



The Daniel Series

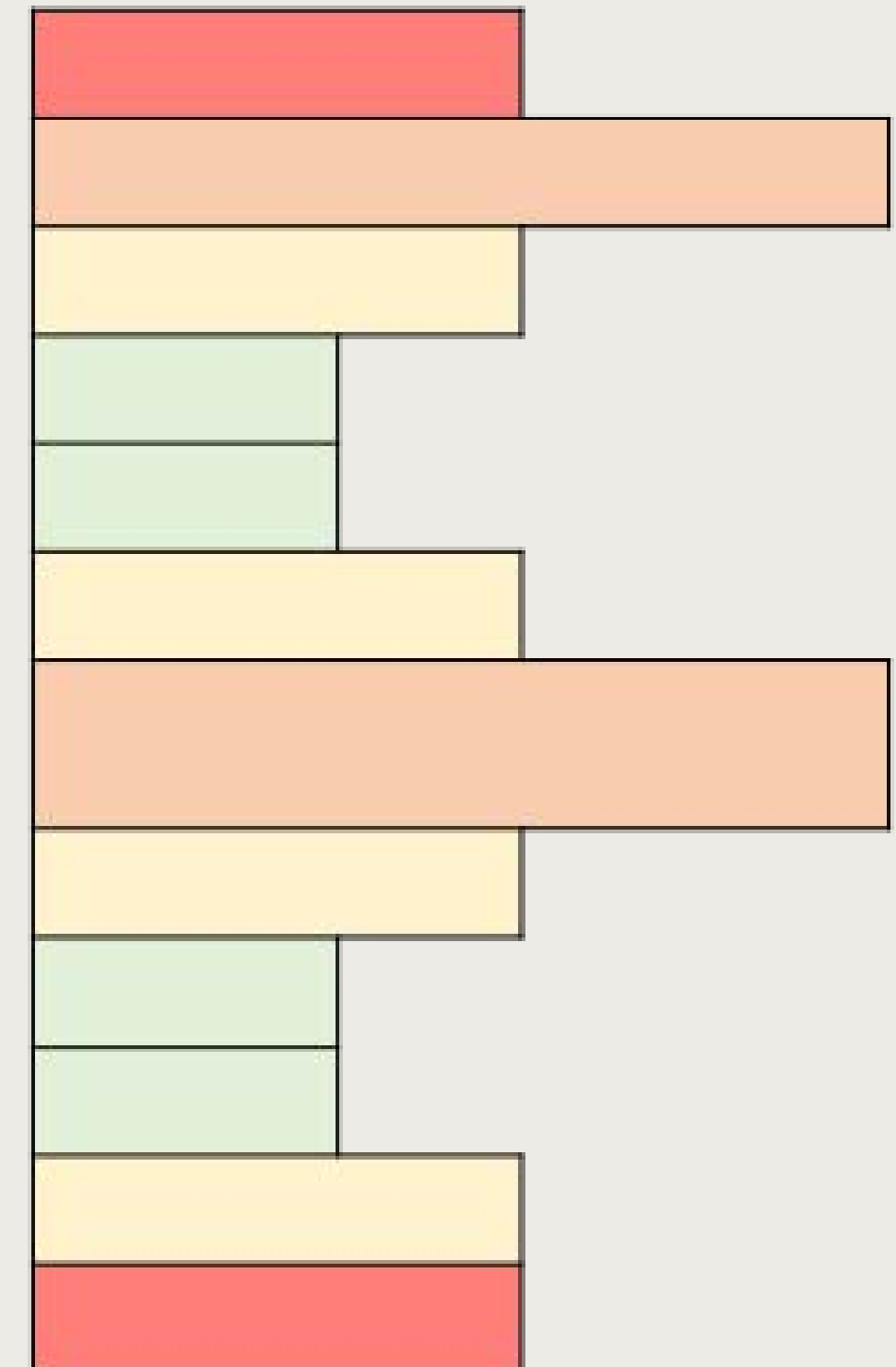
Week 03

Daniel:

The Light in the
Darkness

Overall Roadmap of Daniel

Aramaic Mostly Third Person	Historical-Prophetic	1	Daniel is given wisdom and understanding
		2	Vision: 4 kingdoms (Great Statue)
		3	God delivers from trial
		4	God humbles Nebuchadnezzar
		5	God humbles Belshazzar
		6	God delivers from trial
Hebrew First person	Eschatological	7	Vision: 4 kingdom (beasts). The Son of Man receives an eternal kingdom and people from every nation and language.
		8	God delivers from trial
		9	Daniel humbles himself before God
		10	Daniel humbles himself before God
		11	God delivers from trial
		12	The wise shine like stars and lead many to understanding



70 weeks prophecy sits in the middle of second chiasm

1	Daniel is given wisdom and understanding	<i>Daniel shines in the darkness of Babylon</i>
2-7	Visions of the eternal kingdom to come	
8	Career and destruction of the little horn; God delivers	
9	Daniel intercedes based on 70 year prophecy	<i>Daniel prays based on scripture</i>
9:24:27	70 weeks prophecy – the fulfilment of all things	Capstone prophecy of the culmination of all things
10	Spiritual warfare initiated by Daniel's intercession	<i>Daniel's intercession moves the heavens</i>
11	Career and destruction of the little horn; God delivers	
12	The wise shine like stars and lead many to understanding	<i>Wise shine like stars in the darkness of the end</i>

Daniel 8-12 contains the most detailed description of the end times

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

(Matt 24:14-15)

4 instances the Abomination of Desolation is mentioned: Dan 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, 12:11

Daniel 8

- Concerns the appointed time of the end (19)
- Medo-Persian empire (two horned ram) will be replaced by Greek empire (shaggy goat with large horn) (20-21)
- Greek empire broken into 4 empires: Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt, the Seleucid Empire in the east, the Kingdom of Pergamon in Asia Minor, and Macedon. (22)
- A king arises: small horn who grew in power from the South (9), Fierce looking king, master of intrigue (23).
- Conquest moves to Israel (9): exalts itself, astounding devastation (24), removes daily sacrifice and tramples underfoot the Lord's people (13).
- Abomination of desolation (11-13)
- He will be destroyed, but not by human power (25)

Mystery of Godliness

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

(1 Tim 3:16)

Understanding the Mystery of Lawlessness is impt to anchor our hearts

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

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Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

(2 Thes 2:1-8)

Little horn in Daniel 7 is the last king to be judged before eternal kingdom

I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

(Dan 7:20–22)

Daniel receives more revelation 17 years later, recorded in Chapter 11

Orientation point: Dan 11:4 – Greek empire (broken into 4 empires)

Dan 11:5–20: Fulfilled in history (536 to 164 BC)

- Preview of the little horn given in Antichus IV Ephiphanes

Dan 11:21–45 describes the rise of a “contemptible figure” – the same little horn (Dan 7, 8)

1. Rise: Not given the honour of royalty, seizes kingdom by intrigue
 2. Covenant: Comes into agreement with prince of covenant (Israel)
 3. AoD: Desecrates the temple, abolishes the daily sacrifice, set ups AoD
 4. Blasphemy: Exalts himself above God, boastful words
 5. Saints: Resisted by the people of God
 6. Fate: Comes to his end
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Aspect	Jesus Christ	Antichrist
Beginnings	Bethlehem & Nazareth (Micah 5:2, John 1:46)	Non-royal lineage, and starts as a little horn (Dan 7:8, 11:21, 23).
Length of Ministry	3.5 years	3.5 years (Dan 7:25, 12:7)
Identity and Nature	<p>One with God, and receives worship (John 1:1, 8:58, 9:38).</p> <p>Fully demonstrates the nature of the Father (John 14:9-10).</p>	<p>Exalts himself as God, and covets worship (2 Thes 2:4)</p> <p>Expresses the fullness of Satan on the earth (Rev 13:2).</p>
Daily Sacrifice	Fulfils the covenantal ordinance of sacrifice by laying down his life (Dan 9:26, Heb 10:12).	Abolishes the covenant, removes the daily sacrifice (Dan 9:27, 11:31, 12:11).

Aspect	Jesus Christ	Antichrist
Opposition to Rule	It was the Father's will that Jesus' life was given as an atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world.	The beast responds with rage to those who challenge his rule, trampling them down with cruelty (Dan 7:7, 11:28, 30, 44).
Decree to Die	It was the Father's will that Jesus' life was given as an atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world.	The Ancient of Days will proclaim judgment and the beast will be killed (Dan 7:26, 11:45).
Resurrection	Jesus is resurrected from the death, bringing eternal life with Him to those who believe (Heb 2:14-15).	The beast recovers from a mortal wound, but brings war and death (Rev 13:3, 17:8).
Kingdom	Jesus receives the eternal kingdom that will never pass away (Dan 7:14). He rules with the saints forever.	The beast receives a kingdom but it is destroyed by God's judgment (Dan 7:26, 11:44-45). He is tormented in the lake of fire forever (Rev 20:10).

The End of the Age contrasts light and darkness

Jesus Christ Mystery of Godliness Son of Man Slain lamb Eternal kingdom	Antichrist Mystery of Lawlessness Little horn Beast Temporal kingdom
Wheat Sheep Shine like the stars Love God and others unto death	Weeds/Tares Goats Darkened in their minds Lovers of themselves/money

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

(Deut 30:15)

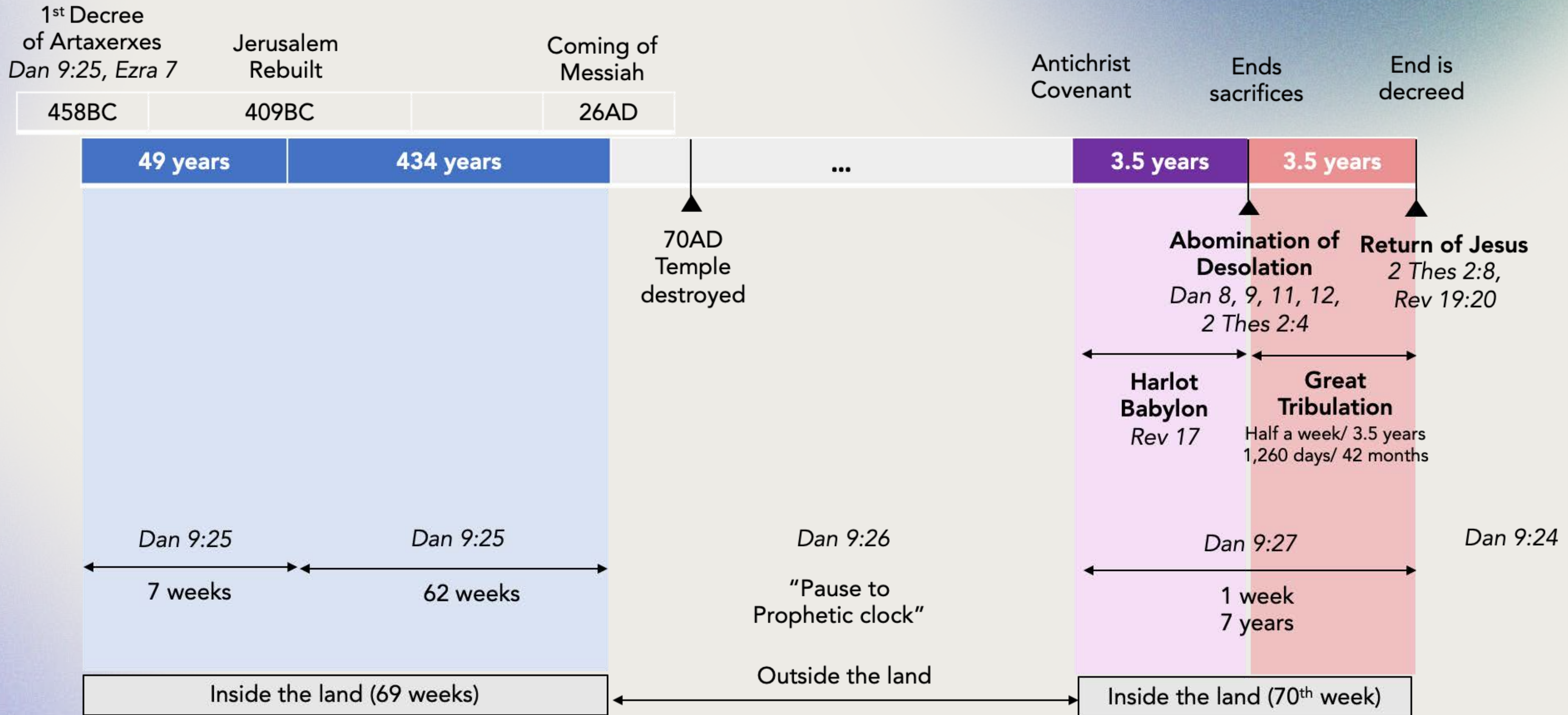
Daniel 9-10

Picture of a faithful intercessor in agreement with God's word

Prayer is not the overcoming of God's reluctance, but laying hold of His will

Our intercession actually drives the divine timeline by releasing angelic activity

Daniel's 70 week Prophecy (Dan 9:24-27)



Daniel 12

6 Positive Trends of the End Times:

1. Understanding: The people who know their God, called the wise, will rise up (12:3)
 2. Great harvest: The wise instruct many, leading them to righteousness (12:3)
 3. Supernatural help: miracles, great exploits (11:32) and angelic ministry (12:1)
 4. Faithful unto death: the saints are persecuted and martyred, but remain faithful (11:33)
 5. All these occur in the most difficult 3.5 years of human history; in God's mercy, there is a pre-determined limit to the time of tribulation (12:1, Matt 24:21)
 6. There is an appointed time of deliverance, where God himself will deliver them and bring final salvation (11:45, 12:13).
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Understanding: The Maranatha Cry for His Return

The people who know their God will share his longing to return
A people of understanding will cry Maranatha!

Dan 8 & 11: There will be incredible suffering at the end

Dan 9 & 10: Your intercession drives the divine timeline

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Rev 22:10)

1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Daniel 12:1-4

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God