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# *Daniel*

After King Jehoiakim had been ruling in Judah for almost three years, King<sup>1</sup> 1  
.Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem with his army and surrounded the city  
After two years , the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers to capture Jehoiakim, who<sup>2</sup>  
,was the King of Judah. They also took some of the things that were in the temple of God  
.and took them to Babylonia. There Nebuchadnezzar put them in the temple of his god

Then Nebuchadnezzar commanded Ashpenaz, the chief official in his palace, to bring<sup>3</sup>  
to him some of the Israeli men whom they had brought to Babylon. He wanted men who  
King<sup>4</sup> .belonged to important families, including the family of the king of Judah  
,Nebuchadnezzar wanted only men who were very healthy, handsome, wise, well-educated  
capable of learning many things, and suitable for working in the palace. He also wanted to  
teach them the Babylonian language and have them read things that had been written in the  
The king commanded his servants, "Give them the same kind of<sup>5</sup> .Babylonian language  
food and wine that is given to me. Train them for three years. Then they will become my  
".servants

,Among the young Israeli men who were chosen were me, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael<sup>6</sup>  
But Ashpenaz gave us Babylonian names. The<sup>7</sup> .and Azariah, who all came from Judah  
name he gave to me was Belteshazzar, the name he gave to Hananiah was Shadrach, the  
.name he gave to Mishael was Meshach, and the name he gave to Azariah was Abednego

But I decided that I would not eat the kind of food that the king ate, or drink the wine<sup>8</sup>  
that he drank, because that would make me ritually defiled. So I asked Ashpenaz to allow  
but<sup>10</sup> ,God had caused Ashpenaz to greatly respect me<sup>9</sup> .me to eat and drink other things  
he was worried about what I suggested. He said, "My master, the king, has commanded that  
you eat the kinds of food and drink that he does. If you eat other things and as a result you  
become more thin and pale than the other young men who are your age, he will order his  
"!soldiers to cut off my head because of what you have done

So<sup>12</sup> .Ashpenaz had ordered a guard to watch me, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah<sup>11</sup>  
I said to this guard: " Please test us for ten days. During that time give us only vegetables to  
After ten days, see how we look, and see how the other young<sup>13</sup> .eat and water to drink  
men look, the ones who are eating the kind of food that the king eats. Then you can decide

The guard agreed to do what I suggested, and he<sup>14</sup> ”.about what food you will let us eat  
.tested us like that for ten days

After ten days, he saw that I and my three friends looked to be more healthy than the<sup>15</sup>  
,So after that<sup>16</sup> .young men who had been eating the food that the king wanted them to eat  
the guard gave us only vegetables to eat; he did not give us the king’s special food and  
.wine

And God gave to us four young men wisdom and the ability to study many things<sup>17</sup>  
that Babylonians had written and studied. And he also gave to me the ability to understand  
.the meaning of visions and dreams

When those three years that the king had set for training us young men from Judah<sup>18</sup>  
The king talked with<sup>19</sup> .were ended, Ashpenaz brought all of us to King Nebuchadnezzar  
,each of us, and realized that none of the other young men were as capable as I, Hananiah

In all<sup>20</sup> .Mishael, and Azariah were. So we four became the king’s special advisors  
important matters which the king inquired of us, he found that what we four men advised  
.was ten times as good as what all the magicians and sorcerers in his kingdom advised

I remained there serving the king more than sixty years , until the first year that<sup>21</sup>  
.Cyrus became king

.One night during the second year that Nebuchadnezzar ruled, he had a dream<sup>1</sup> 2

The next morning<sup>2</sup> .The dream worried him very much; and as a result he could not sleep  
he summoned his men who worked magic, fortune-tellers, those who worked sorcery, and  
those who studied the stars. Because he had forgotten what he had dreamed, he insisted that  
he said, “I<sup>3</sup> ,they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood there in front of the king  
had a dream last night that worries me. Tell me what I dreamed, because I want to know  
”.what the dream means

.The men who studied the stars replied to the king, speaking in the Aramaic language<sup>4</sup>  
They said, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we hope that you will live a long time! Tell us what you  
”!dreamed, and then we will tell you what it means

,But the king replied to them, “I have firmly decided that you must tell me the dream<sup>5</sup>  
and also tell me what it means. If you do not do that, I will order my soldiers to cut you into  
But if you tell me what I<sup>6</sup> !pieces, and to cause your houses to become only piles of stones  
dreamed and what it means, I will reward you. I will give you wonderful gifts and greatly  
”!honor you. So tell me what I dreamed and what it means

But again they replied, “Tell us what you dreamed, and then we will tell you what it<sup>7</sup>  
”.means

The king replied, “I know that you are just trying to get more time, because you know<sup>8</sup>  
 ,If you do not tell me what I dreamed<sup>9</sup> .that I will do to you what I said that I would do  
 you will be punished. I think that you have all agreed to tell me lies and other wicked  
 things, because you hope that I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I will  
 ”.know that you can also tell me what it means

The men who studied the stars replied to the king, “There is no one on the earth who<sup>10</sup>  
 can do what you ask! There is no king, even a great and mighty king, who has ever asked  
 his men who work magic or his fortune-tellers or men who study the stars to do something  
 What you are asking us to do is impossible. Only the gods can tell you what<sup>11</sup> !like that  
 ”!you dreamed, and they do not live among us

The king was very angry when he heard that, so he commanded his soldiers that<sup>12</sup>  
 ,And because of what the king commanded<sup>13</sup> .they execute all such wise men in Babylon  
 .they sent some men to find me and my three friends, to execute us also

Arioeh, the commander of the king’s guards, came to kill us. But I spoke to him<sup>14</sup>  
 I asked Arioeh, “Why has the king made such a harsh<sup>15</sup> .very wisely and tactfully  
 I<sup>16</sup> .decree?” So Arioeh told me all that had happened because of the king’s dream  
 immediately went to talk to the king and requested that king give me some time, so that I  
 .could find out what the dream was and what the dream meant

Then I went home, and I told my friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, what had<sup>17</sup>  
 I urged them to ask God, who lives in heaven, to act mercifully toward us by<sup>18</sup> .happened  
 telling us the secret meaning of what the king dreamed, in order that we and the other wise  
 And that night God gave to me a vision in<sup>19</sup> .men in Babylon would not be executed  
 ,saying<sup>20</sup> ,which he revealed the secret. Then I praised God

,We should praise God forever“  
 .because only he truly is wise and powerful  
 .He determines what events will happen through the years<sup>21</sup>  
 .He removes some kings and gives their authority to new kings  
 .He gives wisdom to some, and people become wise  
 He is the one who causes people to become wise and enables those who study to  
 .understand many things  
 ;He reveals things that are very mysterious<sup>22</sup>

he is surrounded by light but he knows things that are hidden  
.as though they were in the darkness  
,God, whom my ancestors worshiped<sup>23</sup>  
,I thank you and I praise you  
.because you have caused me to be wise and made me strong  
;You have told me what my friends and I asked you to tell us  
”.and you have revealed to us what the king demanded to know

Then I went to Arioch, the man whom the king had appointed to execute the wise<sup>24</sup>  
men in Babylon. I said to him, “Do not kill those wise men. Take me to the king, and I will  
”.tell him what his dream means

So Arioch quickly took me to the king. He said to the king, “I have found one of the<sup>25</sup>  
”!men whom we brought from Judah who says he can tell you what your dream means

The king said to me, whose new name was Belteshazzar, “ Is this true? Can you tell<sup>26</sup>  
”?me what I dreamed and what it means

I replied, “There are no wise men or fortune-tellers or men who work magic or men<sup>27</sup>  
But there is a God in heaven who<sup>28</sup> .who work sorcery who can tell such things to you  
reveals secrets. And he has shown in your dream what will happen in the future. Now I will  
.tell you what you dreamed, and the vision you saw as you were lying on your bed

O King, while you were sleeping, you dreamed about events that will happen in the<sup>29</sup>  
And it is<sup>30</sup> .future. The one who reveals mysteries has shown you what is going to happen  
not because I am wiser than anyone else on earth that I know the meaning of this  
.mysterious dream. It is because God wanted you to understand what you were thinking

.O King, in your vision you saw in front of you a huge and terrifying statue of a man<sup>31</sup>  
The head of the statue<sup>32</sup> .It was shining very brightly, and it was frightening and awesome  
was made of pure gold. Its chest and arms were made of silver. Its belly and thighs were  
.Its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a mixture of clay and iron<sup>33</sup> .made of bronze  
As you watched, something cut a rock from a mountain, but it was not a human who cut<sup>34</sup>  
it. The rock tumbled down and smashed the feet of the statue, feet that were made of iron  
Then the rest of the statue collapsed into a big heap of<sup>35</sup> .and clay. It smashed them to bits  
iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. The pieces of the statue were as small as bits of chaff on  
the ground where it is threshed, and the wind blew away all the tiny pieces. There was  
nothing left. But the rock that smashed the statue became a large mountain that covered the  
.whole earth

You are a king<sup>37</sup> .That was what you dreamed. Now I will tell you what it means<sup>36</sup> who rules over many other kings. The God who rules in heaven has caused you to rule over He has caused you to be the<sup>38</sup> .them and has given you great power and has honored you ruler over all people, and even the animals and birds are controlled by you. So the head of .the statue represents you

But after your kingdom ends, there will be another great kingdom, but it will not be<sup>39</sup> as great as yours. The silver parts of the statue represent that kingdom. Then there will be a third great kingdom whose king will rule over the whole earth. The bronze parts of the

After that kingdom ends, there will be a fourth great<sup>40</sup> .statue represent that kingdom kingdom. The iron parts of the statue represent that kingdom. The army of that kingdom The<sup>41</sup> .will smash the previous kingdoms, just like iron smashes everything that it strikes feet and toes of the statue that you saw, that were a mixture of iron and clay, indicate that Some parts of that kingdom will be as<sup>42</sup> .the kingdom they represent will later be divided strong as iron, but some parts will not remain together, just as iron and clay do not stick

The mixture of iron and clay in the statue shows also that the rulers of those<sup>43</sup> .together kingdoms that separate from each other will try to form alliances with each other as a result of members of the royal families of these kingdoms marrying each other. But that will not .succeed, just as iron and clay do not stick together

But while those kings are ruling, God who rules in heaven will establish a kingdom<sup>44</sup> that will never end. No one will ever defeat its king. He will completely destroy all those

That is the meaning of the rock that<sup>45</sup> .kingdoms, but his kingdom will remain forever something cut from the mountain, the rock that will crush to tiny bits the statue that is made of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. O king, the great God has shown you what will truly ".happen in the future. And you can trust what I told you about the meaning of the dream

Then King Nebuchadnezzar prostrated himself in front of me in great respect . He<sup>46</sup> .commanded his people that they burn incense and burn an offering of grain to honor me

The king said to Daniel, "Your God has enabled you to tell me the meaning of this<sup>47</sup> dream, so now I truly know that your God is greater than all the other gods, and King over ".all other kings. He reveals secrets; he makes known mysteries no one else could know

Then the king gave many gifts to me, and he also appointed me to rule over the<sup>48</sup> I asked the king<sup>49</sup> .entire province of Babylon, and also to be the boss of all his wise men to appoint Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to also have important positions in Babylon province, and the king did what I asked him to do. But I did my work while I stayed at the .king's palace



King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his men to make a gold statue. It was 27 meters<sup>1</sup> **3**  
Then he<sup>2</sup> .high and 2. 7 meters wide. They set it up in the Dura plain in Babylon province  
sent messages to all the provincial governors, the district governors, the chief advisors, the  
counselors, the various judges, and all the other officials in the province. He told them to  
When they all arrived, they all<sup>3</sup> .come to the dedication of the statue that he had set up  
.stood in front of that statue

Then an announcer shouted, “You people who come from many countries and many<sup>4</sup>  
!people-groups and who speak many languages, listen to what the king has commanded  
When you hear the sounds made by the trumpets, the flutes, the guitars, the harps, the<sup>5</sup>  
wind instruments, and all the other musical instruments, bow down to worship King  
Anyone who refuses to do that will be thrown into a<sup>6</sup> .Nebuchadnezzar’s gold statue  
”!blazing furnace

So when all those people who had gathered heard the sounds made by the musical<sup>7</sup>  
.instruments, they all bowed down to worship the statue

,They reported to him<sup>9</sup> .But some of the men who studied the stars went to the king<sup>8</sup>  
You decreed that all the officials<sup>10</sup> !We hope that you, O king, will live a long time“  
whom you had gathered should bow down and worship the gold statue when they heard the  
You also decreed that those who refused to do<sup>11</sup> .sounds made by the musical instruments  
Sir, there are some men from Judah whom<sup>12</sup> .that would be thrown into a blazing furnace  
.you have appointed to be officials in Babylon province who have not obeyed your decree  
Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They have refused to worship your  
”.god and the gold statue that you have set up

Nebuchadnezzar became very angry. He commanded his soldiers to bring in<sup>13</sup>  
Nebuchadnezzar<sup>14</sup> ,Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When they were brought to him  
said to them, “Is it true that you three men have refused to worship my gods or the gold  
If that is true, I will give you one more chance. If you bow<sup>15</sup> ?statue that I have set up  
down to worship the statue that I have set up when you hear the sounds of the musical  
instruments, fine. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing  
”?furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my power

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to<sup>16</sup>  
If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the<sup>17</sup> .defend our actions to you in this matter  
But<sup>18</sup> .God whom we worship is able to rescue us. Sir, he will rescue us from your power

even if he does not rescue us, you need to know that we will never worship your gods or  
”.the gold statue that you have set up

Nebuchadnezzar was extremely angry. His being very angry even showed on his<sup>19</sup>  
After<sup>20</sup> .face. He commanded that the furnace should be made seven times as hot as usual  
,that was done, he commanded some of the very strong men of his army to tie Shadrach  
So the<sup>21</sup> .Meshach and Abednego, and then to throw them into the blazing furnace  
soldiers tied them up and threw them into the furnace, while they were wearing their  
Because the fire had been made very hot because the king had very strongly<sup>22</sup> .clothes  
ordered them to do that, the flames leaped out and killed the soldiers as they were throwing  
.So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the roaring flames<sup>23</sup> !the men into the fire

But as Nebuchadnezzar was watching, he was amazed. He suddenly jumped up and<sup>24</sup>  
”?shouted to his advisors, “Did we tie up three men and throw them into the flames, or not  
”.They replied, “Yes, O king, we did

Nebuchadnezzar shouted, “ Look! I see four men in the fire! They have no ropes on<sup>25</sup>  
them, they are walking around, and the flames are not hurting them! And the fourth man  
”!looks like a divine being

,Nebuchadnezzar came closer to the opening of the flaming furnace, and he shouted<sup>26</sup>  
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you who worship the Supreme God, come out of“  
.there! Come here!” So they stepped out of the fire

Then all the king’s officials crowded around them. They saw that the flames had not<sup>27</sup>  
harmed them. The flames had not even singed any of the hair on their heads or scorched  
!any of their clothes! There was not even any smell of smoke on them

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and<sup>28</sup>  
Abednego worship! He sent one of his angels to rescue these three men who worship him  
and trust in him. They ignored my command; they insisted that they would worship only  
Therefore, I am<sup>29</sup> .their God, and were willing to die instead of worshiping any other god  
now making this decree: ‘If any people, from any country or people-group or any language  
group, criticize the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship, they will be cut  
in pieces and their houses will be torn down and made into a pile of rubble. There is no  
”!other god who can rescue people like this

Then the king gave Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego more important positions in<sup>30</sup>  
.Babylon province than they had before

Several years after Nebuchadnezzar started to rule, he sent this message to the<sup>1</sup> 4  
people of every nation and people-group and all language groups in his empire. He wrote

!I wish that all things will go very well with you“

I want you to know about all the wonderful miracles that the Supreme God has<sup>2</sup>  
.performed for me

,He performs great miracles<sup>3</sup>  
.and does wonderful things  
;His kingdom will last forever  
.his rule over people will never end

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace. I was living luxuriantly, and<sup>4</sup>  
But one night I had a dream that caused me to<sup>5</sup> .everything was going very well for me  
So I summoned all<sup>6</sup> .be very afraid. I saw visions that terrified me as I lay on my bed  
.the wise men in Babylon, in order that they would come and tell me what it meant  
All the men who worked magic, the fortune-tellers, the men who worked sorcery, and<sup>7</sup>  
men who studied the stars came to me. I told them what I had dreamed, but they could  
Finally, Daniel came to me, and I decided to tell him what I<sup>8</sup> .not tell me what it meant  
had dreamed. One of my officials had given him a new name, Belteshazzar, to honor  
.my own god. I knew that the spirit of the holy gods was in him

So, using the name that had been given to him, I said, ‘Belteshazzar, you are the<sup>9</sup>  
most important of all my fortune-tellers. I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in  
,you, and that you can reveal all mysteries. There is none that is too difficult for you. So  
:This is what I dreamed while I was lying on my bed<sup>10</sup> .tell me what my dream means  
The tree was very strong and<sup>11</sup> .I saw a large tree growing in the middle of the land  
had grown very tall; it seemed that its top reached up to the sky, with the result that  
It had beautiful leaves, and it had produced a lot<sup>12</sup> .everyone in the world could see it  
of fruit for people to eat. Wild animals rested in the shade of that tree, and birds built  
nests in its branches. All the living creatures everywhere in the world got food from that  
.tree

While I was still lying on my bed, I saw a vision. In the vision I saw a holy angel<sup>13</sup>  
The angel shouted, “Cut down the tree, and cut off its<sup>14</sup> .coming down from heaven  
branches! Strip off all of its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Chase away the animals that are  
But leave the<sup>15</sup> .lying in the shade of the tree, and the birds that are in its branches

stump of the tree and its roots in the ground. Fasten a band of iron and bronze around  
”.the stump, and allow it to stay there with grass around it

That tree seems to have represented a man, because the angel also said, “Cause<sup>16</sup>  
that man to live out in the fields among the animals and plants. Cause the dew from the  
sky to make his body damp each morning. Do not allow him to continue to have a mind  
.like humans; instead, cause him to have a mind like animals have, for seven years

The holy ones in heaven have issued a decree. They want everyone to know that<sup>17</sup>  
God Most High rules over all the kingdoms in this world. He is the one who chooses  
the people to rule these kingdoms. He sometimes places very unimportant people in  
,places of importance

Belteshazzar, that is what I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw in my dream. Now tell<sup>18</sup>  
me what the dream means. No one else can tell me. I asked all the very wise men in my  
,kingdom to tell me what it means, but they were unable to do that. But you can tell me  
””.because the spirit of the holy gods is in you

,I, whose new name was Belteshazzar, did not say anything for some time<sup>19</sup>  
because I was very worried about the meaning of the dream. Finally, the king said to  
me, “Belteshazzar, do not be afraid about the dream and about what it means.” I replied  
Sir, I wish that the events that were predicted in your dream would happen to your“  
.enemies, and not to you

In your dream you saw a very strong and very tall tree. It seemed to reach to the<sup>20</sup>  
It had beautiful leaves<sup>21</sup> .sky, with the result that everyone in the world could see it  
and it had produced a lot of fruit for people to eat. Wild animals rested in the shade of  
!Your majesty, that tree represents you<sup>22</sup> .that tree, and birds built nests in its branches  
,You have become very powerful. It is as though your greatness reaches up to the sky  
.and you rule people all over the world

Then you saw a holy angel coming down from heaven. That angel said, ‘Cut<sup>23</sup>  
.down the tree, and cut off its branches! Strip off all of its leaves, and scatter its fruit  
But leave the stump of the tree and its roots in the ground. Fasten a band of iron and  
bronze around the stump and allow it to stay there with grass around it. Each morning  
.cause the dew from the sky to make this man, who was represented by the tree, damp  
,Cause him to live in the fields with the animals for seven years

Your Majesty, that is what your dream means. That is what the Supreme God has<sup>24</sup>  
Your advisors will force you to live away from other<sup>25</sup> .declared will happen to you  
people. You will live in the fields with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cows

do, and dew from the sky will cause your body to be damp every morning. You will live that way for seven years, until you learn that it is the Supreme God who rules over the But<sup>26</sup> .kingdoms of the world, and he appoints the ones whom he chooses to rule them the stump of the tree and its roots were left in the ground. That means that you will rule Your<sup>27</sup> .your kingdom again when you learn that it is God who is really the ruler Majesty, please do what I am telling you to do. Stop sinning, and do what is right. Turn away from your evil behavior. Act mercifully to poor people. If you do that, perhaps ”.you will continue to be successful

.But the king refused to do those things. So that is what happened to him<sup>28</sup>

Twelve months later, one day he was walking on the flat roof of his palace in<sup>29</sup> As he looked out over the city, he said to those around him, “I have built<sup>30</sup> .Babylon this great city of Babylon to be the place where I rule! I have built it with my own ”!power, in order to show people my glory, to show them that I am very great

While he was still saying this, God spoke from heaven and said, “King<sup>31</sup> Nebuchadnezzar, this is what I am saying to you: You are no longer the ruler of this Your advisors will force you to live away from other people. You will live<sup>32</sup> !kingdom in the fields with wild animals, and you will eat grass like cows do. You will live that way for seven years, until you learn that it is the Supreme God, who rules over the ”.kingdoms of this world, and I appoint the ones whom I have chosen to rule them

Immediately what God predicted happened. Nebuchadnezzar became insane, so<sup>33</sup> his advisors forced him to live away from other people. He ate grass like cows do, and dew from the sky caused his body to be damp every morning. He lived like that until .his hair was as long as eagles' feathers, and his fingernails became like birds' claws

,After those seven years ended, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up toward heaven<sup>34</sup> and I acknowledged that what God said was true. Then I could think correctly again. I .praised and worshiped the Supreme God, and I honored him, the one who lives forever

;He rules forever

.his kingdom will never end

.All the people in the world are very insignificant; we are not like him<sup>35</sup>

,He has the power to do whatever he wants to do

.among the angels in heaven and among us people who live on the earth

,So no one can stop him

,and no one can challenge him, saying to him

”?Why are you doing these things“

When I was able to think correctly again, I was honored again, and I was able to<sup>36</sup>  
rule my glorious kingdom again. My advisors came to me again to talk about what  
should be done, and I became greater and more powerful than I was before<sup>37</sup>  
Nebuchadnezzar, praise and honor God, the king who rules in heaven. All of his actions  
are just and right. And he is able to cause to become humble those who are proud, like I  
was.

Several years later, Belshazzar became the king of Babylon. One day he invited<sup>1</sup> **5**  
While he<sup>2</sup> a thousand of his officers to a big feast, and he drank a lot of wine with them  
was drinking, he commanded that his servants bring to him the gold and silver cups that the  
previous king, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. He did that  
because he wanted himself and his officials, his wives, and even his concubines to drink  
So his servants brought in<sup>3</sup> from them, making fun of the god that the Israelis worshiped  
all those gold cups, that had been taken many years previously from the temple of the true  
God in Jerusalem. Then the king and his officials and his wives and his slave wives drank  
They drank to praise their idols that were made of gold, silver<sup>4</sup> wine from those cups  
bronze, iron, and even wood and stone.

Suddenly they saw a man's hand writing on the plaster of the wall opposite the<sup>5</sup>  
He became very frightened, and<sup>6</sup> lampstand. The king also saw the hand as it was writing  
his face became pale. His knees started shaking, and his legs became very weak, with the  
result that he could not stand up.

Then he shouted to summon the men who worked magic, the men who studied the<sup>7</sup>  
stars, and the fortune-tellers. He said, "I will greatly honor any one of them who can read  
this writing and tell me what it means. I will give him a purple robe like I wear because I  
am the king, and I will put a gold chain around his neck. He will become a very important  
official in my kingdom; there will be only two others who will be more important than he  
".will be

But when all those wise men came in, none of them could read the writing, or tell<sup>8</sup>  
So King Belshazzar became more afraid. His face became even paler<sup>9</sup> him what it meant  
And all his officials who were there at the feast did not know what to do

But when the mother of the king heard the king and his officials talking loudly about<sup>10</sup>  
what had happened, she entered the room where they were having the feast. She said to  
Belshazzar, "Your majesty, I hope you will live for a long time! But do not be pale and  
There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in<sup>11</sup> afraid about this  
him. When Nebuchadnezzar was ruling, they discovered that this man understood many

,things and was wise, just like the gods. The man who was king previously  
Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him to be in charge of all the men in Babylon who worked  
.magic, the men who worked sorcery, the men who studied the stars, and the fortune-tellers  
That man's name is Daniel; the king gave him a new name, Belteshazzar. He is very<sup>12</sup>  
intelligent and is able to know and understand many things. He is even able tell the  
meaning of dreams, and explain riddles, and explain things that are very difficult to  
".understand. Summon him, and he will tell you what this writing means

So they went and brought me in. The king asked me, "You must be Daniel! They<sup>13</sup>  
.told me that you are one of those who was brought here from Judah by the previous king  
I have also heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you are very wise and<sup>14</sup>  
My wise men and men who work magic have tried to read the<sup>15</sup> .understand many things  
Someone<sup>16</sup> .writing on this wall and tell me what it means, but they are not able to do it  
told me that you can tell what dreams mean and explain things that are very difficult to  
understand. If you can read these words and tell me what they mean, I will give you a  
.purple robe like I wear because I am the king, and I will put a gold chain around your neck  
You will become a very important official in my kingdom; there will be only two others  
".who will be more important than you will be

I replied to the king, " I do not want your gifts; keep them, or give them to someone<sup>17</sup>  
.else. But I will read for you the writing on the wall, and I will tell you what it means

,Your Majesty, the Supreme God caused the man who was king before you<sup>18</sup>  
.Nebuchadnezzar, to become a great ruler, who was greatly praised and honored  
Because God caused him to become very great, people of many people-groups and<sup>19</sup>  
nations and who spoke many different languages were very much afraid of him. He  
commanded his soldiers to kill those whom he wanted to be killed, and he spared those  
whom he wanted to spare. He honored those whom he wanted to honor, and he caused to be  
But when he became very proud and<sup>20</sup> .disgraced those whom he wanted to be disgraced  
stubborn, he was removed from being king. People did not consider him to be glorious  
.His officials sent him away in order that he would not be near other people<sup>21</sup> .anymore  
God caused him to have a mind like animals have. He lived among the wild donkeys. He  
ate grass like cows do, and dew from the sky caused his body to be damp each morning. He  
was like that until he learned that the Supreme God is really the one who rules the  
.kingdoms of this world, and that he appoints whomever he chooses to rule those kingdoms

Now, Belshazzar, you have become the king. You also knew all those things, but you<sup>22</sup>  
,You have considered yourself to be greater than God<sup>23</sup> .have not made yourself humble  
the Lord of heaven. So you have commanded your servants to bring to you these sacred  
cups, which were dedicated to the Supreme God, and which were taken from his temple in

Jerusalem. You and your officials and your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from these cups, while you have been praising your own gods—gods which are made of gold and silver and bronze and iron and wood and stone. Those are gods that cannot see that cannot hear, and that do not know anything! You have not honored the God who gives So God sent this hand to<sup>24</sup> .you breath and who controls everything that happens to you .write a message for you

’.This is the message that it wrote: ‘ Mene, mene, tekel, parsin<sup>25</sup>

:This is what those words mean<sup>26</sup>

Mene’ means ‘numbered.’ That means that God has been counting the days that you‘ .will rule, and he has decided that you will not rule anymore

Tekel’ means ‘weighed.’ God has weighed you on a scale, and you do not weigh<sup>27</sup> .what you should

Peres’ means ‘divided.’ God has divided your kingdom. It will be ruled by people<sup>28</sup> ”.from Media and by people from Persia

Then Belshazzar did what he had promised . He put on me a purple robe like the one<sup>29</sup> he himself wore. He put a gold chain around my neck. And he proclaimed that there would .be only two others who would be more important than me in his kingdom

But that same night soldiers from Media entered the city and killed Belshazzar, the<sup>30</sup> Darius, the King of Media, became the King of Babylonia when he<sup>31</sup> .King of Babylonia .was sixty-two years old

King Darius decided to divide his kingdom into 120 provinces. He appointed a<sup>1</sup> 6

He also appointed me and two other men to be<sup>2</sup> .governor to rule each province administrators, to supervise the governors and to be sure that they did the king’s work I soon showed that I was more<sup>3</sup> .properly, in order that the king would not have to worry capable to do the work better than all the other administrators and the governors. Because Then, the<sup>4</sup> .of that, the king planned to appoint me to be in charge of the entire empire other administrators and the governors became jealous. So they began to search to find something that they could criticize about the way I was working for the king. But I always did my work faithfully and honestly, and was never lazy. So they could not find anything to They concluded, “The only way we can find something for which we can<sup>5</sup> .criticize ”.criticize Daniel will be something concerning the laws that his god has given him



So the administrators and governors went as one group to the king and said, “Your<sup>6</sup>  
We administrators and governors and<sup>7</sup> !Majesty, we wish that you will live a long time  
district governors and advisors and other officials have all agreed that you should make a  
law that everyone must obey. We want you to command that for the next thirty days people  
may pray only to you. If anyone prays to anyone else, either to a human or to a god, he  
And because laws made by our governments of Media<sup>8</sup> .must be thrown into a pit of lions  
So<sup>9</sup> ”.and Persia cannot be changed, we want you, the head of our government, to sign it  
.King Darius wrote the law and signed it

But when I found out that the king had written and signed that law, I went home. I<sup>10</sup>  
knelt down in my upstairs room and prayed. I looked toward Jerusalem, and the windows  
were open with the result that everyone could see me while I was praying . I prayed three  
The officials went together to my<sup>11</sup> .times each day, just as I always did, thanking God  
So they returned to the<sup>12</sup> .house and they saw me praying and requesting God to help me  
king and said to him, “ Do you remember that you wrote a law stating that for the next  
thirty days people may pray only to you, and if anyone prays to anyone else, either to a  
human or to a god, he will be thrown into a pit of lions?” The king replied, “Yes, that is the  
law that I wrote. It is a law of our governments of Media and Persia, which cannot be  
”.canceled

Then they said to the king, “That man Daniel, one of the men who were brought<sup>13</sup>  
from Judah, is not paying any attention to you or the law that you signed. He prays to his  
When the king heard that, he was very distressed. He tried to<sup>14</sup> ”!god three times each day  
.find a way to save me. All the rest of the day he tried to think of a way to rescue me

In the evening, many of the officials went together to the king and said, “Your<sup>15</sup>  
Majesty, you know that our governments of Media and Persia have declared that no law  
”!that the king signs can be canceled. So Daniel must be thrown to the lions

So the king gave the order, and his servants brought me and threw me into a pit<sup>16</sup>  
,where the lions were. Before they threw me in, the king said to me, “I hope that your God  
”!whom you worship regularly, will rescue you

They rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the pit. Then the king fastened a<sup>17</sup>  
string across the entrance and put wax at each end, and stamped the wax with the seal from  
his ring and the seals of the rings of his officials, in order that no one could secretly rescue

Then the king returned to his palace. That night he refused to eat any food. He<sup>18</sup> .me  
would not allow any one to entertain him because he did not want to be happy, with the  
result that he would forget about me. And that night he was unable to sleep because he was  
. worried about me

At dawn the next morning, the king got up and went quickly to the pit where the<sup>19</sup>  
When he came near it, he was very worried. He called out, “Daniel, you who<sup>20</sup> .lions were  
serve the all-powerful God! Was your God, whom you worship regularly, able to save you  
”?from the lions

Yes, my God<sup>22</sup> !I answered, “Your Majesty, I hope that you will live a long time<sup>21</sup>  
sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths, in order that they would not harm me! He did that  
because he knows that I have done nothing that he thinks is wrong. And, Your Majesty, I  
”!never did anything wrong to you

The king was extremely happy, and he commanded his servants to lift me out of the<sup>23</sup>  
pit. When they did that, they saw that the lions had not wounded me at all. God had  
.protected me because I trusted in him

Then the king commanded that the men who had accused me should be seized and<sup>24</sup>  
be thrown, along with their wives and children, into the pit where the lions were. When  
they were thrown into the pit, the lions leaped on them and crushed their bones before they  
!fell onto the bottom of the pit

Then King Darius wrote this message and sent it throughout his kingdom to the<sup>25</sup>  
:people of every people-group and nation and from all language groups

!I wish that all things go very well with you“

I command that everyone in my kingdom should fear and revere the God that<sup>26</sup>  
.Daniel worships

,He is the all-powerful God  
.and he will live forever  
;His kingdom will never be destroyed  
.he will rule forever

,He rescues and saves his people<sup>27</sup>  
he performs all kinds of miracles

.in heaven and on the earth  
”!He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions

So I was successful all during the time that Darius ruled and during the time that<sup>28</sup>  
.Cyrus, the King of Persia, ruled

Previously, during the first year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylonia, I had<sup>1</sup> 7  
a dream and a vision one night as I lay on my bed. The next morning I wrote down what I  
:had dreamed. This is what I wrote

Daniel, had a vision during the night. In the vision I saw that strong winds were<sup>2</sup>  
Then I saw four<sup>3</sup> .blowing from all four directions, stirring up the water in the ocean  
.beasts coming out of the ocean. All four of them were different

,The first one resembled a lion, but it had wings like an eagle has. But as I watched<sup>4</sup>  
something tore off its wings. The beast was left there, standing on its two hind legs, like a  
.human being stands. And it was given a mind like humans have

The second beast resembled a bear. It was crouching, and it held between its teeth<sup>5</sup>  
three ribs from another animal that it had killed and eaten. Someone said to it, “Stand up  
”!and eat as much meat as you want

Then I saw in front of me the third of these beasts. It resembled a leopard, but it had<sup>6</sup>  
.four wings protruding from its back. The wings were like a bird’s wings. It had four heads  
.It was given the power to rule people

In the vision I saw a fourth beast. It was stronger than the other beasts, and it was<sup>7</sup>  
more terrifying. It crushed other creatures with its huge iron teeth and ate their flesh. The  
parts of animals that it did not grind with its teeth, it trampled on the ground. It was  
.different from the other three beasts: It had ten horns on its head

While I was looking at those horns, I saw a little horn appear on the head of that<sup>8</sup>  
beast. It tore out three of the other horns. This little horn had eyes like humans have, and it  
.had a mouth with which it spoke very boastfully

,Then while I watched<sup>9</sup>

,thrones were put in the places where they belonged  
.and God, the one who had been living forever, sat on one of the thrones

,His clothes were as white as snow

.and his hair was as white as pure wool

,His throne had wheels that were blazing with fire

.and his throne was also blazing

.A fire was rushing out of in front of him like a stream<sup>10</sup>

,Many thousands of people were there serving him

.and millions of other people were standing in front of him  
 ,They started the court session  
 and they opened the books in which they had written the record of all the good and  
 .bad things that people had done

While I was watching, I could hear the little horn speaking very boastfully. As I<sup>11</sup>  
 continued to watch, the fourth beast was killed. Its corpse was thrown into a fire and  
 The power of the other three beasts was taken away from them, but<sup>12</sup> .completely burned  
 .they were allowed to continue to live for a while

While I continued to see the vision that night, I saw someone who resembled a<sup>13</sup>  
 human being. He was coming closer to me, surrounded by clouds. Then he was taken to  
 He was honored and given great authority to<sup>14</sup> .God, the one who had been living forever  
 rule over all the nations in the world, in order that people from every people-group and  
 every nation, people from all language groups, would worship him. He will rule forever; he  
 .will never stop ruling. The kingdom that he rules will never be destroyed

As for me, Daniel, I was very terrified by what I had seen in that vision, and I did<sup>15</sup>  
 I went to one of those who were standing in front of the<sup>16</sup> .not know what to think about it  
 .throne of God, and I asked him to tell me what it meant. So he told me the meaning of it

.He said, “The four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will exist on the earth<sup>17</sup>  
 ”.But the Supreme God will give power to his people to rule, and they shall rule forever<sup>18</sup>

Then I wanted to know what the fourth beast signified— the beast that was different<sup>19</sup>  
 from the other three, the beast that crushed those that it attacked with its bronze claws, and  
 then ate their flesh with its iron teeth, and trampled on the parts of their bodies that it did  
 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and about the horn that<sup>20</sup> .not eat  
 appeared later, which got rid of three of the other horns. I wanted to know what it meant  
 that it had eyes and a mouth with which it spoke very boastfully. The beast that was  
 While I was having<sup>21</sup> .represented by that horn was more terrifying than the other beasts  
 But then<sup>22</sup> .the vision, I saw that this horn attacked God’s people and was defeating them  
 the Supreme God, the one who had been living forever, came and judged in favor of the  
 people who belonged to him. And I knew that it was time for God’s people to receive  
 .authority to rule

Then the man who was standing there said to me, “The fourth beast represents an<sup>23</sup>  
 empire that will exist on the earth; that empire will be different from all other empires. The  
 As<sup>24</sup> .army of that empire will crush people all over the world and trample on their bodies  
 .for its ten horns, they represent ten kings who will rule that empire, one after the other

Then another king will appear. He will be different from the previous kings. He will defeat  
He will<sup>25</sup> .the three kings that were represented by the three horns that were pulled out  
rebuke the Supreme God, and he will oppress God's people. He will try to change the  
sacred festivals and their religious laws. He will control them for three and a half years

But there will be a session of the court in heaven, and that king's authority will be<sup>26</sup>  
Then all the power and the greatness<sup>27</sup> .taken away, and he will be completely destroyed  
of all the kingdoms on the earth will be given to the people who belong to the Supreme  
God. The kingdom that he rules will endure forever. And the rulers of all the nations on the  
earth will serve and obey him

That is what I saw in my vision. I, Daniel, was terrified, with the result that my face<sup>28</sup>  
became pale. But I did not tell anyone about the vision that I had seen

During the third year that Belshazzar was the King of Babylonia, I had another<sup>1</sup> 8

In that vision I was in Susa, the capital city of Elam Province. I was standing<sup>2</sup> .vision  
I looked up and saw a ram that was standing alongside the<sup>3</sup> .alongside the Ulai Canal  
canal. It had two long horns, but the one that grew last was longer than the one that grew  
The ram butted away with its horns everything that was west and everything that<sup>4</sup> .first  
was north and everything that was south of it. There were no other animals that were able  
to oppose it, and none that could rescue other animals from its power. The ram did  
whatever it wanted to do and became very powerful

While I was thinking about what I had seen, in the vision I saw a goat come from the<sup>5</sup>  
west. It ran across the land very quickly, with the result that it seemed that its feet did not  
touch the ground. This goat had one very large horn between its eyes  
and it ran straight toward at the ram that I had seen previously, the ram that was standing  
The goat struck the ram furiously and broke off its two horns, with<sup>7</sup> .alongside the canal  
the result that the ram had no power to defend itself. So the goat knocked the ram down and  
The goat became<sup>8</sup> .trampled on it. No one could rescue the ram from the goat's power  
very powerful. But when its power was very great, its horn was broken off. But four other  
large horns took its place. They each pointed in a different direction

Then from one of those large horns appeared a little horn, which became very big<sup>9</sup>  
and pointed toward the south and then toward the east and then toward the beautiful land of  
The man who was represented by that horn became very strong, with the result<sup>10</sup> .Israel  
that he attacked some of the soldiers of the army of heaven, and the stars in the sky which  
represented God's people. He threw some of them to the ground and trampled on them

He defied himself to be greater than the leader of the army of heaven, and prevented<sup>11</sup>

Then God's people<sup>12</sup> .priests from offering sacrifices to him. He also defiled the temple allowed the man who was represented by that horn to control them, with the result that they sinned by offering sacrifices to him. And he threw to the ground the laws that contained the .true religion. Everything that he did was successful

Then I heard two angels who were talking to each other. One of them asked, "How<sup>13</sup> long will the things that were in this vision continue? How long will the man who rebels against God and causes the temple to be defiled be able to prevent priests from offering "?sacrifices? How long will he trample on the temple and on the armies of heaven

,The other angel replied, "It will continue for 1,150 days. During each of those days<sup>14</sup> ,people will not be permitted to offer sacrifices in the morning or in the evening. After that ".the temple will be purified

While I, Daniel, was trying to understand what the vision meant, suddenly an angel<sup>15</sup> And I heard a man call out from the other<sup>16</sup> .who resembled a man stood in front of me side of the Ulai Canal, saying, "Gabriel, explain to him the meaning of the vision that he "!saw

So Gabriel came and stood beside me. I was very terrified, with the result that I fell<sup>17</sup> onto the ground. But he said to me, "You human, it is necessary for you to understand that ".the events that you saw in the vision will occur near the time that the world will end

While he was speaking, I fainted. I lay there, unconscious, with my face still on the<sup>18</sup> .ground. But Gabriel put his hand on me and lifted me up in order that I could stand again

Then he said, "I have come here to tell you what will happen because of God being<sup>19</sup> As for the ram<sup>20</sup> .angry. These things will happen near the time when the world will end .with two horns that you saw, those horns represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia

The goat that you saw represents the kingdom of Greece, and the horn that appeared<sup>21</sup> As for the four horns that grew after the first<sup>22</sup> .between its eyes represents its first king horn was broken off, they represent four kingdoms into which that first kingdom will be divided after the first king dies. Those four kingdoms will not be as strong as the first .kingdom was

The people in those kingdoms will become very wicked, with the result that it will<sup>23</sup> be necessary for them to be punished. But near the time when those kingdoms will end, one of those kingdoms will have a king who will be very proud. He will also be very fierce and

He will become very powerful, but it will not be because of what he<sup>24</sup> .very deceitful

himself does. He will terribly destroy things in many places, and he will succeed in doing everything that he wants to. He will get rid of many powerful men, and also some of God's people. Because he is very cunning, he will succeed by doing things that deceive many<sup>25</sup> people. He will be proud of himself. He will get rid of many people when they think that they are safe. He will also rebel against God, who is the greatest king. But God will destroy him, without the help of any human being

What you saw in the vision about priests being prevented from making sacrifices in<sup>26</sup> the morning and in the evening, which I explained to you, will surely happen. But for the present time, do not reveal the vision to others, because it will be many years before those things happen

Then I, Daniel, became weak, and I was sick for several days. Then I arose and<sup>27</sup> returned to doing the work that the king had given to me, but I was perplexed about the vision, and I could not understand it

Now I am going to tell you about what happened when Darius, who was from<sup>1</sup> 9 the Mede people-group and who was the son of Xerxes, ruled as the King of Babylonia. During the first year that he was the king, I, Daniel, was studying in the holy books the<sup>2</sup> message that Yahweh had given to the prophet Jeremiah. In that message Jeremiah had written that Jerusalem would be destroyed and remain ruined for seventy years<sup>3</sup>. After I read that, I pleaded to Yahweh my God to help us, praying and fasting. While doing that, I was wearing rough cloth and sitting in ashes to show that I was very sad about what had happened to us

:I confessed the sins that we had committed, and this is what I prayed<sup>4</sup>

Lord, you are great and awesome! You have faithfully done what you said that you would do for us. You faithfully love those who love you and who do what you have commanded that they should do<sup>5</sup>. But we Israelis have sinned. We have done things that are wrong. We have done wicked things, and we have rebelled against you. We have turned away from obeying your commands<sup>6</sup>. Your prophets spoke for you, giving your messages to our kings, to our other rulers, to our other ancestors, and to all the Israeli people, but we have refused to pay attention to those prophets

Lord, you always do what is righteous, but we have caused ourselves to be<sup>7</sup> ashamed. This is still true about all of the Israelis who live in Jerusalem and who live in other places in Judea. It is also true about all us Israelis whom you scattered, who were taken to other countries, some near Israel and some far away, because we were very unfaithful to you<sup>8</sup>. Yahweh, we and our kings and our other rulers and our other

Although we<sup>9</sup> .ancestors have done very shameful things and have sinned against you have rebelled against you, you act mercifully toward us and you are willing to forgive ,Yahweh our God, when you gave your laws to your prophets who served you<sup>10</sup> .us .and they told us to conduct our lives according to those laws, we did not listen to you All of us Israeli people have disobeyed your laws, and we have turned away from<sup>11</sup> obeying what you said. We have sinned against you. As a result, you have caused us to experience the terrible things that your servant Moses said would happen to us if we .sinned against you

You warned us and our rulers that you would punish Jerusalem severely by<sup>12</sup> causing a great disaster there, a disaster that would be worse than any disaster that any .other city had ever experienced, and you have done what you said that you would do You punished us just like Moses wrote that you would do. But, Yahweh our God, we<sup>13</sup> still have not tried, by turning away from our sinning and by heeding your truth, to So, because we did not obey you, you<sup>14</sup> .persuade you to act mercifully toward us prepared to punish us, and then you did punish us, because you always do what is .righteous

Lord our God, you brought your people out of Egypt by your great power, and<sup>15</sup> by doing that you have caused people from that time until the present time to know that Lord, Jerusalem<sup>16</sup> .you are great even though we have sinned and done wicked things is your city, and your temple was built there on your sacred hill. Now all the people who live in nearby countries despise Jerusalem and us your people because of our sins and because of the evil things that our ancestors did. But now, because you do what is .righteous, we request you to not be angry with Jerusalem any longer

Lord our God, listen to what I am praying and pleading for you to do. For your<sup>17</sup> own sake that people will know that you are very great, act kindly concerning your My God, listen to my<sup>18</sup> .temple, which was destroyed by the armies of Babylonia prayer. Look at us and see our troubles, and see that this city that belongs to you has been ruined. We are praying to you because you are merciful, not because we have done Lord, listen to us! Lord, forgive us! Lord, this city and these people<sup>19</sup> .what is right belong to you, so we plead with you to heed what we are saying and act to help us right !now, for your own sake that people will know that you are very great

I continued praying and confessing the sins that I and my people Israel had<sup>20</sup> committed, and pleading with Yahweh my God that he would restore the temple on the While I was praying, Gabriel, the angel whom I had seen in the<sup>21</sup> .sacred hill in Jerusalem vision previously, came flying rapidly to me, at the time in the evening when the priests



He said to me, “Daniel, I have come to you to enable you to<sup>22</sup> .offered sacrifices  
When you began to plead<sup>23</sup> .understand clearly the message that God gave to Jeremiah  
with God, he gave me a message to give to you. He loves you very much, so he has sent me  
to tell you what he said to me. So now pay attention in order that you may understand the  
.meaning of what he revealed to Jeremiah

God has determined that there will be 490 years until he frees your people from the<sup>24</sup>  
guilt of their sins and to atone for the evil things that they have done. Then God will rule  
everyone justly, and he will do that forever. And what you saw in the vision and what  
. Jeremiah prophesied will come true, and the sacred temple will be dedicated to God again

You need to know and understand this: There will be 49 years from the time that the<sup>25</sup>  
king commands that Jerusalem should be rebuilt until the leader that God has chosen will  
come. Then 434 years later, Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and it will have streets and will have  
a moat around it to protect the city. But that will be a time when God’s people have a lot of  
After those 434 years, the leader whom God has appointed will be killed when<sup>26</sup> .troubles  
it seems that he will have accomplished nothing unjustly. After that, the temple will be  
destroyed by the army of a powerful ruler. The city and the temple will be destroyed like a  
flood destroys everything. That will be the beginning of the war and destruction that God  
That ruler will make a strong agreement with many people. He<sup>27</sup> .has decreed will happen  
will promise to do for seven years what he has said in that agreement. But when that time is  
.half finished, he will prevent priests from giving any more offerings and sacrifices to God  
A disgusting idol will be put on the highest part of the temple, and it will stay there until  
”.God gets rid of the one who put it there, which is what he said that he would do

During the third year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, I Daniel, who had<sup>1</sup> 10  
been given the name Belteshazzar, received another message from God. The message was  
true, but it was very difficult for me to understand it. But later I understood the message  
.because of the vision that I had seen

.At that time I had been sad for three weeks about what had happened to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup>

I did not eat any tasty food or any meat or drink any wine. I did not even put any<sup>3</sup>  
.perfumed oil on my face or hair for those three weeks

When those three weeks ended, on April 23, my companions and I were standing on<sup>4</sup>  
I looked up and saw someone there who was wearing<sup>5</sup> .the bank of the great Tigris River  
His body shone like a precious beryl<sup>6</sup> .fine white clothes and a belt made of pure gold  
stone. His face was as bright as a flash of lightning. His eyes were like flaming torches. His

arms and legs shone like polished bronze. And his voice was very loud, like the roar of a  
.huge crowd

I, Daniel, was the only one who saw this vision. The men who were with me did not<sup>7</sup>  
see anything, but they sensed that someone was there, and they became terrified. They ran

So I was left there by myself, looking at this very unusual<sup>8</sup> .away and hid themselves  
vision. I had no strength left. My face became very pale, with the result that no one would  
.I saw a man there, and when I heard him speak, I fell to the ground<sup>9</sup> .have recognized me  
.I fainted, and I lay there with my face on the ground

Suddenly someone's hand took hold of me and lifted me, with the result that I was<sup>10</sup>  
The man said to me, "Daniel, God<sup>11</sup> .on my hands and knees, but I was still trembling  
loves you very much. Stand up and listen to what I am going to say to you, because God  
.sent me to you." When he said that, I stood up, but I was stil trembling

Then he said to me, "Daniel, do not be afraid. God has heard what you have prayed<sup>12</sup>  
ever since the first day that you determined to humble yourself in order to understand the  
The evil spirit who rules the<sup>13</sup> .vision. I have come to you because of what you prayed  
,kingdom of Persia resisted me for 21 days, but Michael, who is one of God's chief angels  
I have<sup>14</sup> .came to help me. I left him there in Persia to resist that evil spirit who rules there  
.come here to enable you to understand what will happen to the Israeli people in the future  
Do not forget that the vision that you saw is about things that will happen in the future, not  
".about things that will happen very soon

While he was saying that, I stared at the ground and was unable to say anything<sup>15</sup>  
Suddenly the angel, who resembled a human, touched my<sup>16</sup> .because I was very afraid  
lips. Then I was able to speak, and I said to him, "Sir, because I have seen this vision, I  
I am not able to<sup>17</sup> .have become very weak, with the result that I cannot stop trembling  
".talk to you, my master. I have no strength left, and it is very difficult for me to breathe

He said<sup>19</sup> .But he took hold of me again, and enabled me to become stronger again<sup>18</sup>  
to me, "You human, God loves you very much. So do not be afraid. I desire that things will  
go well for you and that you will be encouraged." When he had said that, I felt even  
stronger, and I said, "Sir, tell me what you want to tell me. You have enabled me to feel  
".stronger

Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? It is to reveal to you what<sup>20-21</sup>  
is written in the book which reveals God's truth. But now I must return to fight against the  
evil spirit who rules the kingdom of Persia. After I have defeated him, the evil angel who

,guards Greece will appear and I must defeat him. Michael, who guards you Israelite people  
”.will certainly help me, but there is no one else to help me

As for me, during the first year that Darius was king, I helped and“<sup>1</sup> 11

”.encouraged Michael

.The angel also said, “And what I am going to reveal to you now will truly happen<sup>2</sup>  
There will be three more kings to rule Persia, one after the other. Then there will be a fourth  
king, who will be much richer than the others. As a result of his giving a lot of money to  
people, they will enable him to become very powerful. Then he will incite many nations to  
.fight against the kingdom of Greece

Then a very powerful king will appear in Greece. He will rule over a very large<sup>3</sup>  
,But when he has become very powerful<sup>4</sup> .empire, and he will do whatever he wants to do  
he will die. Then his kingdom will be divided into four parts. Kings who are not his  
Then the King of Egypt<sup>5</sup> .descendants will rule, but they will not be as powerful as he was  
will become very powerful. But one of his army generals will become more powerful than  
Several years later, the King of Egypt and the King<sup>6</sup> .he is, and he will rule a bigger area  
of Syria will make an alliance to help each other. The King of Syria will give his daughter  
to the King of Egypt to become his wife. But she will not be able to influence him very  
.long, and that woman, her husband, her child, and her servants will all be killed

Soon after that, one of her relatives will become King of Egypt. His army will attack<sup>7</sup>  
.the army of Syria. They will enter the fortress of the soldiers of Syria and defeat them  
They will return to Egypt, taking the statues of the gods of the people of Syria and many<sup>8</sup>  
items made of silver and gold that had been dedicated to those gods. Then for several years

Then the army of the King of<sup>9</sup> .his army will not attack the army of the King of Syria  
However, the sons of the<sup>10</sup> .Syria will invade Egypt, but they will soon return to Syria  
King of Syria will prepare to start a war, and they will gather a large army. That army will  
march south and spread all over Israel like a huge flood. They will attack a strong fortress  
.in the south of Israel

Then the King of Egypt, having become very angry, will march with his army north<sup>11</sup>  
from Egypt and fight against the army of Syria. The King of Syria will gather together a  
The King of Egypt<sup>12</sup> .very large army, but the army of the King of Egypt will defeat them  
will become very proud because of his army having killed a very large number of soldiers  
The King of Syria will again<sup>13</sup> .from Syria, but his army will not continue to win battles  
gather together an army that will be bigger than the one that he had before. After a few

years, he will again march south on their way to Egypt with a large army and a lot of equipment for fighting battles

At that time, many people in Egypt will rebel against their king. In order to fulfill a<sup>14</sup> vision that one of their leaders had seen, some violent people from your country of Israel will also rebel in order to not be controlled by Egypt anymore, but they will be defeated. Then the King of Syria will come south with his army and pile up dirt against the walls<sup>15</sup>

of a city that is well protected, and they will break through those walls and they will capture the city. The soldiers from Egypt who have come to defend that city, even the best

So the King of Syria will do<sup>16</sup> troops, will not be strong enough to continue to fight whatever he wants to, and no one will be able to oppose him. His army will occupy the

Then he will decide to march south<sup>17</sup> glorious land of Israel and completely control it with all the soldiers from his kingdom. He will make an alliance with the King of Egypt and in order that his daughter will help him to destroy the kingdom of Egypt, he will give her to the King of Egypt to become his wife. But that plan will fail. After that, the army<sup>18</sup> of the King of Syria will attack the regions that are close to the Mediterranean Sea, and his army will conquer many of them. But the army of a leader from another country will defeat the army of Syria and will stop their king from continuing to be proud. He will do to the

Then the King of Syria will<sup>19</sup> King of Syria what he deserved for being very insolent return to the fortresses in his own land. But he will be defeated, and he will die there

Then another man will succeed him. That king will send one of his officers to<sup>20</sup> oppress the people in Jerusalem by forcing them to pay big taxes, in order to get more money for his kingdom. But after a few years that king will die, but he will not die as a result of people being angry with him or in a battle

The next King of Syria will be an evil man who, because he will not be the son of<sup>21</sup> the previous king, he will not have the right to become king. But he will come when people

When his army<sup>22</sup> do not expect it, and he will become king by tricking the people advances, they will attack any armies that oppose him and destroy those armies. They will

By making treaties with the rulers of other nations, he<sup>23</sup> also kill God's Supreme Priest will deceive them, and he will become very powerful, even though he rules a nation that

Suddenly his army will invade a province that is very<sup>24</sup> does not have a lot of people wealthy, and they will do things that none of his ancestors did: they will capture in battles all kinds of possessions from the people whom they defeat. Then the king will divide those possessions among his friends. He will also plan for his army to attack fortresses in Egypt but only for a short time

He will courageously conscript a large and powerful army to attack the army of the<sup>25</sup> king of Egypt. But the King of Egypt will prepare to fight against them with a huge and

powerful army. However, someone will deceive him, with the result that his plan will not  
Even his most trusted advisors will plan to get rid of him. His army will<sup>26</sup> .be successful  
Then the two kings who both want<sup>27</sup> .be defeated and many of his soldiers will be killed  
to rule that area will sit down at the same table and eat together, but they will both lie to  
each other. Neither of them will get what he wants, because it will not be the time that God  
,The army of the King of Syria will return to Syria<sup>28</sup> .has determined for them to rule  
taking with them all the valuable things that they had captured. The king will be determined  
,to get rid of the Supreme Priest of the Jewish people. He will do what he wants to in Israel  
.and then return to his own country

When it is the time that God has decided, the King of Syria and his army will invade<sup>29</sup>  
The army of<sup>30</sup> .Egypt again. But this time he will not be successful like he was before  
Rome will come in ships and oppose his army and cause him to be afraid. So he will be  
very angry, and with his army he will return to Israel and try to get rid of the Supreme  
Priest. The King of Syria will do what those who have abandoned the Jewish religion  
Some of his soldiers will do things to defile the temple. They<sup>31</sup> .advise him to do for them  
will prevent the priests from offering sacrifices each day, and they will put in the temple  
.something that is disgusting

By deceiving those who have abandoned the Jewish religion, he will win them to<sup>32</sup>  
.become his supporters. But those who are devoted to their God will firmly oppose them  
And wise Israeli leaders will teach others also. But for a while, some of those wise<sup>33</sup>  
,leaders will be killed in battles, and some will be burned to death, and some will be robbed  
.and some will be put in prison

,While God's people are being persecuted, some people will help them a little bit<sup>34</sup>  
Some of those wise<sup>35</sup> .although some of those who help them will not do it sincerely  
leaders will be killed, but as a result the others will be purified. This suffering will continue  
.until it is the time that God has appointed for it to end

The King of Syria will do what he wants to. He will boast and say that he is greater<sup>36</sup>  
than any god. He will even revile the Supreme God. He will be able to do what he wants  
The<sup>37</sup> .until the time that God punishes him. God will accomplish what he has planned  
King of Syria will ignore the god that his ancestors worshiped and the god that many  
women love. He will ignore every god, because he will think that he is greater than all of  
But he will honor the god who people think protects fortresses. That is a god<sup>38</sup> .them  
whom his ancestors did not honor. And he will give gold, silver, jewels and other expensive  
He will ask that god from another country to help him to defend his<sup>39</sup> .gifts to that god  
fortresses. He will greatly honor those who allow him to be their ruler. He will appoint

some of them to important positions in the government; and to reward them, he will give  
.them some land

But when his time to rule is almost ended, the army of the King of Egypt will attack<sup>40</sup>  
his army. The army of the King of Syria will fight against them furiously. His soldiers will  
be driving chariots and riding on horses and traveling in many ships. His army will invade  
They will invade the<sup>41</sup> .many countries and spread all over those countries like a flood  
glorious land of Israel and kill tens of thousands of people. But the people of the Edom  
people-group and the people of the Moab people-group and the people of the Ammon  
When the army of Syria invades other<sup>42</sup> .people-group who are still alive will escape  
The army of Syria will take away<sup>43</sup> .countries, even the people of Egypt will be defeated  
from Egypt gold, silver, and other valuable items. The people of Libya and Ethiopia will  
But he will become very frightened when he<sup>44</sup> .allow the King of Syria to rule over them  
hears reports about what is happening in the east and in the north. So he will become very  
The King of<sup>45</sup> .angry, and send his army to fight furiously and kill many of their enemies  
Syria will set up his royal tents in the area between the Mediterranean Sea and the hill in  
Jerusalem on which the temple exists. But he will be killed there, because there will be no  
”.one to help him

The angel also said to me, “After those things happen, the great angel<sup>1</sup> 12  
Michael, who protects the Israeli people, will appear. Then there will be a time when there  
will be great troubles. The troubles will be greater than any troubles since the nations  
began. At that time, all of your people whose names have been written in the book  
Many of those who<sup>2</sup> .containing the names of those who have eternal life will be saved  
have died will become alive again. Some of them will live eternally with God, and some  
Those who were wise will shine as brightly as the sky is<sup>3</sup> .will be eternally shamed in hell  
bright when the sun is shining. And those who have shown to others the way to live  
But as for you, Daniel, close up the scroll in<sup>4</sup> .righteously will shine forever, like the stars  
which you are writing, and seal it in order that no one can open it until the end of the world  
is near. Before that happens, many people will travel rapidly here and there, learning more  
”.and more about many things

When that angel finished speaking, I, Daniel, looked up, and suddenly I saw two<sup>5</sup>  
other angels. One was standing on the side of the river where I was, and one was standing  
,One of them called to the other one, who was wearing linen clothes<sup>6</sup> .on the other side  
who was now standing further up the river, “How long will it be until these amazing events  
”?end

The one wearing the linen clothes and standing further up the river raised his hands<sup>7</sup> toward the sky and solemnly promised to the one who lives forever, “It will be three and a half years, and when God’s holy people and their strength are no longer being shattered to  
”.pieces, then all these things are finished

I heard what he said, but I did not understand it. So I asked, “Sir, what will be the<sup>8</sup>  
”?result when these things end

He replied, “Daniel, you must leave now. I cannot answer your question because<sup>9</sup>  
Many people<sup>10</sup> .what it means must be kept secret until the time when everything ends  
will thoroughly purify their inner beings. But wicked people will not understand these  
things. They will continue to be wicked. Only those who are wise will understand these  
But I can tell you that before everything ends, there will be one thousand two<sup>11</sup> .things  
hundred ninety days, from the time that people are prevented from offering sacrifices each  
God will be<sup>12</sup> .day, that is, from the time that the abominable thing is put in the temple  
pleased with those who remain faithful until the end of one thousand three hundred thirty  
.five days

.So now I say to you, continue to faithfully trust God until your life on earth ends<sup>13</sup>  
”.You will die, but when everything ends, you will receive your reward from God