

**Daniel's Three Week Fast (April 2–22, 536 BC)**

Daniel 10:1–3

1 In the third year of Cyrus *the* king of *the* Persians, a word was revealed to Daniel, who was called *by* his name Belteshazzar, and the word *was* reliable and *it concerned* a great tribulation, and he understood the word and he received understanding.  
 2 In those days, I, Daniel, I *myself* was *in* mourning for three whole weeks.  
 3 I had not eaten *any* choice food, and meat and wine did not enter my mouth, and I did not use any ointment until the end of three whole weeks.

**Introduction to Daniel's Final Vision (April 23, 536 BC)**

Daniel 10:4–11:1

**Vision of the Heavenly Being**

10:4 And *then* on *the* twenty-fourth day of the first month, I *myself* was on the bank of the great river; that is, *the* Tigris.  
 5 And I lifted up my eyes and I saw, and there was a man, *and* he was dressed *in* linen, and his waist was girded with *the* gold of Uphaz.  
 6 Now his body *was* like turquoise, and his face *was* like *the* appearance of lightning, and his eyes *were* like torches of fire, and his arms and his legs *were* like *the* gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words *was* like *the* sound of a multitude.  
 7 And I saw, I, Daniel alone, the vision; and the people who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great trembling fell upon them and they fled *in order* to hide themselves.  
 8 And I myself, Daniel, alone saw this great vision, and *as a result* no strength was left in me and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I did not retain any strength.  
 9 And I heard the sound of his words, and when I heard the sound of his words I myself *began* falling into a trance on my face, with my face to the ground.

**The Interpreting Angel's Explanation**

10 And look, a hand touched me and it roused me to my knees and the palms of my hands.  
 11 And he said to me, "Daniel, *a* man beloved, pay attention to the words that I *am* speaking to you and stand upright where you are, for I have now been sent to you." And while he was speaking with me this word, I stood up trembling.  
 12 And he said to me, "You must 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 *myself* have come because of your words.  
 13 But *the* prince of *the* kingdom of Persia stood before me *for* twenty-one days. And look, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to assist me, and I left *him* there beside *the* king of *the* Persians.  
 14 And I have come to instruct you about what will happen to your people in the future, for *there is* a further vision *here* for the future.

**Daniel Strengthened to Understand the Vision**

15 And while he was speaking with me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and I was speechless.  
 16 Then look, there was one in the form of a human; he touched my lips and I opened my mouth and I spoke and I said to the *one* standing before me, "My lord, because of the vision my anxieties fell upon me and I *have* not retained *my* strength.  
 17 So how am I, a servant of my lord to speak with you, my lord, and I just now have no strength in me?"  
 18 And he again touched me, the one in the form of a human, and he strengthened me.  
 19 And he said, "You must not fear, *O* beloved man. Peace be to you; be strong and be courageous!" And when he spoke with me, I was strengthened and I said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."  
 20 Then he asked, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I return to fight against the prince of Persia and I *myself am* going, and look, *the* prince of Javan will come.  
 21 However, I will tell you what is inscribed in *the* book of truth, and there is not one *who* contends with me against these *beings* except Michael, your prince."  
 11:1 "And I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood as a support and as a protection for him.

**Daniel's Final Vision of the Future (April 23, 536 BC)**

Daniel 11:2–12:3

**Concerning Persia (Xerxes I)**

11:2 And now I will reveal *the* truth to you. Look! Still three kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth will get abundance *and* great wealth, *even* more than all of *them*, and when he becomes strong through his wealth, *then* he will stir up everyone against *the* kingdom of Javan.

**Concerning Greece (Alexander the Great)**

3 And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule *with* great dominion, and he will do as he pleases.

4 But as he rises in power, his kingdom will be divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, and not according to his dominion *by* which he ruled, for his kingdom will be uprooted and *be given* to others besides them.

#### Concerning Egypt and Syria (The Ptolemies and the Seleucids)

5 “Then the king of the south will grow strong and *also* one of his officials, and he will grow stronger than him and he will rule a dominion greater than his dominion.

6 And at *the* end of *some* years they will make an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make a peace treaty, but she will not retain her position of power, and his offspring will not endure, and she will be given up, she and her attendants and her child supporting her, in those times.

7 And a branch from her roots will rise up *in* his place, and he will come against the army and he will enter the stronghold of the king of the north and he will take action against them and he will prevail.

8 And also their gods with their idols *and* with the precious vessels, silver and gold he will take to Egypt into captivity, and *for* years he will leave the king of the north alone.

9 And *then* he will come into the kingdom of the king of the south, but he will return to his land.

10 “But his sons will wage war and they will gather a multitude of great forces and he will advance with great force, and he will overflow *like a flood* and he will pass through and he will return, and they will wage war up to his fortress.

11 And the king of the south will become furious, and he will go and he will battle against him, against the king of the north; and he will muster a great multitude, and the multitude will be given into his hand.

12 When the multitude is carried off, his heart will be exalted and he will overthrow tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

13 And the king of the north will again raise a multitude, greater than the former, and at the end of some years he will surely come with *a* great army and with great supplies.

14 “And in these times many will rise *up* against the king of the south, and the violent ones of your people will lift themselves to fulfill *the* vision, but they will fall.

15 And the king of the north will come, and he will throw up siege ramps and capture a city of fortifications and the military forces of the south and his choice troops will not stand, for there is no strength *left* to resist.

16 And the *one* coming to him will act according to his pleasure, and there is no *one who* will stand before him, and he will stand in the beautiful land and complete destruction *will be* in his power.

17 And he will set his face to come with the authority of his whole kingdom and will form an agreement; and he will act, and the daughter of women he will give to him to destroy it, but *the ploy* will not succeed and she will not support him.

18 And he will turn his face to *the* coastlands, and he will capture many, but a commander will end his insults to him so that instead his insults will turn back upon him.

19 And he will turn back his face toward the strongholds of his land, but he will stumble and he will fall and will not be found.

20 “Then in his place will arise *one* sending an official *throughout the* glory of *his* kingdom, and in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger and not in battle.

#### Concerning Antiochus IV Epiphanes

21 And in his place a despicable person will arise on whom they have not conferred the majesty of *the* kingdom, and he will come in without warning and he will seize *the* kingdom by deceit.

22 And before him mighty military forces will be utterly swept away, and they will be broken, and also *the* leader of *the* covenant.

23 And after an alliance *is made* with him, he will act deceitfully, and he will rise and he will become powerful with few people *backing him*.

24 In *a time of* ease and in *the* rich parts of *the* province, he will come and he will do what his predecessors did not do; he will distribute plunder and spoil and possessions to them, and he will devise his plans against fortifications, but *only* for a time.

25 And he will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south and with a much greater and stronger army; but he will not succeed, for they will devise plans against him.

26 And those who eat of his royal rations will break him and his army will be overwhelmed, and many will fall, slain.

27 And two of the kings will bend their hearts to evil. And at the same table they will speak lies, but *what is discussed* will not succeed, for still an end *is coming* at the appointed time.

28 Then he will return to his land with many possessions, but his heart *will be set* against the holy covenant, and he will take action and he will return to his land.

29 “At the appointed time he will return and he will come into the south, but it will not be as it was before.

30 And *the* ships of Kittim will come against him, and he will lose heart, and he will turn back, and he will be enraged against the holy covenant, and he will take action, and he will turn back, and he will pay attention to *those who* forsake the holy covenant.

31 And military forces from him will occupy and will profane the sanctuary stronghold, and they will abolish the regular burnt offering, and they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. [[Matt 24:15](#); [Mark 13:14](#)]

32 “And those who violate *the* covenant he will seduce with flattery, but the persons who know their God will stand firm and will take action.

33 And those who have insight will instruct the many, but they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for some time.

34 And when they fall they will receive little help, and many will join with them *in* hypocrisy.

35 And *even* some of those who have insight will fall *in order for* them to be refined by it, and to be purified and cleansed until the time of *the* end, for the appointed time *is* still to come.

### Concerning the End Times (The Antichrist)

36 “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt himself and will consider himself above any god, and he will speak horrendous things against *the* God of gods, yet he will succeed until *the period* of anger is finished, for *what* is determined will be done.

37 He will not pay respect to the gods of his ancestors, or to *the* darling of women, and not to any god will he pay respect, for he will consider himself great over all *gods*.

38 But instead he will honor the god of fortresses, a god whom his ancestors did not know. He will honor *him* with gold, and with silver, and with precious stones and with costly gifts.

39 And he will deal with *the* fortified strongholds with *the help of* a foreign god; and he will increase wealth for whoever will acknowledge *him*, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and he will distribute land for a price.

40 “And at *the* time of *the* end the king of the south will attack him, and the king of the north will storm against him with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will advance against the countries and he will sweep through like a flood.

41 And he will come into the beautiful land and many will fall victim, but these will escape from his power: Edom and Moab and the best part of the Ammonites.

42 And he will stretch out his hand against countries and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 And he will rule over the treasures of gold and the silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and *the* Libyans and *the* Cushites *will follow* in his footsteps.

44 But reports will terrify him from *the* east and from *the* north, and he will go out with great fury to destroy and *to* exterminate many.

45 And *then* he will pitch the tents of his palace between *the* sea *and* the beautiful holy mountain, and he will come to his end, and there is no one helping him.”

12:1 “Now at that time, Michael, the great prince, will arise, the protector over the sons of your people, and it will be a time of distress that has not been since *your people* have been a nation until that time. And at that time your people will escape, everyone who is found written in the scroll.

2 And many from *those* sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life and some to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

3 But the *ones* having insight will shine like the brightness of the expanse, and *the ones* providing justice *for* the many *will be* like the stars forever and ever.

## Final Instructions to Daniel (April 23, 536 BC)

Daniel 12:4–13

### Instruction to Preserve the Message

4 But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and seal the scroll until *the* time of *the* end; many will run back and forth and knowledge will increase.”

### Duration of the “Time of Distress”

5 Then I looked, I myself, Daniel, and look, there were two others standing: one on this bank of the stream and one on the other.

6 Then he said to the man *who* was clothed in linen who *was* above the water of the stream, “How long until the end of the wonders?”

7 And I heard the man *who* was clothed in linen who *was* above the water of the stream, and he raised his right hand and his left hand to heaven and he swore by the one who lives forever that *an* appointed time, appointed times, and half *an appointed time* *would pass* when *the* shattering of the power of the holy people would be completed; *then* all these things will be accomplished.

### Daniel’s Last Question

8 Now I myself heard, but I *did* not understand, and I said, “My lord, what *will be* the outcome of these things?”

9 And he said, “Go, Daniel, for the words *are* secret and *are* sealed up until *the* time of *the* end.

10 Many will be purified and will be cleansed and will be refined, but *the* wicked will act wickedly and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

11 And from *the* time the regular burnt offering is removed and *the* abomination that causes desolation is set up *there will be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days. [[Matt 24:15](#); [Mark 13:14](#)]

12 Happy *is* the *one who is* persevering, and attains *to* the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.

13 But you, go *on* to the end and rest, and you will arise for your allotted inheritance at the end of the days.”