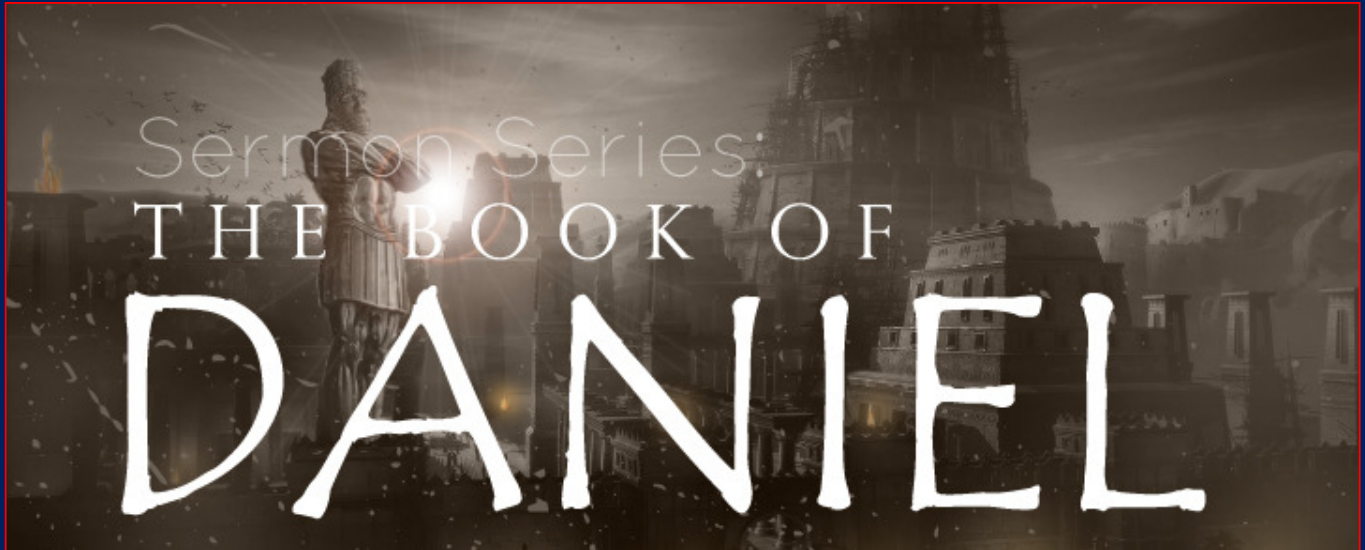


SLBC Position Statements # 1



SANCTITY OF LIFE – We believe that the fetus, from the moment of conception, is a person (Psalm 139:13-18). We also believe that all persons are created in the image of God regardless of age, health, function and/or condition of dependency.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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DANIEL 10-12

THE FINAL VISION



CHAPTER AND VERSE IN DANIEL	CHRONOLOGICAL DATE	BIBLICAL DATE
1:1	605	3rd year of Jehoiakim
2:1	603	2nd year of Nebuchadnezzar
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)	
7:1	553	1st year of Belshazzar
8:1	551	3rd year of Belshazzar
9:1	538	1st year of Darius
<u>10:1</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>3rd year of Cyrus</u>

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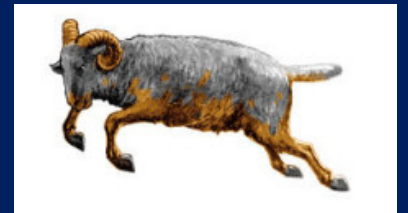
A. Cambyses 530-523 BC

B. Pseudo-Smerdis 522 BC

C. Darius I Hystaspes 521-486 BC

D. Xerxes 485-465 BC

Aka. "Ahasuerus" in Esther



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GREECE 11:3-4

A. Alexander the Great

1. Died at age 33 in 323 BC
2. No heirs
3. Kingdom divided among his 4 generals

B. Daniel 7:6, 8:5-8



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PTOLEMIES AND SELEUCIDS 11:5-20

- A. History of warfare between the 2 dynasties
- B. Ptolemies of Egypt vs. Seleucids of Syria
- C. King of the South vs. King of the North
- D. From 323 BC – 175 BC
- E. The beautiful land = Israel
- F. Cassander and Lysimachus not in view
- G. Key transition in 198 B.C.
- H. Selective and non-comprehensive history
- I. What is at stake?

KINGS OF THE SOUTH (EGYPT)	KINGS OF THE NORTH (SYRIA)
Ptolemy I (Soter) 323–285	Seleucus I (Nicator) 312–281
Ptolemy II (Philadelphus) 285–247	Antiochus I (Soter) 281–261
Ptolemy III (Euregetus) 247–221	Antiochus Theos 261–246
Ptolemy IV (Philopater) 221–220	Seleucus Callinicus 246–226
Ptolemy V (Epiphanes) 203–182	Seleucus III 226–223
	Antiochus III (Great) 223–187
	Seleucus IV (Philopater) 186–175
	Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) 175–164

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Intertestamental Chronology (Dates BC)

SELEUCIDS

**Seleucus I
312-281**

**Antiochus I
281-261**

**Antiochus II
261-246**

**Seleucus II
246-226**

**Seleucus III
226-223**

**Antiochus III
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**Antiochus IV Epiphanes
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Daniel 11:32-35 Overview

A. Israeli response to Antiochus IV

B. Two groups within Israel

1. Hellenism's resisters

2. Hellenism's embracers



Daniel 9:27

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



Daniel 11:32-34

1. Antiochus IV operates by “smooth words” & flattery
2. The Maccabean revolt
3. Those with “insight” will help others
4. Rebels will bring down the wrath of Antiochus IV
5. The righteous ones were few in number (“little help”) at first but grew in number as they faithfully encouraged others
6. Many Israelis will defect to Antiochus IV

Daniel 11:35

1. Defectors vs. loyalists created a purifying process
2. Process to continue “until the end time” and “the appointed time”
3. Foretaste of Zechariah 13:8-9



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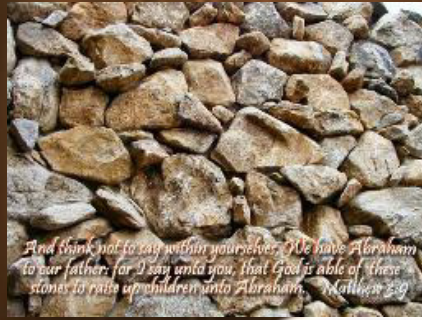


Discontinuity Between Israel & the Church

	ISRAEL	CHURCH
Governing principle	Law	NT
Relation to HS	Selective, temporary, subsequent	Universal, permanent, at moment of salvation
Farewell address	Olivet Discourse	Upper Room Discourse
Designation	First Born Son	Bride of Christ
Revealed in OT	Yes	No
Evangelism	Come & See	Go & Proclaim
Blessings	Earthly	Heavenly
<u>Composition</u>	<u>Believers & Unbelievers</u>	<u>Believers Only</u>

Matthew 3:9

“and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.”



Romans 2:28-29

“²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. ²⁹ But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.”



Romans 9:6

“But *it is* not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel.”

Descendants
of Israel

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Revelation 2:9

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”



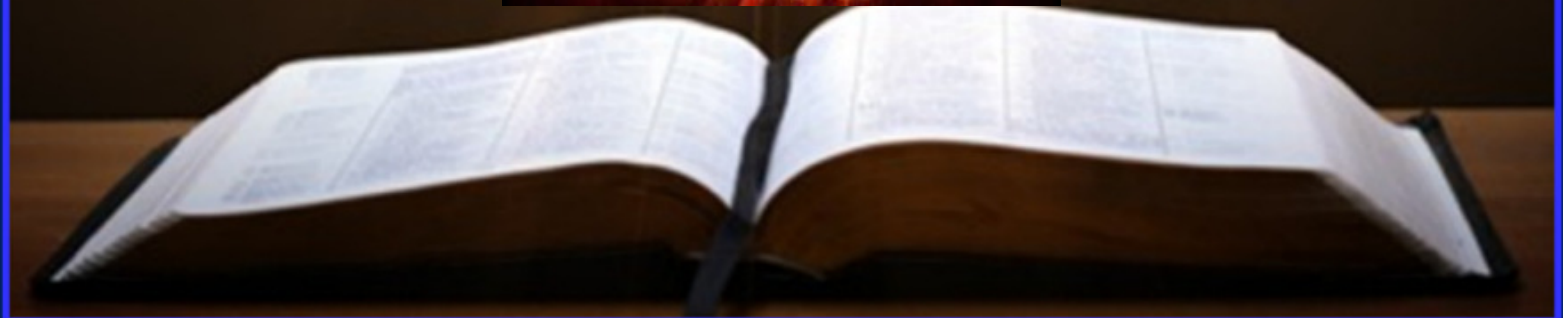
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1 Corinthians 12:13

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”



1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?



4 Kinds of People from 1 Corinthians 3:1-3



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(Daniel 11:21-35)



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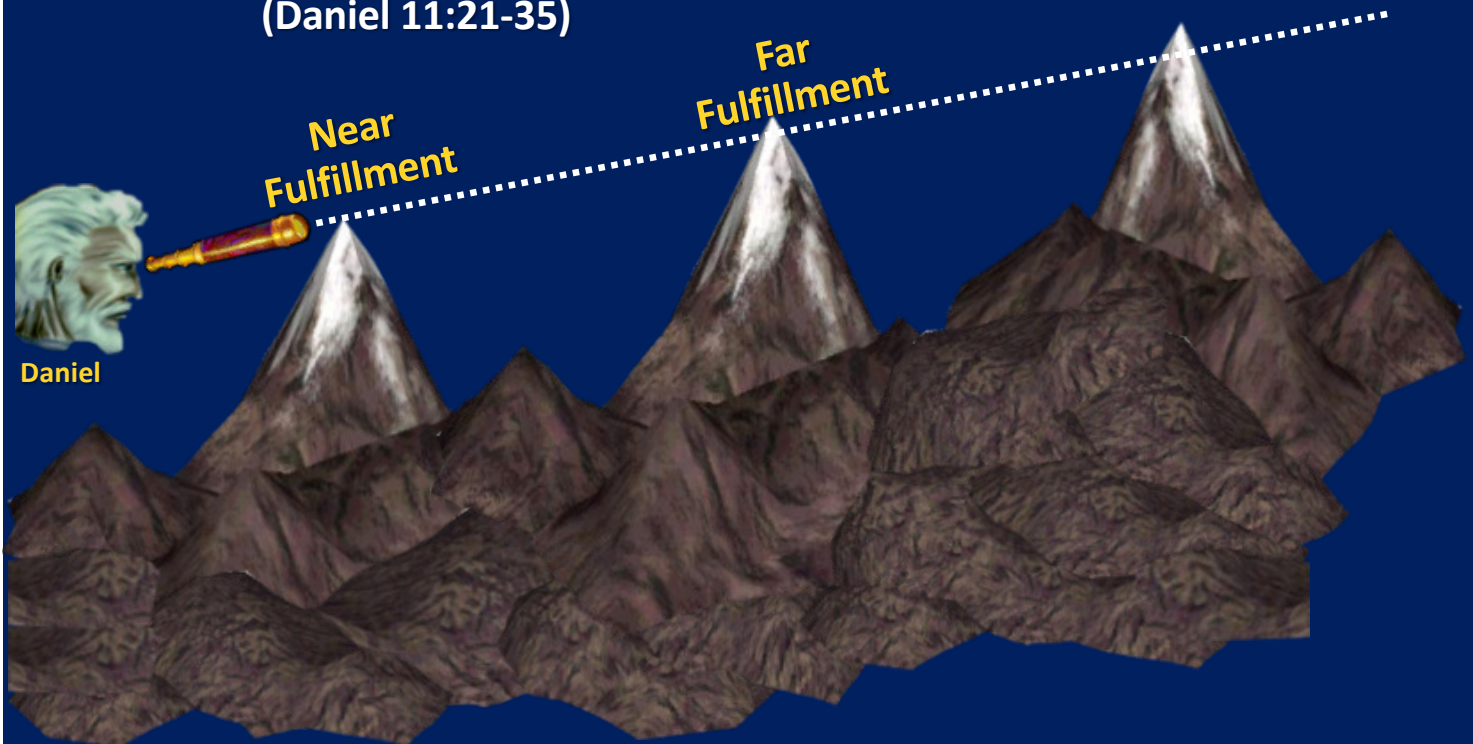
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(Daniel 11:36-45)



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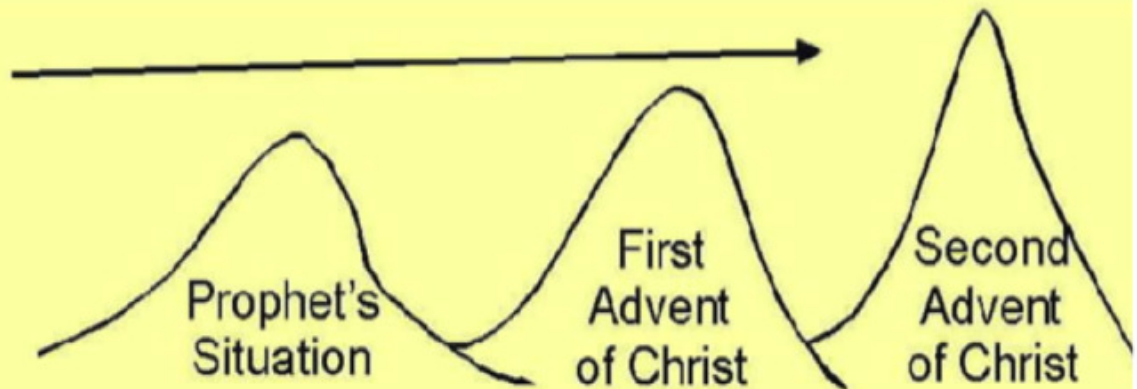
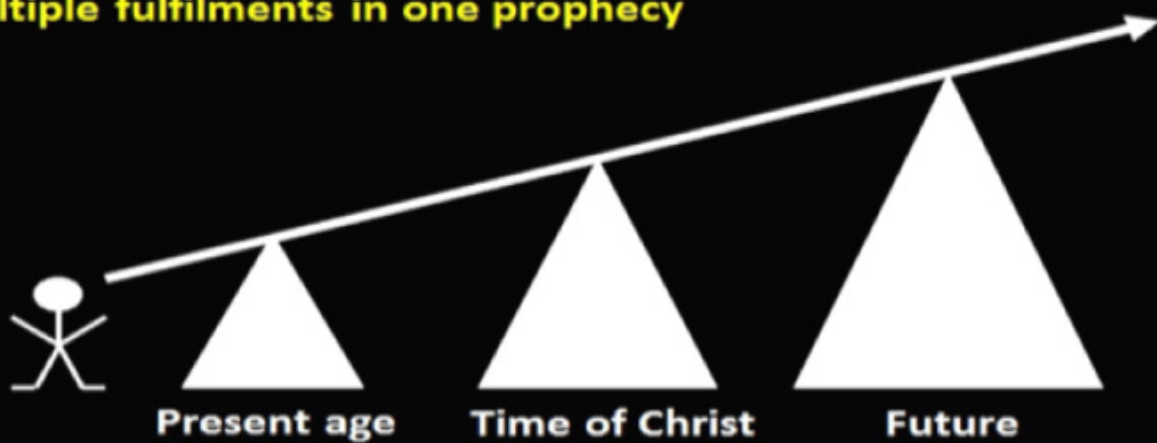
1. It does not fit the known facts of history
2. The king is not from the North only but is in conflict with both the North and the South
3. It is consistent with the prophecies about the future Antichrist (Dan. 7; 2 Thess. 2; Rev. 13; 17)
4. The Antichrist is prominent in Daniel's earlier prophecies ("little horn" of Dan. 7)
5. Prophetic gaps are common in Scripture

6 Reasons for Gap in the 70 Weeks Prophecy (Dan. 9:24-27)

1. Events prophesied v.26
 - Messiah crucified v.26a
 - 70 AD holocaust v.26b
2. Prophecies in Dan. 9:24 would have been fulfilled 7 years after Palm Sunday
3. Jesus indicated a gap - (Matt. 24:15, 21-22, 29-30)
4. Daniel 9:27 was never fulfilled historically
5. **Gap occurs elsewhere - (Is. 61:1-2; Luke 4:16-21; Isaiah 9:6)**
6. Early church fathers indicated a gap

Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout *in triumph*, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; And the bow of war will be cut off. And He will speak peace to the nations; And His dominion will be from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.



Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.



Isaiah 61:1-2

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn.



Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,¹⁸

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET ...



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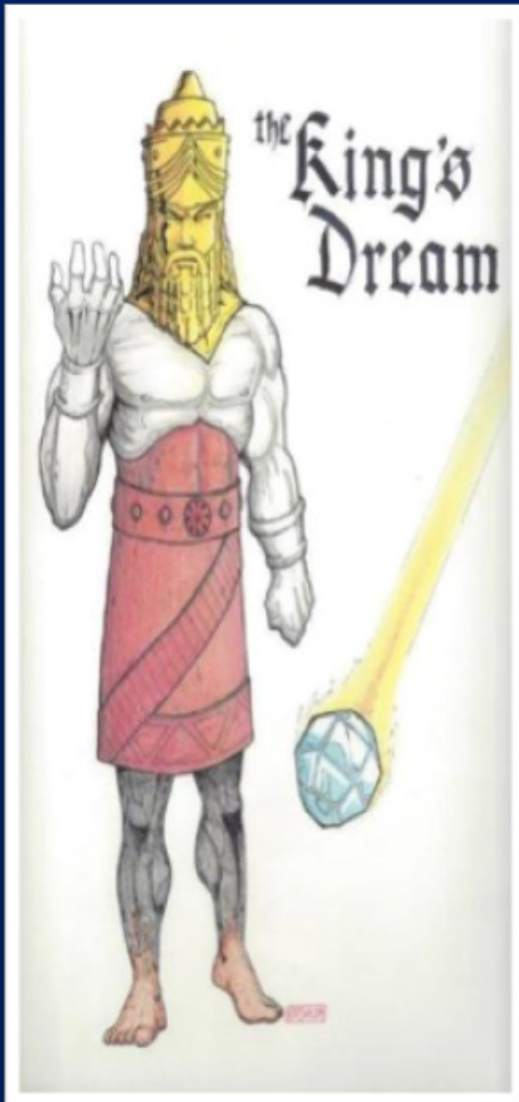
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1 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.



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6. Many reputable commentators have interpreted these verses as referring to the future Antichrist (Jerome; Luther)
7. Contextual indicators
 - a) “At that time” (12:1)
 - b) “Latter days” (10:14)
 - c) “At the time of the end” (11:40)
 - d) “The indignation” (11:36)

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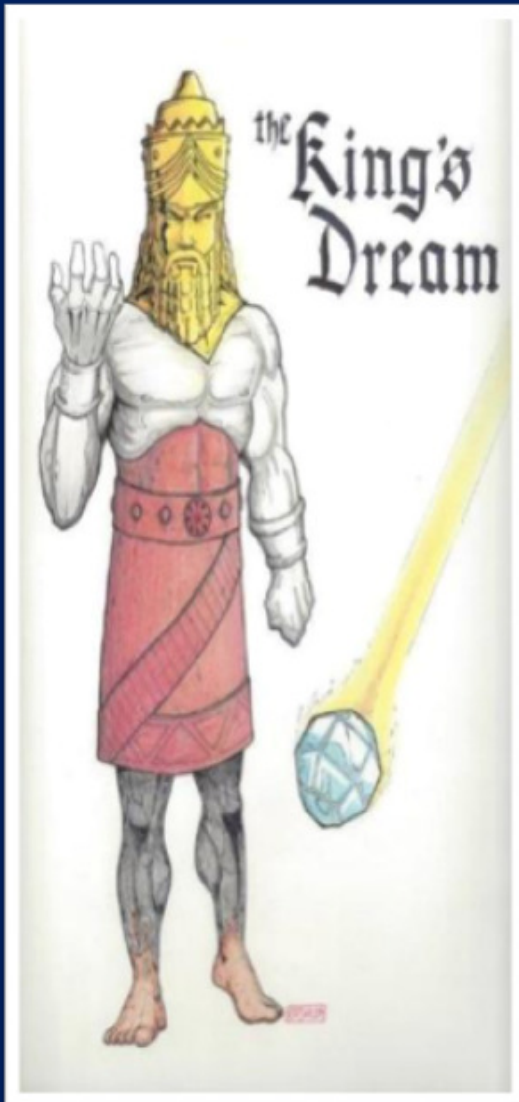


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Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”



Genesis 4:1

“Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the LORD.*”



Genesis 5:29

“Now he called his name Noah, saying, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed.”



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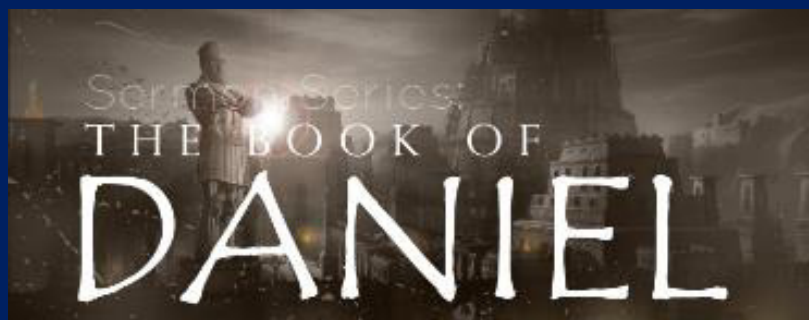
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(NIV)