalem (3996 AM)
- 4. Alexander the Great, Ptolemaic Empire, and Seleucid Empire (4017-4320 AM)
- 5. Messiah died on the cross for the sins of all humankind (4415 AM)

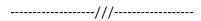
Period one: Seven weeks is the first forty-nine years as seen in the seventy sevens diagram. The significance of forty-nine years is that it denotes seven Sabbaths to Jubilee. Jubilee is always the first year of the next forty-nine years. In the first year of this pattern block of time, Cyrus issued the decree to restore the temple in Jerusalem.

The remaining time from Cyrus to Messiah and on to New Jerusalem is counted in blocks of forty-nine years. Using this micro block of time, we can build a macro block containing forty-nine blocks of forty-nine years, or 2,401 years.

SUMMARY

- 1. The directive is toward the transgressions of the twelve tribes of Israel and the temple city of Jerusalem.
- 2. The seventy weeks were given in three parts: seven weeks, sixty-two weeks, and one week for a total of ten seven-week periods, or 490 years.
- 3. The first seven-week period began with the decree to restore the temple in Jerusalem.
- 4. The prophecy foretells when the Messiah will come to usher in the New Covenant.
- 5. The prophecy states that the appearance of the fourth beast will be in the seventieth week, and at the end of the week, he will be destroyed by Jesus on the Day of YHVH.
- 6. The full seventy-week period points to redemption, the end of sin, fulfillment of prophecy and everlasting righteousness in the presence of YHVH.

The perfection and simplicity of Daniel's prophecies are awesome! And I say the same for the Revelation of Jesus Christ, perfect, simple, and awesome!



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Chapter 7

REALITY CHECK!

It is important to take a reality check from time to time, to see if where you are is where you really want to be. In other words, it is time to test the spirit of the doctrines you believe to see if they are from YHVH. Of course, testing must be done strictly in the reasoning of the Bible, not anyone or anything else, unless they or it is in full accordance with the Bible. It is a lot of reality checking to do, but the alternative is an extremely hot and angry place.

Reality checks may reveal some truths that may not be met with approval...at first. The idea that end time prophecy is too mysterious and difficult to understand has been drummed into the heads of people for so long they believe it. Step back, take another look at it and decide for yourself whether you want to continue being duped or courageously stand with YHVH and Jesus.

At this time, we will review what was revealed about Daniel's prophecies in Chapters five and six. If I did my work correctly, I demonstrated that the purpose of the seventy sevens and the four beasts are clearly defined and conclusive concerning end times and the end of the age and that within the parameters of the prophecies, there are no secrets.

Look at the objectives of the prophecy again.

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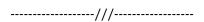
The *anointing of the most Holy* is the fulfillment of Isaiah 11:1-2 when Jesus was baptized and anointed in the Spirit of YHVH, and the glorification of Jesus described in Revelation Chapters 4 and 5 when he received the kingdom of YHVH and the scroll, which is the Book of Life.

Reconciliation is the cross of Christ at the time of Passover, after the sixty-two weeks.

To *finish the transgression* is to reunite the twelve tribes of Israel and give them a new heart by the anointing of the Spirit of YHVH moments before the last trumpet sounds and Jesus is seen on a cloud descending from heaven. This is not my interpretation, it is YHVH's clearly stated and recorded intention.

When Christ is revealed descending on a cloud, he will call all who are sealed in the Spirit of YHVH and put them in a safe place until the wrath of YHVH is finished.

There are six views of this call in the Book of Revelation, each with a different emphasis.



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