

## 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    70<sup>th</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> seven?