



# The Unveiling

**A Study Guide for  
End-Time Prophecy**

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## **OPENING NOTES FROM THE AUTHOR:**

All scripture references are from the **King James Version**, unless otherwise noted. The teaching put forth in this study is what I believe the Bible establishes as sound doctrine on these subjects. I offer them to you for your prayerful consideration.

## **BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:**

I am a first-generation Apostolic Pentecostal. When I was playing Division I college football, in Louisiana on a scholarship, I was invited to a UPCI Apostolic Pentecostal Church for the first time. **Everything about it was “peculiar” to me.** Through a home bible study taught to me, by a new convert and fellow football player, God filled me with the Holy Ghost with the sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Shortly after, I was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. My father in the Gospel was very patient and kind to me. Eventually, I begin to ask questions why this and why that? In those incredibly early days of my walk with God, the Lord gave me a deep desire to understand subjects like the Oneness of God, New Birth, Family Relationships, Gifts of the Spirit, the Spirit World, Prayer, Holiness, and End Time Prophecy. This study has been a work in process over the last several years of my walk with God and ministry, most of that time has been in the pastoral office. As a church planter and pastor, God has had to slowly stir wisdom into my spirit on how to handle these subjects. My lovely wife and co-laborer, DaVida, is a fourth generation Apostolic from Louisiana, she has been a great voice of balance and reasoning for me through the years. She has strong, God given Apostolic convictions and beliefs. The Lord has now released me, to share with others, what I have taught for years to the church my wife and I have been honored to plant and pastor. My first book, “Growing by Grace,” focused on holiness and my second book focuses on End Time Prophecy. Those two subjects are a focal point of Paul in his writings to the church in Thessalonica. Through this study, it is my desire that ministers and leaders will have a greater confidence and urgency to teach these truths to this present generation and to those that follow us. It has been my observation that a growing number of the younger ministers, under fifty and down, have not personally dug out what the Bible has to say on these precious End Time Subjects. Too often, I see people just accepting something that is said without examining the scriptures for themselves. This is extremely dangerous. *It appears to me that some in the Apostolic Movement are shifting to a Post Tribulation Rapture Position without considering the full and thorough presentation of the Bible on this subject.* In this study, I dedicate about one hundred pages to the subject of the Rapture. Through, “**The UnVeiling,**” God will use a redeemed heathen, to inspire others to dig a bit deeper and take a closer look. I pray this will be a tool to reach sinners and help saints. The Bible has much to say about End Time Subjects. In my research and study, I have cross checked several Bible translations, studied the original languages of the Bible, closely examined textual settings, considered ancient customs, and incorporated assorted reference books. The Lord has blessed my wife and I with a library of over 1,200 books. We have been blessed by great Apostolic Elders that have invested into our lives, in many different ways. Personally, I have listened to, talked to, and read a number of things that our Apostolic Forefathers and Elders have given us on these subjects. Suffice to say, it is equally wrong to “ADD TO” or “TAKE AWAY FROM” the Word of God. Eve added to what God said and went beyond even the stated requirements of God. (Genesis 2:17, 3:3) This, among other things, caused her and Adam to sin. Furthermore, we certainly do not need to take away from God’s Holy Word. Through this study, I hope to present a *thorough, balanced, and accurate approach* to the subjects relating to End Time Prophecy, “line upon line and precept upon precept.” (Isaiah 28:10; Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19)

# WHY STUDY END TIME PROPHECY?

## Revelation 1:19

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- I have read multiple scholars say about 30% of the Bible deals with the subjects relating to End Time Prophecy. That seems right to me.
- Consider, when you study the six “foundational doctrines” Paul listed in Hebrews 6:1-2, two of the six (33%) deals with End Time related subjects. They are the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- All five divisions of the Old Testament (Law, History, Poetry, Major and Minor Prophets) speak of the coming of Christ.
- The return of Jesus in the New Testament is the second most common doctrine, *only to redemption*.
- All New Testament authors mention the return of Christ.
- In the New Testament his return is mentioned 318 times.
- 23 of the 27 New Testament books speak of it.
- Paul preached of “judgment to come.” (Acts 24:24-25)
- Paul was in Thessalonica for about three weeks, and he mentions the return of Christ six times in their epistles.
- In the 14 Pauline Epistles (Romans to Hebrews) Paul wrote about:
  - Communion – 2 times
  - Baptism – 13 times
  - Second coming of Christ – 50 times
- In Revelation 1:3 it says we are “blessed” if we study these writings.
- The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 19:10)
- What the Lord has spoken, has and will shall be fulfilled. (Isaiah 46:9-11)
- As we study End Time Prophecy, in consideration of history, we see that many of these prophecies have been fulfilled. This affirms that reality of the Bible.
- When we study End Time Prophecy we are challenged to examine our walk with God, we are given hope, and we are motivated to reach out to other souls, while we still can.

**With God having ordained so many Bible verses that are in the eternal record that declares the things *that are seen, which are, and which shall be hereafter*, it would be wise for us to study these inspired verses. With eternity nigh unto us, God is unveiling and unsealing the ancient writings of End Time Prophecy. I feel God will use this study as an “UNVEILING” of these truths!**

“... shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end ...”  
**Daniel 12:4** (With Deut 29:29; Dan 2:28-29, 12:9; Amos 3:7; John 16:25;  
I Cor 2:9-10; Eph 3:3-5; II Pet 1:19; Rev 1:1, 3, 1:19, 22:6-7, 10)

# RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE BOOK OF DANIEL

## ABOUT THE MAN DANIEL

Daniel lived at the same time as Ezekiel and Jeremiah. Though they lived in different places. He is considered a contemporary of Ezekiel. Ezekiel spoke of Daniel's "righteousness." (Ezekiel 14:14)

- His home was Judea, though most of his life was spent in Babylon.
- We know nothing of his family, other than the fact that he was of a royal birth.
- His "occupation" was that of a Statesman, Prophet, and Prime Minister of two nations, Babylon and later the Medo-Persian Empires.

## ABOUT THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The Book of Daniel is a companion book to the book of Revelation, John's writings affirm and expounds on much of the Book of Daniel.

Jesus quoted from the Book of Daniel (Matthew 24:15).

The Book of Daniel "reveals" the destiny of many nations.

**Key Verse 2:28** "God in heaven revealeth secrets... what shall be in the latter days."

- Daniel's Captivity (1:1-21)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:1-49) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- Fiery Furnace (3:1-30)
- Nebuchadnezzar's "Conversion"? (4:1-37)
- The Fall of Babylon (5:1-31)
- Daniel in the Lions' Den (6:1-28)
- Four Great Beast (7:1-28) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- The Ram, the Goat, and the Little Horn (8:1-12) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- The Vision of the 2,300 Days (8:13-19) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- The Angel Gabriel Explains the Vision (9:1-27) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- View of the Great Conflict (10:1-21)
- King of the North and King of the South (11:1-45) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**
- Time of the End (12:1-13) **STRONGLY PROPHETIC**

## "OTHER" KEY FIGURES IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

**Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon** - he ruled for forty-three years. Babylon had become a powerful city-state under his leadership. He made three principal campaigns into Palestine:

- The “Chaldeans” were called “New Babylon,” in Mesopotamia after they had taken that land from the Assyrians in 626 B.C., under their leader Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar II was his son.
- In 605 B.C., taking captives from Judah, including Daniel.
- In 597 B.C. taking Jehoiachin and others, including Ezekiel.
- From 588-586 B.C. besieging and destroying Jerusalem and taking Zedekiah and thousands of other captives. (SEE II Kings 25; II Chronicles 36)

**Belshazzar** - the King of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar’s grandson. He did not worship the true God of Israel. He eventually lost the Kingdom.

**Darius** – the King of Medo-Persia. Towards Daniel, he was compassionate and honored him.

**Cyrus** – the King of Persia. He was mentioned by God, hundreds of years before he was born. (Isaiah 45:1) He was the Founder of the Persian Empire. He assisted the Hebrews to go back to Jerusalem.

### **DANIEL CHAPTER 1 (about 607 B.C.)**

Babylonia captivity was prophesied by Jeremiah in chapter 25:11, 27-28, 29:4-10.

Verse 1-2 The removal of the articles from the House of God. (SEE Daniel 5:1-4, about 69 years later)

- At this time, the temple was the “treasure house” of the nation’s most prized items.
- Treasures were taken from the house of God in Jerusalem, and they were taken to a pagan temple and treasury in the land of Babylon.
- The **ARK OF GOD** disappeared at this time and *HAS NEVER BEEN RECOVERED. There are many theories about where it may be.*

#### **Where is the Ark of the Covenant Today?**

Sometime between 634 and 623 B.C., Josiah recovers the Book of the Law, and puts the Ark in the Temple of Solomon. (II Chron 34:14-35:3) The last location reference to the Ark of the Covenant is seen in II Chron 35:3. This is the last certain location of the Ark in the Bible.

In 610 to 586 B.C. the Babylonians destroyed and burned the Temple in Jerusalem. (II Chron 36:18-20)

**The Bible does not say what happened to the Ark of the Testimony.**

Some believe Babylon took it as a “trophy of war.” Though, it is not listed with the other spoils in II Kings 25:13-17.

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*Others believe the priest took it and hid it; WE JUST DON'T KNOW? Some Jewish authorities believe it is under the Dome of the Rock. It is NOTEWORTHY, that in the Second Temple and in the Millennial Temple we do not see or read about the Ark of the Covenant. (Ezekiel 40-44)*

The Prophet Jeremiah seen such a day coming:  
*And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. At that time, they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD.* (Jeremiah 3:16-17)

John saw the Ark in Heaven.

*“And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.” **Revelation 11:19***

In Revelation 21:22 it says, *“I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.”* (**LAMB = TEMPLE, ARK IS IN THE LAMB**)

Was the Ark John saw in Revelation 11:19, the same as the one in Moses' Tabernacle? NO, I DON'T THINK IT WAS. One thing is certain, **Christ, the one that gave us the plan for the Ark, will be there in Heaven. I believe his presence is THE FULLNESS OF THE TEMPLE AND ALL THAT IT WAS! He alone makes heaven, HEAVEN.**

**I Corinthians 13:10** “When that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part shall be done away with.” (See II Chron 36:1-21 and Jer 24)

### **Daniel chapter 1 (continued)**

Verse 3-10 The Deportation of the Youth to Babylon (See also Lam 5:11-14)

- In Jeremiah 24:5-6, God shows Jeremiah two baskets of figs, the good and evil, then he tells him that the good figs would be carried away captive into the land of the Chaldeans, **“FOR THEIR GOOD.”**
- **Daniel** appears to be between 13-18 years old when he was taken captive, (See note below on Daniel 2:12-13) and brought to the King's Court in Babylon. He was without an equal in terms of physical strength and mental sharpness.

- Daniel is his Hebrew name, his birth name. It means “God is Judge.”
- Belteshazzar was his Chaldean given name. It means “Bel Provides.”
- Daniel worked under Babylonian Kings: Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 1-3) and Belshazzar (Daniel 4-5); Darius the Median, King of Medo-Persia (Daniel 6) and Cyrus, the Persian King (Daniel 6:28; Ezra 1-2).
  - He was governor over the whole province of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar made him the third ruler in his kingdom. Later, Darius made him one of the three presidents to whom his hundred and twenty satraps (governors over provinces) were to give account. He even thought to set him over his whole kingdom. In all of these positions he seems to have conducted himself with faithfulness and judgment.
  - It says Daniel “PROSPERED,” under King Darius and King Cyrus. (Daniel 6:28)
- Late in Daniel’s life, we see him by the “Great (Tigris/Hiddekel) River.” (Daniel 10:1-4) Most believed he died in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C., around age 85 possibly near Susa, a territory of Babylon. It is not clear if he ever left Babylon and went back to Judah or if Daniel died in the land of Babylon.
- **Hananiah**
  - His Hebrew name means, “the Lord is gracious.”
  - Shadrach, his Chaldean given name, meant the inspiration of the sun, which the Chaldeans (“*New Babylon*”) worshipped.
- **Misrael**
  - His Hebrew name means, “who is what the Lord is.”
  - Meshach, his Chaldean given name, meant - Of the goddess Shach, under which Venus was worshipped.
- **Azariah**
  - His Hebrew name means, “the Lord is my helper.”
  - Abed-nego, his Chaldean given name, meant “the servant of the shining fire,” which they worshipped also.

Every one of their name changes ATTACKED them at the heart of their worship. Among the 50-70 Hebrew “CHOICE” youths, which were brought as captives to Babylon only four refused to be changed by their surroundings.

**NOTE:** The poorest people were left in Judah. (II Kings 24:8-16) ALL the choice Hebrews had good looks, were intelligent and had certain skills BUT ONLY FOUR HAD SPIRITUAL CHARACTER. Throughout Daniel’s life he would not be changed by the wickedness of others. (Daniel 6:10-11)

**Nebuchadnezzar Used “CERTAIN” Techniques to Brainwash the Young:**

1. Chaldean Education - *language and literature* (v. 4)

2. A Sense of Obligation - *for three years the King gave them provisions from his table.* (v. 5)
3. Forsake their Heritage - *efforts were made to make them forget that they were dedicated to God by their parents, by giving them a new PAGAN name.* (v. 7)
4. Give up their Beliefs (v. 8) - "PURPOSED IN HIS HEART"
  - a. *They had been taught as small Hebrew children to not eat unclean meats. (Leviticus 11)*
  - b. *Additionally, they were forbidden to eat food that was offered to a Pagan god. (Deuteronomy 7)*
  - c. *As a youth, they were set apart and dedicated unto the Lord, they were forbidden from drinking fermented juice. (Leviticus 10:9-10)*  
 They would have had to forsake ALL of these beliefs if they were to eat "at the wicked king's table." In order for the brainwashing to be completed this step had to be completed.
5. Change of Lifestyle, *in 1:10, they tried to make Daniel change his eating habits and in chapter 6 they try to make him change his prayer life. He ate beans and wheat, and he drank water. Through it all, he held on to his convictions and beliefs, even in an EVIL PLACE.*

Verse 8-16 Daniel's Faithfulness to God, WHILE IN A SINFUL LAND (Babylon)

- He was "not of this world." (John 17:16)
- Joseph had much the same testimony in Egypt.
- V. 9 Daniel had favor with the heathens.

Verse 17-21 God honor's Daniel and the three Hebrew young men for their faith.

## **DANIEL CHAPTER 2 (about 604 - 603 BC?)**

**Four central points to Chapter 2:**

1. **Understanding of Dreams**
2. **The Prophet's Humility**
3. **God ALONE Reveals Secrets**
4. **The Prophetic End Time Image**

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (verse 2-3)

- Dreamed dreams, his spirit was troubled, and sleep left him.
- Dreams were considered "omens of events that would happen;" thus, great effort was put forth to understand dreams.
- Archeologists have found large libraries of clay tablets dedicated to the study of dreams.

The Wise Men's Predicament (verse 4-11)

- **Verse 5, 8** The “thing is gone from me”, he could not remember all of it?
- **Verse 5** The king told them to tell him the dream and the interpretation or they would be cut into pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
- **Verse 9** The king said to them, “Ye have PREPARED lying and corrupt words to speak unto me.”
  - Contrast this with what Jesus said in **Matthew 10:19**, “Take no thought in what you should say, the words shall be given unto you.”
  - My feeling is that a preacher and teacher should study and prepare notes BUT WHEN IT COMES TO “FLOWING” IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT, IT SHOULD NOT BE SCRIPTED.
- **Verse 10-11** The wise men responded unto the King and said, no man on earth could do this, “it is a rare thing.”
  - **Verse 11** Except the gods, “whose dwelling is not in flesh.” (**Compare to I Timothy 3:16**)

#### The King’s Death Decree (verse 12-15)

- **Verse 12-13** The king was very furious and angry, sought to kill ALL the wise men in Babylon, amidst them was Daniel and his fellows.
  - They were about 20 years old at this time and considered “novice”, thus they were not called in to reveal the dream but were included in the death decree.

#### God Reveals the Dream (verse 16-23)

- **Verse 17** Daniel enlisted his prayer partners.
- **Verse 18** “That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven, concerning this secret.”
- **Verse 19** The secret was revealed unto Daniel in a “NIGHT VISION.”
- **Verse 21-22** Daniel’s prayer of thanksgiving for God speaking to him. THE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT GOD, WHICH IS REVEALED IN DANIEL’S PRAYER, IS ONE OF THE REASONS GOD USES DANIEL IN A GREAT WAY.

#### Daniel Appears Before the King (verse 24-27)

- **Verse 24** Daniel says destroy not the wise men of Babylon.
- **Verse 25** Arioch, the chief slaughtermen, brings Daniel in haste to the King.
- **Verse 26-27** In the presence of the king, Daniel is asked if he could tell the dream and the interpretation.

#### Daniel Tells the Dream and Interprets the Dream (verse 28-45)

- **Verse 28-30** Here again we see Daniel’s spirit and understanding. (WITH verse 21-22)

In **verse 28**, we read “there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar **what shall be in the latter days.**”

- **Verse 31 to 36-A** The image in the dream was **AN ANCIENT SOLDIER ARRAYED IN BATTLE ARMOUR. THIS REPRESENTS FOUR KINGDOMS.** (see below)
- **Verses 36-B to 45** “The Interpretation.”

**Nebuchadnezzar Promotes Daniel (verse 46-49)**

## **UNDERSTANDING THE DREAM AND THE IMAGE**

**Babylon – Head of Gold**, 605 to 539 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar conquers and destroys Jerusalem. (Daniel 2:32, 36-38) Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar, “YOU ARE THE HEAD OF GOLD.” In Daniel 7:4, you see the first of the four beasts is a lion. This powerful and swift image represents the speed that Babylon conquered its enemies. The Bible identifies Babylon as a “lion” during this very time period. (Jeremiah 4:7, 50:17, 50:43-44) In Habakkuk 1:6-7, we see “eagle’s wings”, used to represent the swiftness of a mighty army displayed in battle.

**Medo-Persia – Breast and Arms of Silver**, 539 to 331 B.C., the Medo-Persian Empire conquers Babylon, King Cyrus of Persia decrees the return of Jews to Jerusalem. (Daniel 2:32, 39, 5:31) In Daniel 6:8, 12, 15; you notice the grouping of the people as one country, “Medes and Persians.” Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian had formed an alliance to overthrow Babylon. Medo-Persia, is also represented as a “Ram” in Daniel 8:3-4, in verse 20 the angel Gabriel (See verse 16) says “this Ram is Media and Persia.” THIS EMPIRE, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE AND HISTORY, WHICH FOLLOWS BABYLON, IS MEDO-PERSIA.

**Greece – Belly and Thighs of Brass**, 331 to 168 B.C. In 331 B.C. Alexander the Great conquers Persia. (Daniel 2:32, 39) Alexander defeated Darius on the plains of Arbela in 331 B.C. By age thirty, Alexander had nothing left to conquer. Daniel has another vision that is recorded in chapter eight and after the angel Gabriel (verse 16) says that the Ram is Media and Persia (verse 3-4, 20), he goes to say that the goat is Grecia (verse 5-6, 21). In Daniel 2, 7, 8 and HISTORICALLY Babylon is the first empire followed by Medo-Persia and they are followed by Greece. SEE ALSO, Daniel 11:1-4 and you will see another anchoring point connection between the Medo-Persian Empire and the Grecian Empire.

**Rome (“Ancient Roman Empire”) – Legs of Iron**, 168 B. C. to 476 A.D., Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1, over “all the world”) is the first official Emperor, Rome rules over Israel (63 B.C. Pompey besieged it) and in 70 A.D. under Titus, the Roman General, his soldiers destroyed Jerusalem. According to Josephus, 100,000 Hebrews were taken as slaves in 70 A.D. Over 300,000 Hebrews died during the war between the Romans and the Jewish people. (Daniel 2:33, 40) The Roman Empire is seen as THE GREAT IRON TEETH (Daniel 7:7), as they were seen as the legs of iron in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.