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Daniel

Daniel 1

Daniel 1:1

ULT

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

UST

¹ After King Jehoiakim had been ruling in Judah for almost three years, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem with his army and surrounded the city.

When did Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon come to Jerusalem to surround the city and cut off all supplies to it?

Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

Daniel 1:2

ULT

² The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels from the house of God. He brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

UST

² After two years, the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers to capture Jehoiakim, who 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.

Who gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim king of Judah?

The Lord gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim.

Daniel 1:3**ULT**

³ Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,

UST

³ Then Nebuchadnezzar commanded Ashpenaz, the chief official in his palace, to bring to him some of the Israeli men whom they had brought to Babylon. He wanted men who belonged to important families, including the family of the king of Judah.

What did the king tell Ashpenaz to do?

The king told Ashpenaz to bring in some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility.

Daniel 1:4**ULT**

⁴ youths in whom was no blemish, who were good-looking, skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge and understanding learning, and who were competent to stand in the palace of the king, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

UST

⁴ King 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 Babylonian language.

What kind of young men did the king want to be brought in to Babylon?

The king wanted young men without blemish, attractive in appearance, skillful in all wisdom, filled with knowledge and understanding, qualified to serve in the king's palace.

Daniel 1:5**ULT**

⁵ The king assigned them a daily portion of the choice food of the king and of the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and at the end of which they were to stand before the king.

UST

⁵ The king commanded his servants, "Give them the same kind of food and wine that is given to me. Train them for three years. Then they will become my servants."

What were these young men to be fed?

They were to be fed a daily portion of the king's delicacies and some of the king's wine.

Daniel 1:6**ULT**

⁶ Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, some of the sons of Judah.

UST

⁶ Among the young Israeli men who were chosen were me, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, who all came from Judah.

What was the name of some of these young men from Israel and what names were they given by the chief official? (vv6-7)

The names of some of these young men and the names given to them by the chief official were: Daniel called Belteshazzar, Hananiah called Shadrach, Mishael called Meshach, and Azariah called Abednego.

Daniel 1:7**ULT**

⁷ The chief of the officials gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

UST

⁷ But Ashpenaz gave us Babylonian names. The 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:8**ULT**

⁸ But Daniel resolved in his heart that he would not defile himself with the choice food of the king or with the wine that he drank. So he asked permission from the chief of the officials that he might not defile himself.

UST

⁸ But I decided that I would not eat the kind of food that the king ate, or drink the wine that he drank, because that would make me ritually defiled. So I asked Ashpenaz to allow me to eat and drink other things.

What did Daniel intend in his mind?

Daniel intended in his mind that he would not pollute himself with the king's delicacies or the king's wine.

Daniel 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Now God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the officials.

UST

⁹ God had caused Ashpenaz to greatly respect me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The chief of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking worse than the youths who are of your own age? Then you would endanger my head with the king."

UST

¹⁰ but 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!"

How did the chief official respond when Daniel asked him for permission not to pollute himself with the king's delicacies and wine?

The chief official told Daniel that he was afraid of the king, that the king had commanded what food and drink Daniel should have and that the king might have the chief official's head if the king saw Daniel looking worse than the other young men of Daniel's own age.

Daniel 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the officials had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

UST

¹¹ Ashpenaz had ordered a guard to watch me, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

What did Daniel ask of the steward who had been assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah? (vv11-13)

Daniel asked the steward to test them for ten days by giving them only vegetables to eat and water to drink and at the end of ten days to compare them with the other young men who ate the king's delicacies and then to treat them based of what he saw.

Daniel 1:12**ULT**

¹² "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

UST

¹² So I said to this guard: " Please test us for ten days. During that time give us only vegetables to eat and water to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who eat the choice food of the king, and deal with your servants according to what you see."

UST

¹³ After ten days, see how we look, and see how the other young men look, the ones who are eating the kind of food that the king eats. Then you can decide about what food you will let us eat."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter, and he tested them for ten days.

UST

¹⁴ The guard agreed to do what I suggested, and he tested us like that for ten days.

After the steward agreed to the test, what did he observe after ten days when he compared Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah to the other young men? (vv14-15)

The steward observed that the appearance of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah was more healthy, and that they were better nourished than all the young men who ate the king's delicacies.

Daniel 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ At the end of ten days their appearance appeared better, and they were fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the choice food of the king.

UST

¹⁵ After ten days, he saw that I and my three friends looked to be more healthy than the young men who had been eating the food that the king wanted them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ So the steward took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables.

UST

¹⁶ So after that, the guard gave us only vegetables to eat; he did not give us the king's special food and wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and insight in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

UST

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

What did God give to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

God gave them knowledge and insight in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel could understand all kinds of visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ At the end of the time, when the king had commanded to bring them in, the chief of the officials brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

UST

¹⁸ When those three years that the king had set for training us young men from Judah were ended, Ashpenaz brought all of us to King Nebuchadnezzar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king.

UST

¹⁹ The king talked with each of us, and realized that none of the other young men were as capable as I, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were. So we four became the king's special advisors.

What did the king find when he spoke with the whole group of young men? (vv19-20)

The king found that there were none to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. In every question of wisdom and knowledge that the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and those who claimed to speak with the dead, who were in his entire kingdom.

Daniel 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters, who were in his entire kingdom.

UST

²⁰ In all 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:21

ULT

²¹ And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

UST

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

How long was Daniel in Babylon?

He was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2

Daniel 2:1

ULT

¹ In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. His spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

UST

¹ One night during the second year that Nebuchadnezzar ruled, he had a dream. The dream worried him very much; and as a result he could not sleep.

When did Nebuchadnezzar have dreams that troubled his mind so that he could not sleep?

This occurred in the second year of his reign.

Daniel 2:2

ULT

² Then the king gave orders to summon the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

UST

² The next morning 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 they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood there in front of the king,

Why did the king summon the magicians, the sorcerers, the wise men and those who claimed to speak for the dead?

The king wanted these men to tell him about his dreams.

Daniel 2:3

ULT

³ The king said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."

UST

³ he said, "I had a dream last night that worries me. Tell me what I dreamed, because I want to know what the dream means."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O King, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will show the interpretation."

UST

⁴ The men who studied the stars replied to the king, speaking in the Aramaic language. 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:5**ULT**

⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm. If you do not make known the dream to me and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses made a rubbish heap.

UST

⁵ But the king replied to them, "I have firmly decided that you must tell me the dream, and also tell me what it means. If you do not do that, I will order my soldiers to cut you into pieces, and to cause your houses to become only piles of stones!"

What did the king specifically want the wise men to do?

The king wanted the wise men to reveal the dream to him and also to interpret the dream for the king.

What did the king say would happen to the wise men if they failed to tell the king his dream and interpret it for him?

The king said if they failed, the bodies of the wise men would be torn apart and their houses made into hills of dung.

Daniel 2:6**ULT**

⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive gifts from me, a reward, and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."

UST

⁶ But if you tell me what I 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!"

What did the king say he would do for the person or people who revealed the dream to him and interpreted it?

The king said he would give that person or persons gifts, a reward, and great honor.

Daniel 2:7**ULT**

⁷ They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

UST

⁷ But again they replied, "Tell us what you dreamed, and then we will tell you what it means."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:8**ULT**

⁸ The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are trying to gain time because you see that the word from me is firm.

UST

⁸ The king replied, "I know that you are just trying to get more time, because you know that I will do to you what I said that I would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:9**ULT**

⁹ that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one sentence for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the times change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can show me its interpretation."

UST

⁹ If you do not tell me what I dreamed, 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who is able to reveal the matter for the king, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing from any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.

UST

¹⁰ The men who studied the stars replied to the king, "There is no one on the earth who 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 like that!

Who did the wise men say could do what the king asked concerning his dream? (vv10-11)

The wise men said that there was not a man on earth who could meet the king's demand, only the gods could do that.

Daniel 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ The thing that the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

UST

¹¹ What you are asking us to do is impossible. Only the gods can tell you what you dreamed, and they do not live among us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:12**ULT**

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and he gave an order to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

UST

¹² The king was very angry when he heard that, so he commanded his soldiers that they execute all such wise men in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:13**ULT**

¹³ So the decree went out that the wise men were to be killed; and they searched for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

UST

¹³ And because of what the king commanded, they sent some men to find me and my three friends, to execute us also.

After the wise men's reply to Nebuchadnezzar, what did the king decree?

The king decreed that all those known for their wisdom were to be put to death.

Daniel 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch the captain of the guard of the king, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

UST

¹⁴ Arioch, the commander of the king's guards, came to kill us. But I spoke to him very wisely and tactfully.

Who was Arioch?

He was the commander of the king's bodyguard, the one the king appointed to kill everyone who was wise in Babylon.

How did Daniel interact with Arioch, when he came to Daniel? (vv14-15)

Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch. He asked Arioch why the king's decree was so urgent.

Daniel 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He answered and said to Arioch, the commander of the king, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.

UST

¹⁵ I asked Arioch, "Why has the king made such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told me all that had happened because of the king's dream.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time so that he might show the interpretation to the king.

UST

¹⁶ I 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.

What did Daniel request after speaking with Arioch?

Daniel went in and requested an appointment with the king so he could present the interpretation to the king.

Daniel 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

UST

¹⁷ Then I went home, and I told my friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ so that they might seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

UST

¹⁸ I urged them to ask God, who lives in heaven, to act mercifully toward us by telling us the secret meaning of what the king dreamed, in order that we and the other wise men in Babylon would not be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven

UST

¹⁹ And that night God gave to me a vision in which he revealed the secret. Then I praised God,

What did Daniel do after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel praised the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever; for wisdom and power belong to him.

UST

²⁰ saying, "We should praise God forever, because only he truly is wise and powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:21**ULT**

²¹ He changes the times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

UST

²¹ He determines what events will happen through the years. 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:22**ULT**

²² He reveals the deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

UST

²² He reveals things that are very mysterious; he is surrounded by light but he knows things that are hidden as though they were in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:23**ULT**

²³ O God of my fathers, I thank you and praise you for the wisdom and power you have given to me. Now you have made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the matter that concerns the king."

UST

²³ God, whom my ancestors worshiped, 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."

For what did Daniel thank the God of his ancestors?

Daniel thanked the God of his ancestors for the wisdom and power the God of his ancestors had given him.

Daniel 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him, "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

UST

²⁴ Then I went to Arioch, the man whom the king had appointed to execute the wise 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."

Who did Daniel go see after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel went in to see Arioch.

What did Daniel tell Arioch?

Daniel told Arioch not to kill the wise men in Babylon. Daniel told Arioch to escort him before the king so Daniel could tell the king the dream's meaning.

Daniel 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel in haste before the king and said thus to him, "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation."

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:26**ULT**

²⁶ The king said to Daniel (whose name was Belteshazzar), "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I saw and its interpretation?"

UST

²⁶ The king said to me, whose new name was Belteshazzar, "Is this true? Can you tell me what I dreamed and what it means?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:27**ULT**

²⁷ Daniel answered before the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers are able to show to the king the mystery that the king has asked.

UST

²⁷ I replied, "There are no wise men or fortune-tellers or men who work magic or men who work sorcery who can tell such things to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:28**ULT**

²⁸ However, there is a God in heaven, who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions of your head while on your bed.

UST

²⁸ But there is a God in heaven who 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.

When Daniel was brought in to the king, who did Daniel say could reveal the mystery the king had demanded?

Daniel said there is a God who lives in the heavens, who reveals secrets.

In general what did Daniel say the king's dream was about?

Daniel said the dream was about what would happen in the days to come.

Daniel 2:29**ULT**

²⁹ As for you, O king, your thoughts on your bed turned to what would happen after this, and he who reveals mysteries has made known to you what is going to happen.

UST

²⁹ O King, while you were sleeping, you dreamed about events that will happen in the future. The one who reveals mysteries has shown you what is going to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:30**ULT**

³⁰ As for me, this mystery was revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and so that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

UST

³⁰ And it is 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.

Why was the dream revealed to Daniel?

The dream was revealed to Daniel so that the king might understand the meaning and know the thoughts deep within himself.

Daniel 2:31**ULT**

³¹ You, O King, were looking and behold, a great statue. This statue, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you. Its appearance was terrifying.

UST

³¹ O King, in your vision you saw in front of you a huge and terrifying statue of a man. It was shining very brightly, and it was frightening and awesome.

What did the statue that the king saw in his dream look like? (vv31-32)

The statue was large and had a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, its middle and thighs were bronze, its legs of iron and its feet part iron and part clay.

Daniel 2:32**ULT**

³² The head of this statue was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and its thighs of bronze,

UST

³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold. Its chest and arms were made of silver. Its belly and thighs were made of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:33**ULT**

³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

UST

³³ Its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a mixture of clay and iron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:34**ULT**

³⁴ You continued looking until a stone was cut out, although not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and it crushed them.

UST

³⁴ As you watched, something cut a rock from a mountain, but it was not a human who cut it. The rock tumbled down and smashed the feet of the statue, feet that were made of iron and clay. It smashed them to bits.

What happened to the statue the king saw in his dream? (vv34-35)

The king saw a stone cut, but not by human hands. The stone struck the statue's feet and the whole statue shattered into pieces which the wind carried away.

Daniel 2:35**ULT**

³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried them away so that no trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

UST

³⁵ Then the rest of the statue collapsed into a big heap of 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.

What happened to the stone that struck the statue?

The stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:36**ULT**

³⁶ This was the dream. Now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

UST

³⁶ That was what you dreamed. Now I will tell you what it means.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:37**ULT**

³⁷ You, O king, are the king of kings to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory;

UST

³⁷ You are a king who rules over many other kings. The God who rules in heaven has caused you to rule over them and has given you great power and has honored you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:38**ULT**

³⁸ and wherever the sons of men dwell, the animals of the fields and the birds of the heavens, he has given them into your hand, and he has made you rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

UST

³⁸ He has caused you to be the ruler over all people, and even the animals and birds are controlled by you. So the head of the statue represents you.

Who was the head of gold?

King Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold.

Daniel 2:39**ULT**

³⁹ After you will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

UST

³⁹ But after your kingdom ends, there will be another great kingdom, but it will not be 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 statue represent that kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ Then there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron crushes and shatters all things. And like iron that breaks into pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

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⁴⁰ After that kingdom ends, there will be a fourth great kingdom. The iron parts of the statue represent that kingdom. The army of that kingdom will smash the previous kingdoms, just like iron smashes everything that it strikes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:41**ULT**

⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of the clay of a potter and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; some of the firmness of iron will be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.

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⁴¹ The feet and toes of the statue that you saw, that were a mixture of iron and clay, indicate that the kingdom they represent will later be divided.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:42**ULT**

⁴² As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

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⁴² Some parts of that kingdom will be as strong as iron, but some parts will not remain together, just as iron and clay do not stick together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:43**ULT**

⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

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⁴³ The mixture of iron and clay in the statue shows also that the rulers of those 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will the kingdom be left to another people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever.

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⁴⁴ But while those kings are ruling, God who rules in heaven will establish a kingdom that will never end. No one will ever defeat its king. He will completely destroy all those kingdoms, but his kingdom will remain forever.

What will the God of heaven do in the days of the kingdom that is partly iron and partly clay?

In those days the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered by another people.

Daniel 2:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ Just as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain by no human hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen after this. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

UST

⁴⁵ That is the meaning of the rock that 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:46**ULT**

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and paid homage to Daniel, and he commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him.

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

What did Nebuchadnezzar command to be done for Daniel after he finished telling the king the dream and its interpretation?

The king commanded an offering to be made and incense be offered up to Daniel.

Daniel 2:47**ULT**

⁴⁷ The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings, and the one who reveals mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

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⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Your God has enabled you to tell me the meaning of this 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."

What did Nebuchadnezzar say concerning Daniel's God?

Nebuchadnezzar said Daniel's God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings and the one who reveals secrets.

Daniel 2:48**ULT**

⁴⁸ Then the king gave Daniel high honors and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

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⁴⁸ Then the king gave many gifts to me, and he also appointed me to rule over the entire province of Babylon, and also to be the boss of all his wise men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:49**ULT**

⁴⁹ Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the administration of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the court of the king.

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⁴⁹ I asked the king 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.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after Daniel made a request of the king?

The king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be administrators over the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3

Daniel 3:1

ULT

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up on the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

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¹ King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his men to make a gold statue. It was 27 meters high and 2.7 meters wide. They set it up in the Dura plain in Babylon province.

What were the dimensions of the gold statue that king Nebuchadnezzar made and set up on the Plain of Dura?

The statue was sixty cubits tall and six cubits wide.

Daniel 3:2

ULT

² Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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² Then he 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 come to the dedication of the statue that he had set up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:3

ULT

³ Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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³ When they all arrived, they all stood in front of that statue.

Who came to the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had made?

The provincial governors, regional governors, and local governors, together with the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the high officials of the provinces came to the dedication.

Daniel 3:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

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⁴ Then an announcer shouted, "You people who come from many countries and many people-groups and who speak many languages, listen to what the king has commanded!"

What did Nebuchadnezzar want those in attendance at the dedication to do? (vv4-5)

He wanted those in attendance to fall down and prostrate themselves to the golden statue when they heard the sound of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music.

Daniel 3:5**ULT**

⁵ that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

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⁵ When you hear the sounds made by the trumpets, the flutes, the guitars, the harps, the wind instruments, and all the other musical instruments, bow down to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:6**ULT**

⁶ But whoever does not fall down and worship, at that very moment, will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire."

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⁶ Anyone who refuses to do that will be thrown into a blazing furnace!"

What did the king command to happen to those who didn't fall down and worship the statue when they heard all the instruments and the music?

The king said that those who wouldn't fall down and worship, at that very moment, would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:8**ULT**

⁸ Therefore at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought malicious accusations against the Jews.

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⁸ But some of the men who studied the stars went to the king.

Who brought accusations against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Certain Chaldeans came and brought accusations against them.

Daniel 3:9**ULT**

⁹ They responded and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever!"

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⁹ They reported to him, "We hope that you, O king, will live a long time!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, must fall down and worship the golden image.

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¹⁰ You decreed that all the officials whom you had gathered should bow down and worship the gold statue when they heard the sounds made by the musical instruments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ But whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

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¹¹ You also decreed that those who refused to do that would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:12**ULT**

¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you. They do not serve your gods, or worship the golden image that you have set up."

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¹² Sir, there are some men from Judah whom 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."

Who didn't fall down and worship the statue?

Certain Jews, their names being Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, would not fall down and worship the statue.

Daniel 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.

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¹³ Nebuchadnezzar became very angry. He commanded his soldiers to bring in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When they were brought to him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?"

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¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true that you three men have refused to worship my gods or the gold statue that I have set up?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now if you are ready—at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music—to fall down and worship the image that I have made, all will be well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. Who is the god who will rescue you out of my hands?"

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¹⁵ If that is true, I will give you one more chance. If you bow 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?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

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¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend our actions to you in this matter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he will rescue us out of your hand, O king.

UST

¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we worship is able to rescue us. Sir, he will rescue us from your power.

What was the response of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to the king when the king repeated the command to fall down and worship the statue, and stated the consequences if they didn't follow the king's command? (vv17-18)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego responded that their God could and would keep them safe and rescue them from the blazing furnace. But even if not, they would not worship Nebuchadnezzar's gods or prostrate themselves to the statue.

Daniel 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you set up."

UST

¹⁸ But 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was normally heated.

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¹⁹ Nebuchadnezzar was extremely angry. His being very angry even showed on his face. He commanded that the furnace should be made seven times as hot as usual.

What did Nebuchadnezzar command concerning Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (vv19-20)

Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than normal, and for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to be tied up and thrown into the furnace.

Daniel 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

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²⁰ After that was done, he commanded some of the very strong men of his army to tie Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and then to throw them into the blazing furnace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:21**ULT**

²¹ Then these men were tied up in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

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²¹ So the soldiers tied them up and threw them into the furnace, while they were wearing their clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:22**ULT**

²² For this reason, because the command of the king was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

UST

²² Because the fire had been made very hot because the king had very strongly ordered them to do that, the flames leaped out and killed the soldiers as they were throwing the men into the fire!

What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and the men who took them to put them in the furnace? (vv22-23)

The men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were killed by the very hot flames from the furnace and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fell into the furnace.

Daniel 3:23**ULT**

²³ But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

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²³ So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the roaring flames.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and stood up in haste. He said to his counselors, "Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "Certainly, O king."

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²⁴ But as Nebuchadnezzar was watching, he was amazed. He suddenly jumped up and 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:25**ULT**

²⁵ He answered and said, "Look! I see four men unbound walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt. The appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

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

What caused Nebuchadnezzar to be amazed and stand up quickly?

Nebuchadnezzar was amazed because he saw four men, not tied up, walking around in the fire and they weren't hurt and the brilliance of the fourth man was like a son of the gods.

Daniel 3:26**ULT**

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the midst of the fire.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:27**ULT**

²⁷ The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the counselors of the king gathered together and saw that the fire had no power over the bodies of these men; the hair of their heads was not singed; their cloaks were not harmed; and the smell of fire had not come on them.

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²⁷ Then all the king's officials crowded around them. They saw that the flames had not 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!

What did those present observe about Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego after they came out of the fire.

Those present observed that the fire had not hurt their bodies; the hair on their heads was not singed; their robes were not harmed; and there was no smell of fire on them.

Daniel 3:28**ULT**

²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the command of the king, and gave up their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their God.

UST

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and 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 their God, and were willing to die instead of worshiping any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:29**ULT**

²⁹ Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb, and their houses be made into rubbish heaps because there is no other god who is able to save like this."

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²⁹ Therefore, I am 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!'"

What decree did Nebuchadnezzar issue after the event of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the blazing furnace?

Nebuchadnezzar decreed that any people, nation or language that spoke anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would be torn apart, their houses would be made into hills of sewage because there was no other god who was able to save like that.

Daniel 3:30**ULT**

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

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

What did the king do for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

Nebuchadnezzar, the king, promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4

Daniel 4:1

ULT

¹ King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live in all the earth: May your peace abound!

UST

¹ Several years after Nebuchadnezzar started to rule, he sent this message to the 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!"

To whom did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to all peoples, nations, and languages who lived on the earth.

Daniel 4:2

ULT

² It has seemed good to me to make known the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

UST

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

Why did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to tell everyone about the signs and wonders the Most High had done for him.

Daniel 4:3

ULT

³ How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation."

UST

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

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the Most High?

Nebuchadnezzar said about the Most High, "How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion lasts from generation to generation."

Daniel 4:4**ULT**

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace.

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⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace. I was living luxuriantly, and everything was going very well for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:5**ULT**

⁵ I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay on my bed, the fantasies and the visions of my head alarmed me.

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⁵ But one night I had a dream that caused me to be very afraid. I saw visions that terrified me as I lay on my bed.

What made Nebuchadnezzar afraid?

A dream Nebuchadnezzar made him afraid.

Daniel 4:6**ULT**

⁶ So I gave a decree to bring before me all the wise men of Babylon that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

UST

⁶ So I summoned all the wise men in Babylon, in order that they would come and tell me what it meant.

Why did Nebuchadnezzar issue a decree to bring before him all the wise men of Babylon?

Nebuchadnezzar wanted the wise men of Babylon to come and interpret his dream for him.

Daniel 4:7**ULT**

⁷ Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretation.

UST

⁷ All the men who worked magic, the fortune-tellers, the men who worked sorcery, and men who studied the stars came to me. I told them what I had dreamed, but they could not tell me what it meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:8**ULT**

⁸ But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and I told him the dream.

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⁸ Finally, Daniel came to me, and I decided to tell him what I 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.

What was Daniel's Babylonian name and what was Daniel's position in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom? (vv8-9)

Daniel's Babylonian name was Belteshazzar and he held the position of "chief of the magicians".

Who did Nebuchadnezzar believe was able to tell the interpretation of his dream? (vv8-9)

Nebuchadnezzar believed Daniel could interpret his dream for him, for Nebuchadnezzar said of Daniel, "...the spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery is too difficult for you."

Daniel 4:9**ULT**

⁹ "O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation.

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⁹ So, using the name that had been given to him, I said, 'Belteshazzar, you are the 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, tell me what my dream means.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ These were the visions of my head as I lay upon my bed: I was looking, and behold, a tree in the middle of the earth, and its height was great.

UST

¹⁰ This is what I dreamed while I was lying on my bed: I saw a large tree growing in the middle of the land.

What did Nebuchadnezzar see in the first part of his dream? (vv10-12)

Nebuchadnezzar saw a great, strong, beautiful tree that reached to the heavens. It provided shade for animals and an abode for the birds. It had abundant fruit that fed all living creatures.

Daniel 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ The tree grew and became strong. Its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth.

UST

¹¹ The tree was very strong and had grown very tall; it seemed that its top reached up to the sky, with the result that everyone in the world could see it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:12**ULT**

¹² Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit was abundant, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches. All flesh was fed from it.

UST

¹² It had beautiful leaves, and it had produced a lot 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:13**ULT**

¹³ I was looking in the visions of my head as I lay on my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.

UST

¹³ While I was still lying on my bed, I saw a vision. In the vision I saw a holy angel coming down from heaven.

What did the holy messenger from the heavens say to do to the tree? (vv13-14)

The holy messenger said to chop down the tree, cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.

Daniel 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He shouted aloud and said thus, 'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches.

UST

¹⁴ The angel shouted, "Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches! Strip off all of its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Chase away the animals that are lying in the shade of the tree, and the birds that are in its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth.

UST

¹⁵ 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."

What was to be done with the tree stump? (vv15-16)

The stump was to be left in the earth bound with a band of iron and brass. Let it be wet with dew. Let it live with the animals. Let his mind be that of an animal and not of a man for seven years.

Daniel 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Let his mind be changed from that of a man, and let the mind of an animal be given to him, and let seven periods of time pass over him.

UST

¹⁶ That tree seems to have represented a man, because the angel also said, "Cause 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he wishes and sets over it the lowliest of men.'

UST

¹⁷ 'The holy ones in heaven have issued a decree. They want everyone to know that 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.'

What was the purpose of doing this to the tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

The purpose was so that those who are alive would know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of peoples and gives them to anyone he wishes to place over them.

Daniel 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw this dream. Now you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation. But you are able, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

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¹⁸ Belteshazzar, that is what I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw in my dream. Now tell 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or the interpretation alarm you." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies.

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¹⁹ I, whose new name was Belteshazzar, did not say anything for some time, 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, and whose top reached to heaven and was visible to all the earth

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²⁰ In your dream you saw a very strong and very tall tree. It seemed to reach to the sky, with the result that everyone in the world could see it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:21**ULT**

²¹ and whose leaves were beautiful, and whose fruit was abundant, and in which was food for all, under which the animals of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived—

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²¹ It had beautiful leaves and it had produced a lot of fruit for people to eat. Wild animals rested in the shade of that tree, and birds built nests in its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:22**ULT**

²² it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.

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²² Your majesty, that tree represents you! You have become very powerful. It is as though your greatness reaches up to the sky, and you rule people all over the world.

Who did Daniel say the tree was in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Daniel said the tree was Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:23**ULT**

²³ In that the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the animals of the fields until seven periods of time pass over him,'

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²³ Then you saw a holy angel coming down from heaven. That angel said, 'Cut 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.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:24**ULT**

²⁴ this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king:

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²⁴ Your Majesty, that is what your dream means. That is what the Supreme God has declared will happen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:25**ULT**

²⁵ that you will be driven from among men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the fields. You will be made to eat grass like an ox, and you will be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and he gives it to whom he wishes.

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²⁵ Your advisors will force you to live away from other 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 kingdoms of the world, and he appoints the ones whom he chooses to rule them.

What was to happen to Nebuchadnezzar's until he acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and that he gives them to anyone he wishes?

Nebuchadnezzar was to be driven from among men. He would live in the fields with the wild animals and eat grass like an ox and be wet with the dew from the heavens.

How long was it to be before Nebuchadnezzar would acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes?

Seven years were to pass until Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes.

Daniel 4:26**ULT**

²⁶ And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you from the time you recognize that Heaven rules.

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²⁶ But the stump of the tree and its roots were left in the ground. That means that you will rule your kingdom again when you learn that it is God who is really the ruler.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:27**ULT**

²⁷ Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that perhaps there may be a prolonging of your prosperity."

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²⁷ Your 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."

After interpreting the dream for Nebuchadnezzar what was Daniel's advice for him?

Daniel advised Nebuchadnezzar to stop sinning and to do what was right. He also told Nebuchadnezzar to turn away from his sins by showing mercy to the oppressed.

Daniel 4:28**ULT**

²⁸ All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

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

How long was it before the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream began to happen?

All these things began to happen twelve months after his dream.

Daniel 4:29**ULT**

²⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.

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²⁹ Twelve months later, one day he was walking on the flat roof of his palace in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:30**ULT**

³⁰ The king answered and said, "Is this not the great Babylon, which I have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

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³⁰ As he looked out over the city, he said to those around him, "I have built 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:31**ULT**

³¹ While the words were still in the mouth of the king, a voice fell from heaven: "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: the kingdom has departed from you.

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³¹ While he was still saying this, God spoke from heaven and said, "King Nebuchadnezzar, this is what I am saying to you: You are no longer the ruler of this kingdom!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:32**ULT**

³² You will be driven away from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field. You will be made to eat grass like an ox. Seven periods of time will pass over you until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and he gives it to whom he wishes."

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³² Your advisors will force you to live away from other people. You will live 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:33**ULT**

³³ Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven away from men. He ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown long like the feathers of eagles, and his nails like the claws of birds.

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³³ Immediately what God predicted happened. Nebuchadnezzar became insane, so 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:34**ULT**

³⁴ At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me. "I blessed the Most High, and I praised and glorified him who lives forever. For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

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³⁴ After those seven years ended, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up toward heaven, 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.

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the seven years?

Nebuchadnezzar's sanity was restored to him?

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after his sanity was restored to him?

Nebuchadnezzar praised and honored the Most High who rules forever.

Daniel 4:35**ULT**

³⁵ All the inhabitants of the earth are regarded as nothing; he does according to his will among the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

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³⁵ All the people in the world are very insignificant; we are not like him. 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?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:36**ULT**

³⁶ At that time my reason returned to me, and my majesty and my splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My counselors and my noblemen sought me, and I was reestablished in my kingdom, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

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³⁶ When I was able to think correctly again, I was honored again, and I was able to 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.

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom?

The kingdom was given back to him.

Daniel 4:37**ULT**

³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol, and honor the King of heaven, for all his deeds are right, and his ways are just; and he is able to humble those who walk in pride.

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³⁷ Now I, 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.

What was Nebuchadnezzar's final statement concerning the King of heaven?

His statement was: "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol, and honor the King of heaven, for all his deeds are right, and his ways are just. He can humble those who walk in their own pride."

Daniel 5

Daniel 5:1

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¹ King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his noblemen, and he drank wine in front of the thousand.

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¹ Several years later, Belshazzar became the king of Babylon. One day he invited a thousand of his officers to a big feast, and he drank a lot of wine with them.

For whom did Belshazzar, the king, make a great feast?

He made a great feast for a thousand of his noblemen.

Daniel 5:2

ULT

² When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the vessels of gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his noblemen, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

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² While he 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 from them, making fun of the god that the Israelis worshiped.

Who was this Belshazzar?

He was the son of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 5:3**ULT**

³ Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem, and the king and his noblemen, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

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³ So his servants brought in 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 wine from those cups.

What containers did they use to drink the wine from at this feast?

They used the gold containers that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God, in Jerusalem.

Daniel 5:4**ULT**

⁴ They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

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⁴ They drank to praise their idols that were made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and even wood and stone.

What did the people at the feast do as they drank the wine?

They praised their idols made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Daniel 5:5**ULT**

⁵ Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the palace of the king, opposite the lampstand. The king saw the back of the hand that was writing.

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⁵ Suddenly they saw a man's hand writing on the plaster of the wall opposite the lampstand. The king also saw the hand as it was writing.

As the people were drinking wine and praising their idols what happened?

The fingers of a human hand appeared in front of the lamp stand and wrote on the plaster wall in the king's palace.

Daniel 5:6**ULT**

⁶ Then the color of the king changed, and his thoughts frightened him; the joints of his hips loosened, and his knees knocked together.

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⁶ He became very frightened, and his face became pale. His knees started shaking, and his legs became very weak, with the result that he could not stand up.

What was the king's immediate response when he saw the hand?

The king's face changed and his thoughts frightened him; his limbs could not support him, and his knees were knocking together.

Daniel 5:7**ULT**

⁷ The king called aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who reads this writing and shows me its interpretation will be clothed with purple and will have a chain of gold around his neck, and he will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

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⁷ Then he shouted to summon the men who worked magic, the men who studied the 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."

What did the king promise to the one who could explain the writing on the plaster wall and its meaning?

The king promised that the one who explained the writing and its meaning would be clothed in purple and would have a gold chain put around his neck and that he would have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:8**ULT**

⁸ Then all the wise men of the king came in, but they could not read the writing or make known the interpretation to the king.

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⁸ But when all those wise men came in, none of them could read the writing, or tell him what it meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:9**ULT**

⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his noblemen were perplexed.

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⁹ So King Belshazzar became more afraid. His face became even paler. And all his officials who were there at the feast did not know what to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The queen came into the banquet house because of the words of the king and his noblemen. The queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you. Do not let your color change.

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¹⁰ But when the mother of the king heard the king and his officials talking loudly about 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 afraid about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers,

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¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:12**ULT**

¹² because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and insight for interpreting dreams, explaining riddles and solving problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called and he will show the interpretation."

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¹² That man's name is Daniel; the king gave him a new name, Belteshazzar. He is very 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:13**ULT**

¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah.

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¹³ So they went and brought me in. The king asked me, "You must be Daniel! They told me that you are one of those who was brought here from Judah by the previous king.

According to the king what qualities did he say he had heard about Daniel?

The king told Daniel he had heard that Daniel had the spirit of the Gods in him and that Daniel possessed light and understanding and excellent wisdom.

Daniel 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I have heard about you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination and insight and excellent wisdom are found in you.

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¹⁴ I have also heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you are very wise and understand many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now the wise men and enchanters have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter.

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¹⁵ My wise men and men who work magic have tried to read the writing on this wall and tell me what it means, but they are not able to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But I have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and you will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

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¹⁶ Someone 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

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

What was Daniel's response when he was told of the rewards he would receive for reading the writing and explaining its meaning?

Daniel told the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another person. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to you, king, and will tell you the meaning."

Daniel 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As for you, O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship, greatness, honor, and majesty.

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¹⁸ Your Majesty, the Supreme God caused the man who was king before you, Nebuchadnezzar, to become a great ruler, who was greatly praised and honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he wished, he killed, and whom he wished, he kept alive. Whom he wished, he raised up, and whom he wished, he humbled.

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¹⁹ Because God caused him to become very great, people of many people-groups and 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 disgraced those whom he wanted to be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted presumptuously, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken away from him.

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²⁰ But when he became very proud and stubborn, he was removed from being king. People did not consider him to be glorious anymore.

Why was Nebuchadnezzar brought down from his kingly throne and why was his majesty taken away from him?

Nebuchadnezzar lost his majesty and his throne because his heart became arrogant and his spirit was hardened so that he acted presumptuously.

Daniel 5:21**ULT**

²¹ He was driven away from the sons of mankind, and his mind was made like that of an animal, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like an ox. His body was wet with the dew of heaven until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the kingdom of mankind and that he sets over it whom he wishes.

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²¹ His officials sent him away in order that he would not be near other people. 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:22**ULT**

²² Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this.

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²² Now, Belshazzar, you have become the king. You also knew all those things, but you have not made yourself humble.

What were Daniel's charges against Belshazzar? (vv22-23)

Daniel said Belshazzar had not humbled his heart, he had lifted himself up against the Lord of Heaven and he had not honored the God who held his breath in his hand and who knew all his ways.

Daniel 5:23**ULT**

²³ Instead, you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. The vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have drunk wine from them, and you praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, hear, or know, but you have not honored the God in whose hand is your breath and whose are all your ways.

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²³ You have considered yourself to be greater than God, 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 you breath and who controls everything that happens to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ Then from his presence the palm of a hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.

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²⁴ So God sent this hand to write a message for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ This is the writing that was inscribed: 'Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.'

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²⁵ This is the message that it wrote: 'Mene, mene, tekem, parsin.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter: 'Mene,' 'God has numbered your kingdom and brought it to an end.'

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²⁶ This is what those words mean: '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.

What was the meaning of the writing on the plaster wall? (vv26-28)

The meaning was as follows: God has numbered Belshazzar's kingdom and brought it to an end. Belshazzar is weighed in the scales and found lacking. Belshazzar's kingdom is divided and is given to the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ 'Tekel,' 'you have been weighed on the scales and found lacking.'

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²⁷ 'Tekel' means 'weighed.' God has weighed you on a scale, and you do not weigh what you should.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:28**ULT**

²⁸ 'Peres,' 'your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.'"

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²⁸ 'Peres' means 'divided.' God has divided your kingdom. It will be ruled by people from Media and by people from Persia."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:29**ULT**

²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple. A chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he would be the third ruler in the kingdom.

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²⁹ Then Belshazzar did what he had promised. He put on me a purple robe like the one 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:30**ULT**

³⁰ That same night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed,

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³⁰ But that same night soldiers from Media entered the city and killed Belshazzar, the King of Babylonia.

What happened that night after Daniel gave his interpretation of the writing to Belshazzar? (vv30-31)

That night Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

Daniel 5:31**ULT**

³¹ and Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about sixty-two years old.

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³¹ Darius, the King of Media, became the King of Babylonia when he was sixty-two years old.

How old was Darius the Mede when he received the kingdom?

Darius the Mede was about sixty-two years old when he received the kingdom.

Daniel 6

Daniel 6:1

ULT

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint over the kingdom 120 satraps, who would be throughout the whole kingdom.

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¹ King Darius decided to divide his kingdom into 120 provinces. He appointed a governor to rule each province.

Who did Darius appoint over the kingdom? (vv1-2)

He appointed 120 provincial governors with three chief administrators over them.

Daniel 6:2

ULT

² Over them were three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.

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² He also appointed me and two other men to be administrators, to supervise the governors and to be sure that they did the king's work properly, in order that the king would not have to worry.

Who was one of the three chief administrators?

Daniel was one of the three chief administrators.

Why were the three chief administrators appointed?

They were appointed to supervise the provincial governors, so that the king should suffer no loss.

Daniel 6:3

ULT

³ Then this Daniel became distinguished above the high officials and satraps because an extraordinary spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom.

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³ I soon showed that I was more capable to do the work better than all the other administrators and the governors. Because of that, the king planned to appoint me to be in charge of the entire empire.

Who was the king planning to put over the whole kingdom?

The king planned to put Daniel over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:4**ULT**

⁴ Then the high officials and the satraps were seeking to find a ground for accusation against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they were not able to find any ground for accusation or corruption because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was found in him.

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⁴ Then, the 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 criticize.

Why could the other chief administrators and provincial governors find no corruption, no failure in his duty, no mistakes and no negligence in Daniel's work for the kingdom?

They could find none of these things because Daniel was faithful.

Daniel 6:5**ULT**

⁵ Then these men said, "We will not find any ground for accusation against this Daniel unless we find something against him with regard to the law of his God."

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⁵ They concluded, "The only way we can find something for which we can criticize Daniel will be something concerning the laws that his god has given him."

What was the only area of his life that the other chief administrators and provincial governors think they might find something to complain against Daniel?

They thought they might find something against Daniel regarding the law of his God.

Daniel 6:6**ULT**

⁶ Then these high officials and satraps went as a group to the king and said to him as follows, "O King Darius, live forever!"

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⁶ So the administrators and governors went as one group to the king and said, "Your Majesty, we wish that you will live a long time!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:7**ULT**

⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the counselors, and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes a petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions.

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⁷ We administrators and governors and 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 must be thrown into a pit of lions.

What did the provincial governors and the other chief administrators advise King Darius to do?

They advised Darius to issue a decree and enforce it that whoever made a petition to any god or man except King Darius for thirty days, that person had to be thrown into a den of lions.

Daniel 6:8**ULT**

⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."

UST

⁸ And because laws made by our governments of Media and Persia cannot be changed, we want you, the head of our government, to sign it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore king Darius signed the document and injunction.

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⁹ So King Darius wrote the law and signed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his roof chamber toward Jerusalem), and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

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¹⁰ But when I found out that the king had written and signed that law, I went home. I 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 times each day, just as I always did, thanking God.

What did Daniel do after he learned that the decree had been issued and the document signed into law?

Daniel went into his house, got down on his knees and prayed giving thanks to God as he had done before.

Daniel 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel making petition and imploring favor before his God.

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¹¹ The officials went together to my house and they saw me praying and requesting God to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:12**ULT**

¹² Then they approached and spoke before the king about the injunction of the king: "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, must be thrown into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The matter is certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."

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¹² So they returned to the 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:13**ULT**

¹³ Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the people of the exile from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

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¹³ Then they said to the king, "That man Daniel, one of the men who were brought from Judah, is not paying any attention to you or the law that you signed. He prays to his god three times each day!"

What did the men who plotted against Daniel do when they saw Daniel make requests and seek help from God?

Those men went to the king and told him that Daniel paid no attention to the king or his decree and that Daniel prayed to God three times a day.

Daniel 6:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard the matter, was greatly distressed, and he set his mind on Daniel to deliver him; and until the sun went down he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

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¹⁴ When the king heard that, he was very distressed. He tried to find a way to save me. All the rest of the day he tried to think of a way to rescue me.

What did the king do when he heard Daniel had disobeyed the king's decree?

The king became terribly distressed and he applied his mind to rescue Daniel from his ruling.

Daniel 6:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then these men went as a group to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no injunction or statute that the king establishes can be changed."

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¹⁵ In the evening, many of the officials went together to the king and said, "Your 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then the king gave an order, and Daniel was brought in and thrown into the den of lions. The king responded and said to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, may he deliver you."

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¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and his servants brought me and threw me into a pit 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:17**ULT**

¹⁷ A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

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¹⁷ They rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the pit. Then the king fastened a 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 me.

After Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, what did the king do? (vv17-18)

The king sealed the entrance to the den with his own signet ring. He then went to the palace and fasted through the night and did not sleep.

Daniel 6:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. No entertainment was brought before him, and his sleep fled from him.

UST

¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace. That night he refused to eat any food. He 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then the king got up at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the den of lions.

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¹⁹ At dawn the next morning, the king got up and went quickly to the pit where the lions were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:20**ULT**

²⁰ As he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried out in a troubled voice. The king responded and said to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

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²⁰ When he came near it, he was very worried. He called out, "Daniel, you who serve the all-powerful God! Was your God, whom you worship regularly, able to save you from the lions?"

The next day after Daniel was thrown into the lions den, when the king went to the den, what did he ask Daniel?

The king asked Daniel if the God whom Daniel served continually had been able to save him from the lions.

Daniel 6:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever!"

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²¹ I answered, "Your Majesty, I hope that you will live a long time!"

How did Daniel answer the king? (vv21-22)

Daniel said to the king, "King, live forever! My God has sent his messenger and has shut the lion's mouths, and they have not hurt me. For I was found blameless before him and also before you, king, and I have done you no harm."

Daniel 6:22**ULT**

²² My God sent his angel and shut the mouths of the lions, and they have not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

UST

²² Yes, my God 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!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:23**ULT**

²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad, and gave an order for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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²³ The king was extremely happy, and he commanded his servants to lift me out of the 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.

What was the first order the king gave after he found Daniel alive in the lion's den?

The first order the king gave after finding Daniel alive was that they should take Daniel up out of the den.

Daniel 6:24**ULT**

²⁴ The king gave an order, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel and threw them, their children, and their wives into the den of lions; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

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²⁴ Then the king commanded that the men who had accused me should be seized and 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!

What was the second order the king gave after he found Daniel alive in the lion's den?

The second order was to bring the men who had accused Daniel and throw them into the lion's den along with their children and their wives.

Daniel 6:25**ULT**

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that live in all the earth: "May your peace abound.

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²⁵ Then King Darius wrote this message and sent it throughout his kingdom to the people of every people-group and nation and from all language groups: "I wish that all things go very well with you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:26**ULT**

²⁶ I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God and enduring forever, and his kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and his dominion will be to the end.

UST

²⁶ I command that everyone in my kingdom should fear and revere the God that Daniel worships. He is the all-powerful God, and he will live forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed; he will rule forever.

What did Darius say concerning God in his decree about the God of Daniel? (vv26-27)

Darius said of the God of Daniel "...he is the living God and lives forever, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed; his dominion shall be to the end. He makes us safe and rescues us, and he does signs and wonders in heaven and in earth; he has kept Daniel safe from the power of the lions."

Daniel 6:27**ULT**

²⁷ He delivers and rescues, and he does signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

UST

²⁷ He rescues and saves his people, he performs all kinds of miracles in heaven and on the earth. He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:28

ULT

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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

During whose reign did Daniel prosper?

Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 7

Daniel 7:1

ULT

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind while lying on his bed. Then he wrote the dream down and told the sum of the matter:

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¹ Previously, during the first year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylonia, I had 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:

When did Daniel have a dream and visions in his mind?

Daniel had a dream and visions while lying on his bed during the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylonia.

Daniel 7:2

ULT

² Daniel related and said, "In my vision at night I was looking, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

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² Daniel, had a vision during the night. In the vision I saw that strong winds were blowing from all four directions, stirring up the water in the ocean.

In Daniel's vision what was stirring up the great sea?

The four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Daniel 7:3

ULT

³ And four great beasts, each one different from the other, were coming up out of the sea.

UST

³ Then I saw four beasts coming out of the ocean. All four of them were different.

What came up out of the sea?

Four large animals, each one different from the other came up out of the sea.

Daniel 7:4**ULT**

⁴ The first was like a lion but had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

UST

⁴ The first one resembled a lion, but it had wings like an eagle has. But as I watched, 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.

What was given to the animal that was like a lion?

The mind of a man was given to it.

Daniel 7:5**ULT**

⁵ And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. Three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'

UST

⁵ The second beast resembled a bear. It was crouching, and it held between its teeth 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!"

What was the bear-like animal told to do?

It was told to get up and devour many people.

Daniel 7:6**ULT**

⁶ After this I was looking, and behold, another, like a leopard, and on its back it had four wings of a bird. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

UST

⁶ Then I saw in front of me the third of these beasts. It resembled a leopard, but it had 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.

What was the leopard-like animal given?

It was given authority to rule.

Daniel 7:7**ULT**

⁷ After this I was looking in the visions of the night, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and exceedingly strong. It had large iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

UST

⁷ In the vision I saw a fourth beast. It was stronger than the other beasts, and it was 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.

What did the fourth animal do?

The fourth animal devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled underfoot what was left.

Daniel 7:8**ULT**

⁸ While I was considering the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots before it. And behold in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

UST

⁸ While I was looking at those horns, I saw a little horn appear on the head of that 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.

What did Daniel see happen to the fourth animal as he considered its horns?

Daniel saw another little horn grow up among the other ten horns. Three of the first horns were wrenched out by the roots. Daniel saw that the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that boasted about great things.

Daniel 7:9**ULT**

⁹ I kept looking until thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were burning fire.

UST

⁹ Then while I watched, 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.

Who sat on one of the thrones that was set up?

The Ancient of Days sat upon one of the thrones.

Daniel 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before him; thousands upon thousands served him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before him. The court sat, and the books were opened.

UST

¹⁰ A fire was rushing out of in front of him like a stream. 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.

What business was being conducted by the Ancient of Days?

The court was in session and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then I continued looking because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed, and it was given to the burning fire.

UST

¹¹ While I was watching, I could hear the little horn speaking very boastfully. As I continued to watch, the fourth beast was killed. Its corpse was thrown into a fire and completely burned.

What happened to the four animals? (vv11-12)

The animal with the horn that spoke boastful words was killed, its body destroyed and it was handed over to be burned up. The other three animals had their authority to rule taken away but their lives were prolonged for a time.

Daniel 7:12**ULT**

¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension in life was given to them for a season and a time.

UST

¹² The power of the other three beasts was taken away from them, but they were allowed to continue to live for a while.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:13**ULT**

¹³ I was looking in the visions of the night, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man was coming, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

UST

¹³ While I continued to see the vision that night, I saw someone who resembled a human being. He was coming closer to me, surrounded by clouds. Then he was taken to God, the one who had been living forever.

In Daniel's vision, who was presented to the Ancient of Days?

One who came with the clouds of heaven like a son of man was presented to the Ancient of Days.

Daniel 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

UST

¹⁴ He was honored and given great authority to 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.

What was given to this one who was "like a son of man"?

Everlasting authority to rule, a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and glory and royal power were given to this one who was "like a son of man".

Daniel 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed inside of me, and the visions of my head kept alarming me.

UST

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, I was very terrified by what I had seen in that vision, and I did not know what to think about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I approached one of those who were standing there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

UST

¹⁶ I went to one of those who were standing in front of the throne of God, and I asked him to tell me what it meant. So he told me the meaning of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.

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¹⁷ He said, "The four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will exist on the earth.

What was Daniel told the four animals represented in his vision?

Daniel was told that the four animals were four kings that would arise from the earth.

Daniel 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

UST

¹⁸ But the Supreme God will give power to his people to rule, and they shall rule forever."

Who will receive the kingdom and possess it forever?

The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever and ever.

Daniel 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled down what was left with its feet,

UST

¹⁹ Then I wanted to know what the fourth beast signified— the beast that was different 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 not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other that came up, and before which three fell down, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth speaking great things, and which was greater in appearance than its companions.

UST

²⁰ I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and about the horn that 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 represented by that horn was more terrifying than the other beasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:21**ULT**

²¹ I kept looking, and this horn was waging war with the saints and prevailing against them

UST

²¹ While I was having the vision, I saw that this horn attacked God's people and was defeating them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:22**ULT**

²² until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High. Then the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

UST

²² But then 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:23**ULT**

²³ Thus he said, 'the fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, and trample it down and crush it.

UST

²³ Then the man who was standing there said to me, "The fourth beast represents an empire that will exist on the earth; that empire will be different from all other empires. The army of that empire will crush people all over the world and trample on their bodies.

When Daniel asked one standing there about the fourth animal, what did that one say the fourth animal was and would do to the earth?

That one said the fourth animal was a fourth kingdom and that it would devour the whole earth, trample it down and break it into pieces.

Daniel 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them. He will be different from the previous ones, and he will put down three kings.

UST

²⁴ As 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 the three kings that were represented by the three horns that were pulled out.

What did the one standing there say about the ten horns?

That one standing there said that ten kings would arise out of the fourth kingdom.

Daniel 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ He will speak words against the Most High and will wear out the saints of the Most High. He will intend to change the times and the law. They will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

UST

²⁵ He will 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.

What will the one who speaks against the most high do and what will be his end?**(vv25-26)**

He will oppress the holy people of the most high. He will try to change the festivals and the law. He will rule over these things for one year, two years, and half a year but his royal power would be taken away to be consumed and destroyed at the end.

Daniel 7:26**ULT**

²⁶ But the court will sit, and his dominion will be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

UST

²⁶ But there will be a session of the court in heaven, and that king's authority will be taken away, and he will be completely destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.'

UST

²⁷ Then all the power and the greatness 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."

To whom will the kingdom and dominion under the whole heaven be given?

It will be given to the people who belong to the Most High.

Daniel 7:28**ULT**

²⁸ Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me, and my face grew pale. But I kept the matter in my heart."

UST

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

What was Daniel's response to this vision?

Daniel was greatly alarmed and his face changed in appearance, but he kept the vision to himself.

Daniel 8

Daniel 8:1

ULT

¹ In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, I, Daniel, had a vision appear to me (after the one that appeared to me at the first).

UST

¹ During the third year that Belshazzar was the King of Babylonia, I had another vision.

When did Daniel have his second vision?

Daniel had his second vision in the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar.

Daniel 8:2

ULT

² I saw in the vision, and as I was looking, that I was in Susa, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision that I was beside the Ulai Canal.

UST

² In that vision I was in Susa, the capital city of Elam Province. I was standing alongside the Ulai Canal.

Where was Daniel in his vision?

Daniel was in the fortified city of Susa in the province of Elam beside the Ulai Canal.

Daniel 8:3

ULT

³ Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram standing beside the canal. It had two horns and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

UST

³ I looked up and saw a ram that was standing alongside the canal. It had two long horns, but the one that grew last was longer than the one that grew first.

What were the two animals Daniel saw in this vision?

Daniel saw a ram and a male goat in this vision.

What were the ram's two horns like?

One of the ram's horns was longer than the other but the shorter horn grew longer than the previously longer horn.

Daniel 8:4**ULT**

⁴ I saw the ram charging westward, and northward, and southward; no animal could stand before him. There was no one to rescue out of his hand. He did as he pleased and magnified himself.

UST

⁴ The ram butted away with its horns everything that was west and everything that 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.

How powerful was the ram?

No animal could stand before the ram. None could be rescued from the ram's hand. He did whatever he wanted, and he became great.

Daniel 8:5**ULT**

⁵ As I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. The goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

UST

⁵ While I was thinking about what I had seen, in the vision I saw a goat come from the 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.

What kind of horns did the goat have?

The goat only had one large horn between his eyes.

Daniel 8:6**ULT**

⁶ He came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful rage.

UST

⁶ It was very angry, and it ran straight toward at the ram that I had seen previously, the ram that was standing alongside the canal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:7**ULT**

⁷ I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him, and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns. The ram had no strength to stand before him. So he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. There was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.

UST

⁷ The goat struck the ram furiously and broke off its two horns, with the result that the ram had no power to defend itself. So the goat knocked the ram down and trampled on it. No one could rescue the ram from the goat's power.

What did the goat do to the ram?

The goat hit the ram and broke off its two horns, knocked the ram down to the ground and trampled on him.

Daniel 8:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But when he was mighty, the great horn was broken, and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

UST

⁸ The goat became 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.

When the large horn of the goat was broken off, what grew in its place?

Four other large horns that pointed to the four winds of heaven grew up in place of the one that was broken off.

Daniel 8:9**ULT**

⁹ Out of one of them came forth a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

UST

⁹ Then from one of those large horns appeared a little horn, which became very big, and pointed toward the south and then toward the east and then toward the beautiful land of Israel.

What happened to one of the goat's four horns?

Out of one of the horns grew another horn, little at first, but which became very large in the south, in the east, and in the glorious land of Israel.

Daniel 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ It grew up to the host of heaven. Some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the earth and trampled on them.

UST

¹⁰ The man who was represented by that horn became very strong, with the result 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.

What did this horn do when it became large?

It became so large that it engaged in war with the army of heaven.

Daniel 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ It magnified itself to be as great as the Prince of the host. It took away from him the regular burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown.

UST

¹¹ He defied himself to be greater than the leader of the army of heaven, and prevented priests from offering sacrifices to him. He also defiled the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:12**ULT**

¹² Because of transgression, the host will be given over to it along with the regular burnt offering. It will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper.

UST

¹² Then God's people 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.

Why will the army be given over to the goat's horn and the burnt offering stopped?

This will happen because of rebellion.

Daniel 8:13**ULT**

¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "For how long is the vision about the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, the giving over of the sanctuary and the host to be trampled on?"

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¹³ Then I heard two angels who were talking to each other. One of them asked, "How 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?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He said to me, "For 2300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be put right."

UST

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

How long will these things last, this vision about the burnt offering, the sin that brings destruction, the handing over of the sanctuary, and heaven's army being trampled on?

It will last for 2,300 evenings and mornings.

What will happen after the 2,300 evenings and mornings?

The sanctuary will be put right.

Daniel 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, standing before me was one having the appearance of a man.

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¹⁵ While I, Daniel, was trying to understand what the vision meant, suddenly an angel who resembled a man stood in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ I heard the voice of a man between the banks of the Ulai, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

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¹⁶ And I heard a man call out from the other side of the Ulai Canal, saying, "Gabriel, explain to him the meaning of the vision that he saw!"

Who was told to help Daniel understand the vision?

Gabriel was told to help Daniel understand the vision.

Daniel 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So he came near where I stood. When he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."

UST

¹⁷ So Gabriel came and stood beside me. I was very terrified, with the result that I fell 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Now while he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and made me stand on my feet.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He said, "Behold, I am going to make known to you what will happen at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end.

UST

¹⁹ Then he said, "I have come here to tell you what will happen because of God being angry. These things will happen near the time when the world will end.

For when was the vision? What time did it concern?

The vision was for the time of wrath. It concerned the fixed time for the end.

Daniel 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ The ram that you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

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²⁰ As for the ram with two horns that you saw, those horns represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia.

What did the ram with two horns and the male goat represent in Daniel's vision? (vv20-21)

The ram with the two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. The male goat is the king of Greece.

Daniel 8:21**ULT**

²¹ The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

UST

²¹ The goat that you saw represents the kingdom of Greece, and the horn that appeared between its eyes represents its first king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:22**ULT**

²² The horn that was broken and the four that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, but not with his power.

UST

²² As for the four horns that grew after the first 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.

What did the four horns represent, the horns that came in place of the horn that was broken off?

The four horns represent four kingdoms that will arise from the nation represented by the horn that was broken off.

Daniel 8:23**ULT**

²³ At the latter end of their rule, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, will arise.

UST

²³ The people in those kingdoms will become very wicked, with the result that it will 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 very deceitful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:24**ULT**

²⁴ His power will be great—but not by his own power. He will destroy to an extraordinary degree; he will succeed in what he does. He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.

UST

²⁴ He will become very powerful, but it will not be because of what he 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.

What will this intelligent, grim-face king do? (vv24-25)

He will cause widespread destruction and succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy powerful people, people who are holy. He will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will rise up against the king of kings.

Daniel 8:25**ULT**

²⁵ By his cunning he will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will magnify himself in his heart. He will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he will be broken, but by no human hand.

UST

²⁵ Because he is very cunning, he will succeed by doing things that deceive many 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 will finally happen to the intelligent, grim-faced king?

He will be broken, but not by human power.

Daniel 8:26**ULT**

²⁶ The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been told is true. But seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future."

UST

²⁶ What you saw in the vision about priests being prevented from making sacrifices in 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:27**ULT**

²⁷ Then I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for days. Then I got up, and went about the business of the king. But I was appalled by the vision, and there was no one to explain it.

UST

²⁷ Then I, Daniel, became weak, and I was sick for several days. Then I arose and 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.

How did this vision affect Daniel?

Daniel was overcome and lay weak for several days and he was appalled by the vision.

Daniel 9

Daniel 9:1

ULT

¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, a descendant of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans--

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¹ Now I am going to tell you about what happened when Darius, who was from the Mede people-group and who was the son of Xerxes, ruled as the King of Babylonia.

Ahasuerus was king over what realm?

He was the king over the realm of the Babylonians.

Daniel 9:2

ULT

² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years which was revealed as the word of Yahweh to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

UST

² During the first year that he was the king, I, Daniel, was studying in the holy books the 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.

What did Daniel observed by studying Yahweh's word to Jeremiah the prophet?

He observed that Jerusalem's abandonment would end after seventy years.

Daniel 9:3

ULT

³ Then I turned my face to the Lord God, to seek him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

UST

³ 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.

How did Daniel seek the Lord God?

Daniel sought the Lord God with prayer and requests, with fasting, wearing sackcloth, and sitting in ashes.

Daniel 9:4**ULT**

⁴ I prayed to Yahweh my God, and I made confession and said, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love for those who love him and keep his commandments.

UST

⁴ I confessed the sins that we had committed, and this is what I prayed: 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.

What was the first thing Daniel did when he went to the Lord God in prayer?

Daniel made confession of the sins of the Israelites.

Daniel 9:5**ULT**

⁵ We have sinned and done wrong. We have acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.

UST

⁵ 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:6**ULT**

⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

UST

⁶ 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.

To whom did the prophets speak in the name of God?

The prophets spoke to the kings, the leaders, the ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:7**ULT**

⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us belongs shame on our faces, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands where you have driven them, because of their treachery which they have committed against you.

UST

⁷ Lord, you always do what is righteous, but we have caused ourselves to be 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:8**ULT**

⁸ To us, O Yahweh, belongs shame on our faces, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, we and our kings and our other rulers and our other ancestors have done very shameful things and have sinned against you.

Why did shame belong on the faces of the Israelites?

Shame belonged on their faces because they sinned against the Lord.

Daniel 9:9**ULT**

⁹ To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him

UST

⁹ Although we have rebelled against you, you act mercifully toward us and you are willing to forgive us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ and have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God by walking in his laws which he set before us through his servants the prophets.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh our God, when you gave your laws to your prophets who served you, and they told us to conduct our lives according to those laws, we did not listen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, not obeying your voice. The curse and oath that are written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against him.

UST

¹¹ All of us Israeli people have disobeyed your laws, and we have turned away from 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.

What had been poured out on Israel because of their sin?

The curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, had been poured out on them.

Daniel 9:12**ULT**

¹² He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done to Jerusalem.

UST

¹² You warned us and our rulers that you would punish Jerusalem severely by 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.

How did Yahweh confirm the words he spoke against Israel and their rulers?

Yahweh confirmed his words by bringing on Israel and their rulers a great disaster.

Daniel 9:13**ULT**

¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us, yet we have not entreated the favor of Yahweh our God, turning away from our iniquities and giving attention to your truth.

UST

¹³ You punished us just like Moses wrote that you would do. But, Yahweh our God, we still have not tried, by turning away from our sinning and by heeding your truth, to persuade you to act mercifully toward us.

What did Daniel say that Israel had not done to beg God for mercy?

Daniel said they had not turned away from their sins and had not paid attention to God's truth.

Daniel 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore Yahweh has kept the calamity ready and has brought it on us, for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his deeds which he has done, yet we have not obeyed his voice.

UST

¹⁴ So, because we did not obey you, you prepared to punish us, and then you did punish us, because you always do what is righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as it is this day, we have sinned, we have been wicked.

UST

¹⁵ Lord our God, you brought your people out of Egypt by your great power, and by doing that you have caused people from that time until the present time to know that you are great even though we have sinned and done wicked things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ O Lord, in accordance with all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. Because for our sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all those around us.

UST

¹⁶ Lord, Jerusalem 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.

What did Daniel say was the reason the Lord God should forgive Israel?

Daniel said the Lord should forgive Israel because of the Lord's righteous deeds.

Daniel 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ So now, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy; for your sake, O Lord, make your face shine on your desolate sanctuary.

UST

¹⁷ Lord our God, listen to what I am praying and pleading for you to do. For your own sake that people will know that you are very great, act kindly concerning your temple, which was destroyed by the armies of Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear; open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we are not presenting our supplications before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

UST

¹⁸ My God, listen to my 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 what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, pay attention and take action! For your own sake, do not delay, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

UST

¹⁹ Lord, listen to us! Lord, forgive us! Lord, this city and these people 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!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God on behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

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²⁰ I continued praying and confessing the sins that I and my people Israel had committed, and pleading with Yahweh my God that he would restore the temple on the sacred hill in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:21**ULT**

²¹ while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight, at the time of the evening sacrifice.

UST

²¹ While I was praying, Gabriel, the angel whom I had seen in the vision previously, came flying rapidly to me, at the time in the evening when the priests offered sacrifices.

When did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to Daniel at the time of the evening sacrifice while Daniel was praying.

Daniel 9:22**ULT**

²² He gave me understanding and spoke with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

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²² He said to me, "Daniel, I have come to you to enable you to understand clearly the message that God gave to Jeremiah.

Why did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to give Daniel insight and understanding.

Daniel 9:23**ULT**

²³ At the beginning of your supplications, a word went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.

UST

²³ When you began to plead 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:24**ULT**

²⁴ Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place.

UST

²⁴ God has determined that there will be 490 years until he frees your people from the 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.

Why were seventy sevens of years decreed for Daniel's people and his holy city?

The seventy sevens of years were decreed to end the guilt, put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring everlasting righteousness, to carry out the vision and the prophecy, and to consecrate the most holy place.

Daniel 9:25**ULT**

²⁵ Know and understand that from the issuing of the word to restore and build Jerusalem until an anointed one, a prince, there will be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens. It will be built again with plaza and moat, but in times of distress.

UST

²⁵ You need to know and understand this: There will be 49 years from the time that the 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 troubles.

How much time will elapse between the issuing of the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the anointed one?

Seven sevens and sixty-two sevens will elapse between the two events..

Daniel 9:26**ULT**

²⁶ After the sixty-two sevens, the anointed one will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will come with a flood, and there will be war to the end. Desolations are decreed.

UST

²⁶ After those 434 years, the leader whom God has appointed will be killed when 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 has decreed will happen.

When will the anointed one be destroyed?

He will be destroyed after the sixty-two sevens of years.

Daniel 9:27**ULT**

²⁷ He will make a strong covenant with the many for one seven. In the middle of the seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, until the complete destruction that is decreed is poured out on the desolator.”

UST

²⁷ That ruler will make a strong agreement with many people. He 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.”

What will a coming ruler do?

He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven. In the middle of the seven he will put an end to the sacrifice and the offering.

What will happen to the one who makes desolate?

A full end and destruction are decreed for that one.

Daniel 10

Daniel 10:1

ULT

¹ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. The word was true, and it was a great conflict. He understood the word and had an understanding of the vision.

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¹ During the third year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, I Daniel, who had 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.

What message was revealed to Daniel in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia?

The message was about a great war.

How was Daniel able to understand the message?

Daniel understood the message because he had insight from a vision.

Daniel 10:2

ULT

² In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:3

ULT

³ I ate no tasty food, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all until three entire weeks were completed.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:4**ULT**

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris),

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⁴ When those three weeks ended, on April 23, my companions and I were standing on the bank of the great Tigris River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:5**ULT**

⁵ I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold from Uphaz.

UST

⁵ I looked up and saw someone there who was wearing fine white clothes and a belt made of pure gold.

Who did Daniel see in his vision?

He saw a man dressed in linen with a pure gold belt around his waist.

Daniel 10:6**ULT**

⁶ His body was like topaz, his face was like the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet were like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the sound of a multitude.

UST

⁶ His body shone like a precious beryl 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.

What was the man in Daniel's vision like?

The man's body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and feet like polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a great crowd.

Daniel 10:7**ULT**

⁷ I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision. However, a great trembling fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:8**ULT**

⁸ So I was left alone and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; my complexion turned to deathly pale, and I retained no strength.

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⁸ So I was left there by myself, looking at this very unusual vision. I had no strength left. My face became very pale, with the result that no one would have recognized me.

**What was Daniel's response when he saw the great vision and heard the man's words?
(vv8-9)**

Daniel's radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and no strength remained in him. He fell on his face in deep sleep with his face to the ground.

Daniel 10:9**ULT**

⁹ Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep with my face to the ground.

UST

⁹ I saw a man there, and when I heard him speak, I fell to the ground. I fainted, and I lay there with my face on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Then behold, a hand touched me, and set me trembling on my knees and the palms of my hands.

UST

¹⁰ Suddenly someone's hand took hold of me and lifted me, with the result that I was on my hands and knees, but I was still trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ He said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly treasured, understand the words that I am about to speak to you. Stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." When he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

UST

¹¹ The man said to me, "Daniel, God 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 still trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:12**ULT**

¹² Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words.

UST

¹² Then he said to me, "Daniel, do not be afraid. God has heard what you have prayed ever since the first day that you determined to humble yourself in order to understand the vision. I have come to you because of what you prayed.

When was the angel sent to Daniel?

The angel was sent on the first day Daniel set his mind to understand and humble himself before God.

Daniel 10:13**ULT**

¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. Then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. ^[1]

UST

¹³ The evil spirit who rules the kingdom of Persia resisted me for 21 days, but Michael, who is one of God's chief angels, came to help me. I left him there in Persia to resist that evil spirit who rules there.

Why did it take the angel twenty-one days to come to Daniel?

The angel was detained by the prince of the kingdom of Persia who resisted him.

Daniel 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

UST

¹⁴ I have 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."

When will the events of the vision happen?

The vision was about the last days, the days yet to come.

Daniel 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ While he was speaking to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was unable to speak.

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¹⁵ While he was saying that, I stared at the ground and was unable to say anything because I was very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And behold, one in the likeness of the sons of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me: "O my lord, pains have come upon me because of the vision; I retain no strength.

UST

¹⁶ Suddenly the angel, who resembled a human, touched my lips. Then I was able to speak, and I said to him, "Sir, because I have seen this vision, I have become very weak, with the result that I cannot stop trembling.

What did Daniel say the vision had done to him? (vv16-17)

Daniel said the vision had turned his anguish on him and the he had no strength left and no breath left in him.

Daniel 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ How can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains now no strength in me, and there is no breath left in me."

UST

¹⁷ I am not able to talk to you, my master. I have no strength left, and it is very difficult for me to breathe."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Again the one with the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.

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¹⁸ But he took hold of me again, and enabled me to become stronger again.

What did the one with an appearance like a human being do to strengthen Daniel?

The one who looked like a human being touched Daniel to strengthen him.

Daniel 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ He said, "Do not be afraid, O man greatly treasured. May peace be to you! Be strong and be strong!" While he was speaking to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

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¹⁹ He said 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."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.

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²⁰⁻²¹ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? It is to reveal to you what 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."

What was the one who looked like a human being say he was going to do after he left Daniel?

He said he was returning to fight against the prince of Persia.

Daniel 10:21**ULT**

²¹ But I will tell you what is inscribed in the Book of Truth. There is no one who stands strong with me against these, except Michael your prince."

10:13 ^[1], some ancient copies have

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²⁰⁻²¹ Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? It is to reveal to you what 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."

What did the one who looked like a human being say he was going to tell Daniel?

He said he was going to tell Daniel what was written in the book of truth.

Daniel 11**Daniel 11:1****ULT**

¹ As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to support and protect him.

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¹ "As for me, during the first year that Darius was king, I helped and encouraged Michael."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:2**ULT**

² Now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and a fourth will gain far more riches than all the others. When he becomes strong through his riches, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.

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² The angel also said, "And what I am going to reveal to you now will truly happen. 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.

How will a fourth king in Persia gain power?

He will gain power through his riches.

Against what kingdom did that fourth Persian king stir up everyone?

He stirred everyone up against the kingdom of Greece.

Daniel 11:3**ULT**

³ Then a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great dominion and do according to his desires.

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³ Then a very powerful king will appear in Greece. He will rule over a very large empire, and he will do whatever he wants to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:4**ULT**

⁴ But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, and not according to his authority with which he ruled. For his kingdom will be uprooted and given to others besides these.

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⁴ But when he has become very powerful, he will die. Then his kingdom will be divided into four parts. Kings who are not his descendants will rule, but they will not be as powerful as he was.

To whom will the kingdom of the mighty king not be given?

That kingdom will not be given to the king's own descendants.

Daniel 11:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the king of the South will become strong, but one of his princes will become stronger than he and will rule; his dominion will be a great dominion.

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⁵ Then the King of Egypt will become very powerful. But one of his army generals will become more powerful than he is, and he will rule a bigger area.

Who will make an alliance? (vv5-6)

The king of the South and one of his commanders who will become a king of the North will make an alliance.

Daniel 11:6**ULT**

⁶ After some years, they will make an alliance. The daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to make an agreement. But she will not retain the strength of her arm, nor will he endure, or his arm. She will be given up, along with those who brought her, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times. ^[1]

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⁶ Several years later, the King of Egypt and the King 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.

Who will come to confirm the alliance between the king of the South and the king of the North?

The daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to confirm the agreement.

Daniel 11:7**ULT**

⁷ But from a branch of her roots one will rise up in his place. He will come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the North. He will deal with them and will prevail.

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⁷ Soon after that, one of her relatives will become King of Egypt. His army will attack the army of Syria. They will enter the fortress of the soldiers of Syria and defeat them.

What will the branch from the daughter of the king of the South do to the king of the North?

He will attack the army and enter the fortress of the king of the North and conquer them.

Daniel 11:8**ULT**

⁸ He will also carry away as booty to Egypt their gods along with their cast metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold. For some years he will stay away from the king of the North.

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⁸ They will return to Egypt, taking the statues of the gods of the people of Syria and many items made of silver and gold that had been dedicated to those gods. Then for several years his army will not attack the army of the King of Syria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:9**ULT**

⁹ Then he will come into the realm of the king of the South but will return to his own land.

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⁹ Then the army of the King of Syria will invade Egypt, but they will soon return to Syria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ His sons will wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces. It will keep coming and overflow like a flood and pass through, and again will carry the war as far as his fortress.

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¹⁰ However, the sons of the 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.

What will the sons of the king of the North do?

They will wage war and assemble a great army. They will overflow like a flood, pass through, and repeat the assault all the way to the fortress of the king of the South.

Daniel 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then the king of the South will be enraged and go out and fight against him, against the king of the North. Then he will raise up a great multitude, but the multitude will be given into his hand.

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¹¹ Then the King of Egypt, having become very angry, will march with his army north from Egypt and fight against the army of Syria. The King of Syria will gather together a very large army, but the army of the King of Egypt will defeat them.

What will the king of the South do in response to the attack by the sons of the king of the North?

The king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North.

Who won this battle between the North and the South? (vv11-12)

The king of the South won that battle.

Daniel 11:12**ULT**

¹² When the multitude is carried off, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall, but he will not prevail.

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¹² The King of Egypt will become very proud because of his army having killed a very large number of soldiers from Syria, but his army will not continue to win battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:13**ULT**

¹³ For the king of the North will again raise a multitude, greater than the first. At the end of some years, he will surely come with a great army and much equipment.

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¹³ The King of Syria will again 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.

After some years, what will the king of the North do?

He will raise another great army supplied with much equipment and will surely come.

Daniel 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ In those times many will rise against the king of the South. Men of violence among your people will lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will stumble.

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¹⁴ At that time, many people in Egypt will rebel against their king. In order to fulfill a 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.

In those times who else will rise against the king of the South?

In those times many will rise against the king of the South including the most violent among Daniel's people.

Daniel 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Then the king of the North will come, heap up siege ramps, and capture a city with fortifications. The forces of the South will not stand, not even his choicest troops, for there will be no strength to stand.

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¹⁵ Then the King of Syria will come south with his army and pile up dirt against the walls 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 troops, will not be strong enough to continue to fight.

**What will happen this time when the king of the North attacks the king of the South?
(vv15-16)**

The king of the South will not be able to stand against him. The king of the North will do whatever he wants against the king of the South.

Daniel 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But he who comes against him will act according to his desires; no one will stand before him. He will stand in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

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¹⁶ So the King of Syria will do whatever he wants to, and no one will be able to oppose him. His army will occupy the glorious land of Israel and completely control it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:17**ULT**

¹⁷ He will set his face to come with the strength of his entire kingdom, and with him will be an agreement that he will make. He will give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But it will not stand or be to his advantage.

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¹⁷ Then he will decide to march south 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.

Why will the king of the North give a daughter in marriage to the king of the South?

The king of the North will do this in order to destroy the kingdom of the South.

Daniel 11:18**ULT**

¹⁸ After this, he will turn his face to the coastlands and will capture many. But a commander will end his insolence against him. Moreover, he will cause his insolence to turn back upon him.

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¹⁸ After that, the army 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 King of Syria what he deserved for being very insolent.

What will happen to this king of the North? (vv18-19)

A commander will put an end to the insolence of the king of the North and will cause his insolence to turn back upon him. He will stumble and fall; he will not be found.

Daniel 11:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and not be found.

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¹⁹ Then the King of Syria will return to the fortresses in his own land. But he will be defeated, and he will die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:20**ULT**

²⁰ Then will arise in his place one who will send a tax collector for the splendor of the kingdom. But in a few days he will be broken, though not in anger nor in battle.

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²⁰ Then another man will succeed him. That king will send one of his officers to 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.

What will the one who rises up in place of the king of the North do?

He will force taxes to be paid to provide for the splendor of the kingdom.

What will happen to this one who forces taxes to be paid?

After only a few days that one will be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

Daniel 11:21**ULT**

²¹ In his place will arise a despicable person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He will come unexpectedly and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

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²¹ The next King of Syria will be an evil man who, because he will not be the son of the previous king, he will not have the right to become king. But he will come when people do not expect it, and he will become king by tricking the people.

How will a despised person who has not been given the honor of royalty come to power?

He will come in quietly and will take over the kingdom by flattery.

Daniel 11:22**ULT**

²² And the overflowing forces will be swept away before him and broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

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²² When his army advances, they will attack any armies that oppose him and destroy those armies. They will also kill God's Supreme Priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:23**ULT**

²³ After an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully, and he will go up and become strong with a small number of people.

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²³ By making treaties with the rulers of other nations, he will deceive them, and he will become very powerful, even though he rules a nation that does not have a lot of people.

What will this despised king do once an alliance is made with him?

From the time an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully.

Daniel 11:24**ULT**

²⁴ Without warning he will come into the richest parts of the province, and he will do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers did. He will scatter among them plunder, booty, and possessions. He will devise his plans against fortresses, but only for a time.

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²⁴ Suddenly his army will invade a province that is very 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.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:25**ULT**

²⁵ He will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the South with a great army. The king of the South will wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he will not stand, because plots will be devised against him.

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²⁵ He will courageously conscript a large and powerful army to attack the army of the 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 be successful.

What will happen when this deceitful king wages war against the king of the South?

The king of the South will not be able to stand against the deceitful king because of all the plots devised against him.

Daniel 11:26**ULT**

²⁶ Even those who eat his fine food will break him. His army will be swept away, and many will fall down slain.

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²⁶ Even his most trusted advisors will plan to get rid of him. His army will be defeated and many of his soldiers will be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:27**ULT**

²⁷ The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will speak lies at the same table, but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

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²⁷ Then the two kings who both want 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 has determined for them to rule.

Why will the king of the North and the king of the South sit at the same table and lie to each other?

They will lie to each other because their hearts are set on evil against each other.

Daniel 11:28**ULT**

²⁸ Then he will return to his land with much plunder, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action and then return to his own land.

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²⁸ The army of the King of Syria will return to Syria, 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.

What will the heart of the king of the North be set against?

His heart will be set against the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:29**ULT**

²⁹ At the appointed time he will return and come into the South. But this last time it will not be as before.

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²⁹ When it is the time that God has decided, the King of Syria and his army will invade Egypt again. But this time he will not be successful like he was before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:30**ULT**

³⁰ For ships of Kittim will come against him, and he will withdraw in fear and return. He will curse the holy covenant and take action. He will come back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

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³⁰ The army of 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 advise him to do for them.

How will the rage of the king of the North against the holy covenant manifest itself?

The king of the North will manifest his rage against the holy covenant by showing favor to those who forsake the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:31**ULT**

³¹ Forces from him will rise up and profane the sanctuary fortress. They will take away the regular burnt offering, and they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

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³¹ Some of his soldiers will do things to defile the temple. They will prevent the priests from offering sacrifices each day, and they will put in the temple something that is disgusting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:32**ULT**

³² He will corrupt with flattery those who act wickedly toward the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and take action.

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³² By deceiving those who have abandoned the Jewish religion, he will win them to become his supporters. But those who are devoted to their God will firmly oppose them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:33**ULT**

³³ Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many. But they will stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for some days.

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³³ And wise Israeli leaders will teach others also. But for a while, some of those wise 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.

What will the wise do at that time?

At that time the wise will give understanding to many?

What will happen to the wise? (vv33-34)

For days the wise will fall by the sword and flame, they will be taken as prisoners and robbed of their possessions. When they stumble they will receive a little help.

Daniel 11:34**ULT**

³⁴ When they stumble, they will receive a little help. Many will join themselves with them in hypocrisy.

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³⁴ While God's people are being persecuted, some people will help them a little bit, although some of those who help them will not do it sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:35**ULT**

³⁵ Some of those who have insight will stumble in order to refine, purify, and cleanse them, until the time of the end. For it is still to come at the appointed time.

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³⁵ Some of those wise 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.

Why will some of the wise stumble?

Some of them will stumble so that they may be refined, cleansed, and made pure until the time of the end.

Daniel 11:36**ULT**

³⁶ The king will act according to his desires. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god. Against the God of gods, he will speak astonishing things. He will be successful until the indignation is accomplished. For what is decreed will be done.

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³⁶ The King of Syria will do what he wants to. He will boast and say that he is greater than any god. He will even revile the Supreme God. He will be able to do what he wants until the time that God punishes him. God will accomplish what he has planned.

Above whom will this deceitful king of the North exalt himself? (vv36-37)

He will exalt and magnify himself above every god; including the God of gods, the gods of his ancestors, and the god desired by women.

Daniel 11:37**ULT**

³⁷ He will pay no attention to the gods of his fathers or to the one desired by women. Neither will he pay attention to any other god. For he will magnify himself above all.

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³⁷ The 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 them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:38**ULT**

³⁸ He will honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know, he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and treasures.

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³⁸ But he will honor the god who people think protects fortresses. That is a god whom his ancestors did not honor. And he will give gold, silver, jewels and other expensive gifts to that god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:39**ULT**

³⁹ He will take action against the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He will heap great honor on those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over the many, and he will divide up the land for a price. ^[2]

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³⁹ He will ask that god from another country to help him to defend his 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.

What will this deceitful king of the North do for those who acknowledge him?

He will give honor to those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people.

Daniel 11:40**ULT**

⁴⁰ At the time of the end the king of the South will wage war with him. But the king of the North will storm against him with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He will come into countries, overflow, and pass through.

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⁴⁰ But when his time to rule is almost ended, the army of the King of Egypt will attack 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 many countries and spread all over those countries like a flood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:41**ULT**

⁴¹ He will come into the Beautiful Land, and many will fall. But these will escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the main part of the sons of Ammon.

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⁴¹ They will invade the 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 people-group who are still alive will escape.

At the time of the end what will happen when the king of the North comes into the glorious land?

At that time tens of thousands of Israelites will stumble and fall.

Who will escape from the hand of the king of the North?

Many from Edom and Moab, and the remaining people of Ammon will escape from his hand.

Daniel 11:42**ULT**

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

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⁴² When the army of Syria invades other countries, even the people of Egypt will be defeated.

What are some of the countries over which this king of the North will extend his power? (vv42-43)

This king of the North will extend his power over Egypt, the Libyans, and the Ethiopians.

Daniel 11:43**ULT**

⁴³ He will become ruler over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; the Libyans and the Cushites will be in his footsteps.

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⁴³ The army of Syria will take away from Egypt gold, silver, and other valuable items. The people of Libya and Ethiopia will allow the King of Syria to rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:44**ULT**

⁴⁴ But rumors from the east and the north will terrify him, and he will go out with great rage to exterminate and to devote many to destruction.

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⁴⁴ But he will become very frightened when he hears reports about what is happening in the east and in the north. So he will become very angry, and send his army to fight furiously and kill many of their enemies.

What will this king of the North do when reports from the east and north alarm him?

He will go out with great rage to destroy and to devote many to destruction.

Daniel 11:45**ULT**

⁴⁵ He will pitch his palatial tents between the seas and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

11:6 ^[1], which the Hebrew text has, some ancient and many modern versions read , that is,

11:39 ^[2], some modern versions have

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⁴⁵ The King of 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."

Where will this king of the North set up his the tents of his palace?

He will set up the tents of his palace between the seas, at the mountain of the beauty of holiness.

Who will help the king of the North at the end?

The king of the North will come to his end and there will be no one to help him.

Daniel 12

Daniel 12:1

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¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as never has been since there was a nation until that time. But at that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

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¹ The angel also said to me, "After those things happen, the great angel 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 containing the names of those who have eternal life will be saved.

Who is it that guards Daniel's people?

Michael, the great prince guards Daniel's people.

How bad will be the time of trouble written of here?

It will be a time of trouble such as never was since the beginning of any nation until that time.

At that time who will be saved?

At that time Daniel's people will be saved, everyone whose name is found written in the book.

Daniel 12:2

ULT

² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

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² Many of those who have died will become alive again. Some of them will live eternally with God, and some will be eternally shamed in hell.

What will happen to many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth?

Some of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will rise up to everlasting life and some will rise up to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:3**ULT**

³ Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

UST

³ Those who were wise will shine as brightly as the sky is bright when the sun is shining. And those who have shown to others the way to live righteously will shine forever, like the stars.

What will happen to those who are wise and those who turn many to righteousness?

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:4**ULT**

⁴ But you, Daniel, keep the words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will run back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

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⁴ But as for you, Daniel, close up the scroll in 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."

How long was Daniel told to keep the book sealed?

He was told to keep the book sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:5**ULT**

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the stream, and one on that bank of the stream.

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⁵ When that angel finished speaking, I, Daniel, looked up, and suddenly I saw two other angels. One was standing on the side of the river where I was, and one was standing on the other side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:6**ULT**

⁶ One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?"

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⁶ One of them called to the other one, who was wearing linen clothes, who was now standing further up the river, "How long will it be until these amazing events end?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:7**ULT**

⁷ I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream. He raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the smashing of the power of the holy people has come to an end, all these things will be completed.

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⁷ The one wearing the linen clothes and standing further up the river raised his hands 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."

How long did the man clothed in linen say it would be until the end of these amazing events?

The man clothed in linen said it would be for a time, times, and a half. When the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things will be completed.

Daniel 12:8**ULT**

⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. So I said, "O my lord, what will be the outcome of these things?"

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⁸ I heard what he said, but I did not understand it. So I asked, "Sir, what will be the result when these things end?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:9**ULT**

⁹ He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

UST

⁹ He replied, "Daniel, you must leave now. I cannot answer your question because what it means must be kept secret until the time when everything ends.

What did the man clothed in linen give as a reason why Daniel did not understand what the man clothed in linen was telling him?

The man clothed in linen said to Daniel, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end."

Daniel 12:10**ULT**

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

UST

¹⁰ Many people 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 things.

At the time of the end who will and who won't understand the words of the prophecy?

None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Daniel 12:11**ULT**

¹¹ From the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1, 290 days.

UST

¹¹ But I can tell you that before everything ends, there will be one thousand two hundred ninety days, from the time that people are prevented from offering sacrifices each day, that is, from the time that the abominable thing is put in the temple.

How much time will elapse between the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes complete desolation is set up?

There will be 1,290 days between those two events.

Daniel 12:12**ULT**

¹² Blessed is he who is patient and arrives at the 1, 335 days.

UST

¹² God will be pleased with those who remain faithful until the end of one thousand three hundred thirty five days.

At that time who does the man clothed in linen say will be blessed?

The man clothed in linen said, "Blessed is the one who waits until the end of the 1,335 days."

Daniel 12:13**ULT**

¹³ But as for you, go your way until the end. Then you will rest and will stand for your allotted portion at the end of the days."

UST

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

What did the man clothed in lined say would happen to Daniel?

He said that Daniel would rest and that he would rise in the place assigned to him at the end of days.

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