

## ~APPOINTED TIMES OF THE NATIONS (2476)

[Greek, *kai-roi' e-thnon'*, appointed times of the nations]

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· After discussing the destruction due to come upon the city of Jerusalem, Jesus made the statement;

· And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the **appointed times of the nations** are fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

· The period indicated by the expression appointed times of the nations Greek, *kai-roi' e-thnon'* has occasioned considerable discussion as to its meaning and implication.

### .. Meaning Of Appointed Times.

· The expression **appointed times** here comes from the Greek word *kai-ros'* the plural of , *kai-roi'*, which, according to *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* [1981, Vol. 4, p. 138], signified a fixed or definite period, a season, sometimes an opportune or seasonable time. *Liddell and Scott's Greek-English Lexicon* [1968, p. 859] gives the further definition of *exact or critical time*. Thus, *kai-ros'* is used to refer to the **harvest season, the season of the fruits, and the season of figs**

· Let both grow together until **the harvest**, and in the harvest season I will tell the reapers, First collect the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them up, then go to gathering the wheat into my storehouse. (Matthew 13:30)

· When the **season of the fruits** came around, he dispatched his slaves to the cultivators to get his fruits. (Matthew 21:34)

- And from a distance he caught sight of a fig tree that had leaves, and he went to see whether he would perhaps find something on it. But, on coming to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the **season of figs**. (Mark 11:13)
- **The proper time** for dispensing food,
- Who really is the faithful and discreet slave whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at **the proper time**? (Matthew 24:45)
- And the Lord said; Who really is the faithful steward, the discreet one, whom his master will appoint over his body of attendants to keep giving them their measure of food supplies at **the proper time**? (Luke 12:42)
- **The appointed time** for Jesus ministry to begin and the period of opportunity it brought;
  - And saying; The **appointed time** has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Be repentant, you people, and have faith in the Good News. (Mark 1:15)
  - And at morning; It will be wintry, rainy weather today, for the sky is fire-red, but gloomy-looking. you know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but the **signs of the times** you cannot interpret. (Matthew 16:3)
  - Hypocrites, you know how to examine the outward appearance of earth and sky, but how is it you do not know how to examine this particular time? (Luke 12:56)
  - And they will dash you and your children within you to the ground, and they will not leave a stone upon a stone in you, because you did not discern **the time of your being inspected**. (Luke 19:44)
- And the **appointed time** of his death.
- He said; Go into the city to So-and-so and say to him; The Teacher says; My **appointed time** is near. I will celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your home. (Matthew 26:18)

- The demons, about to be cast out of certain men, screamed at Jesus.
- And, look! they screamed, saying; What have we to do with you, Son of God? Did you come here to torment us before the **appointed time**? (Matthew 8:29)
- **Kai-ros'** is also used with reference to future times or occasions within God's arrangement or timetable, particularly in relation to Christ's presence and his Kingdom.
- He said to them; It does not belong to you to get knowledge of the **times or seasons** which the Father has placed in his own jurisdiction. (Acts of Apostles 1:7)
- Repent, therefore, and turn around so as to get your sins blotted out, that **seasons of refreshing** may come from the person of Yehowah (Acts of Apostles 3:19)
- Now as for the **times and the seasons**, brothers, you need nothing to be written to you. (1 Thessalonians 5:1)
- Thus, the apostle Paul speaks of the sacred secret revealed by God for an administration at the full limit of **the appointed times**, Greek *kai-ron'*, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth.
- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself (Ephesians 1:9)
- For an administration at the **full limit of the appointed times**, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him. (Ephesians 1:10)
- In view of the meaning of the word *kai-ros'* as used in the Bible text, it can properly be expected that the expression **appointed times of the nations** refers, not to something vague or indefinite, but, rather, to a **fixed or definite period**, an **exact or critical time**, one having a definite beginning and a definite end.

## · The Nations And Jerusalem

- The significance of Jesus statement is necessarily bound up in his reference to the **trampling on Jerusalem**, which he stated would continue until the fulfillment of **the appointed times of the nations**. The term **nations** or **Gentiles** translates the **Greek** word *e'thne*, which means **nations** and was used by the Bible writers to refer specifically to the non-Jewish nations.
- On this basis some have considered the prophecy to apply to the period of time during which the geographic site of the ancient city of **Jerusalem would be under Gentile domination and control**.
- While the literal city of Jerusalem is obviously referred to in Jesus description of the destruction that was to come and did come upon that city in the year **70 C.E.** when the Romans demolished Jerusalem, the statement concerning **the appointed times of the nations** carries the prophecy far beyond that point, as many commentators have noted. Thus, the well-known **Commentary by F. C. Cook** says of;
- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the **appointed times of the nations** are fulfilled. (**Luke 21:24**)
- It serves to **separate the strictly eschatological portion**, that is, the portion relating to the last days, of the great prophecy, from the part belonging properly to the destruction of Jerusalem.
- So, it becomes essential to determine what significance the inspired Scriptures attach to Jerusalem in order to ascertain whether **the appointed times of the nations** relate only to the literal city of Jerusalem or to something additional and greater.
- Jerusalem was the capital of the nation of Israel, whose kings of the line of David were said to sit upon Yehowah's throne.
- And Solomon began to sit upon Yehowah's throne as king in place of David his father and to make a success of it, and all the Israelites were obedient to him. (**1 Chronicles 29:23**)
- As such, it represented the seat of the divinely constituted government or typical kingdom of God operating through the house of David. With its Mount Zion, it was the town of the grand King.

- Yehowah is great and much to be praised in the city of our God, in his holy mountain. (**Psalms 48:1**)
- Pretty for loftiness, the exultation of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the remote sides of the north, the **town of the grand King**. (**Psalms 48:2**)
- Hence, Jerusalem came to stand for the kingdom of the dynasty of King David, much as Washington, London, Paris, and Moscow represent the ruling powers of present-day nations and are so referred to in news communiqués. After Jerusalem was trampled on by the Babylonians, its king being taken into exile and the land laid desolate, no member of the Davidic dynasty again ruled from earthly Jerusalem. But the Scriptures show that Jesus, the Messiah, who was born in the line of David, would rule from heavenly Mount Zion, from heavenly Jerusalem.
- Saying: **I, even I, have installed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.** (**Psalms 2:6**)
- Let me refer to the decree of Yehowah. He has said to me; You are my son. **I, today, I have become your father.** (**Psalms 2:7**)
- So too the Christ did not glorify himself by becoming a High Priest, but was glorified by him who spoke with reference to him, **You are my son. I, today, I have become your father.** (**Hebrews 5:5**)
- And I saw, and, look! The Lamb standing upon the Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (**Revelation 14:1**)
- And they are singing as if a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to master that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, who have been bought from the earth. (**Revelation 14:3**)

### ·· **Beginning Of Trampling**

- The trampling on that kingdom of the dynasty of Davidic rulers did not begin with the Roman devastation of the city of Jerusalem in **70 C.E.** It began centuries earlier with the Babylonian overthrow of that

**dynasty in 607 B.C.E, when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and took captive the dethroned king Zedekiah and the land was left desolate.**

- **And it came about in the ninth year of his being king, in the tenth month on the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, yes, he and all his military force, against Jerusalem and began camping against it and building against it a siege wall all around. (2 Kings 25:1)**
- **And the city came to be under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (2 Kings 25:2)**
- **On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was severe in the city, and there proved to be no bread for the people of the land. (2 Kings 25:3)**
- **And the city got to be breached, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the double wall that is by the kings garden, while the Chaldeans were all around against the city, and the king began to go in the direction of the Arabah. (2 Kings 25:4)**
- **And a military force of Chaldeans went chasing after the king, and they got to overtake him in the desert plains of Jericho, and all his own military force was scattered from his side. (2 Kings 25:5)**
- **Then they seized the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, that they might pronounce a judicial decision upon him. (2 Kings 25:6)**
- **And Zedekiah's sons they slaughtered before his eyes, and Zedekiah's eyes he blinded, after which he bound him with copper fetters and brought him to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:7)**
- **And in the fifth month on the seventh day of the month, that is to say, the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. (2 Kings 25:8)**
- **And he proceeded to burn the house of Yehowah and the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem, and the house of every great man he burned with fire. (2 Kings 25:9)**

- **And the walls of Jerusalem, all around, the entire military force of Chaldeans that were with the chief of the bodyguard pulled down. (2 Kings 25:10)**
- **And the rest of the people that were left behind in the city and the deserters that had gone over to the king of Babylon and the rest of the crowd Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard took into exile. (2 Kings 25:11)**
- **And some of the lowly people of the land the chief of the bodyguard let remain as vinedressers and compulsory laborers. (2 Kings 25:12)**
- **And the pillars of copper that were in the house of Yehowah, and the carriages and the copper sea that were in the house of Yehowah, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and went carrying the copper of them to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:13)**
- **And the censers and the shovels and the extinguishers and the cups and all the utensils of copper with which they used to minister they took. (2 Kings 25:14)**
- **And the chief of the bodyguard took the fire holders and the bowls that were of genuine gold and those that were of genuine silver. (2 Kings 25:15)**
- **As for the two pillars, the one sea and the carriages that Solomon had made for the house of Yehowah, there happened to be no way to tell the weight of the copper of all these utensils. (2 Kings 25:16)**
- **Eighteen cubits was the height of each pillar, and the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the capital was three cubits, and the network and the pomegranates all around upon the capital, the whole of it, was copper, and the second pillar had the same as these upon the network. (2 Kings 25:17)**
- **Furthermore, the chief of the bodyguard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and three doorkeepers. (2 Kings 25:18)**
- **And from the city he took one court official that had a command over the men of war, and five men from those having access to**

- the king that were found in the city, and the secretary of the chief of the army, the one mustering the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land that were to be found in the city. (2 Kings 25:19)
- And Nebuzaradan the chief of the bodyguard then took them and conducted them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. (2 Kings 25:20)
  - And the king of Babylon proceeded to strike them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile from off its soil. (2 Kings 25:21)
  - As for the people left behind in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left behind, he now appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan. (2 Kings 25:22)
  - When all the chiefs of the military forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, they immediately came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, that is, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and Johanan the son of Kareah and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. (2 Kings 25:23)
  - Then Gedaliah swore to them and their men and said to them; Do not be afraid of being servants to the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you. (2 Kings 25:24)
  - And it came about in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama of the royal offspring came, and also ten men with him, and they got to strike down Gedaliah, so that he died, and also the Jews and the Chaldeans that happened to be with him in Mizpah. (2 Kings 25:25)
  - After that all the people, from small to great, and the chiefs of the military forces rose up and came into Egypt, for they had become afraid because of the Chaldeans. (2 Kings 25:26)
  - This accorded with the prophetic words directed to Zedekiah at,
  - And as for you, O deadly wounded, wicked chieftain of Israel, whose day has come in the time of the error of the end. (Ezekiel 21:25)



- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Remove the turban, and lift off the crown. This will not be the same. Put on high even what is low, and bring low even the high one. (**Ezekiel 21:26**)
- A ruin, a ruin, a ruin I shall make it. As for this also, it will certainly become no one's until he comes who has the legal right, and I must give it to him. (**Ezekiel 21:27**)
- The one who has **the legal right** to the Davidic crown lost by Zedekiah is demonstrated in the **Christian Greek Scriptures** to be **Christ Jesus**, of whom the angel, announcing his future birth, said; **Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father**, and he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom.
- This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Yehowah God will give him the throne of David his father. (**Luke 1:32**)
- And he will rule as **king over the house of Jacob forever**, and there will be no end of his kingdom. (**Luke 1:33**)

### See Also **CHRONOLOGY**

- With Jerusalem's fall in **607 B.C.E.** the **Gentile powers exercised domination over the entire earth**. The Davidic dynasty and rule suffered interruption, and so Jerusalem, or what it stood for, would continue to be **trampled on** as long as God's kingdom, as functioning through David's house, was kept in a low, inoperative condition under the Gentile powers.
- Observing this connection with rulership **Unger's Bible Dictionary [1965, p. 398]** comments; **Consequently Gentiles move on as the nations to the end of their stewardship as earth rulers. The termination of this period will be the end of the times of the Gentiles.**
- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the **appointed times of the nations are fulfilled**. (**Luke 21:24**)
- This is the dream, and its interpretation we shall say before the king. (**Daniel 2:36**)

- **You, O king, the king of kings, you to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the might, and the strength and the dignity. (Daniel 2:37)**
- **And into whose hand he has given, wherever the sons of mankind are dwelling, the beasts of the field and the winged creatures of the heavens, and whom he has made ruler over all of them, you yourself are the head of gold. (Daniel 2:38)**
- **And after you there will rise another kingdom inferior to you, and another kingdom, a third one, of copper, that will rule over the whole earth. (Daniel 2:39)**
- **And as for the fourth kingdom, it will prove to be strong like iron. Forasmuch as iron is crushing and grinding everything else, so, like iron that shatters, it will crush and shatter even all these. (Daniel 2:40)**
- **And whereas you beheld the feet and the toes to be partly of molded clay of a potter and partly of iron, the kingdom itself will prove to be divided, but somewhat of the hardness of iron will prove to be in it, forasmuch as you beheld the iron mixed with moist clay. (Daniel 2:41)**
- **And as for the toes of the feet being partly of iron and partly of molded clay, the kingdom will partly prove to be strong and will partly prove to be fragile. (Daniel 2:42)**
- **Whereas you beheld iron mixed with moist clay, they will come to be mixed with the offspring of mankind, but they will not prove to be sticking together, this one to that one, just as iron is not mixing with molded clay. (Daniel 2:43)**
- **And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite; (Daniel 2:44)**
- **Say, please, to the rebellious house; Do you people actually not know what these things mean? Say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. (Ezekiel 17:12)**

- **Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a covenant with him and brought him into an oath, and the foremost men of the land he took away. (Ezekiel 17:13)**
- **In order, that the kingdom might become low, unable to lift itself up, that by keeping his covenant it might stand. (Ezekiel 17:14)**
- **But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a covenant? And will he actually escape? (Ezekiel 17:15)**
- **As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, in the place of the king who put in as king the one that despised his oath and that broke his covenant, with him in the midst of Babylon he will die. (Ezekiel 17:16)**
- **And by a great military force and by a multitudinous congregation Pharaoh will not make him effective in the war, by throwing up a siege rampart and by building a siege wall, in order to cut off many souls. (Ezekiel 17:17)**
- **And he has despised an oath in breaking a covenant, and, look! He had given his hand and has done even all these things. He will not make his escape. (Ezekiel 17:18)**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; As I am alive, surely my oath that he has despised and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it upon his head. (Ezekiel 17:19)**
- **And I will spread over him my net, and he will certainly be caught in my hunting net, and I will bring him to Babylon and put myself on judgment with him there respecting his unfaithfulness with which he acted against me. (Ezekiel 17:20)**
- **And as regards all the fugitives of his in all his bands, by the sword they will fall, and the one's left remaining will be spread abroad even to every wind. And you people will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken it. (Ezekiel 17:21)**
- **Also the description of Medo-Persia's fall at,**

- **And I saw it coming into close touch with the ram, and it began showing bitterness toward it, and it proceeded to strike down the ram and to break its two horns, and there proved to be no power in the ram to stand before it. So it threw it to the earth and trampled it down, and the ram proved to have no deliverer out of its hand. (Daniel 8:7)**
- **The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)**

### •• **Relation To Daniel's Prophecies**

- **At least twice in this prophecy concerning the **time of the end**, Jesus referred to the contents of the book of the prophet Daniel.**
- **Therefore, when you catch sight of the disgusting thing that causes desolation, as spoken of **through Daniel the prophet**, standing in a holy place, let the reader use discernment. (Matthew 24:15)**
- **For then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again. (Matthew 24:21)**
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- **For then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, no, nor will occur again. (Matthew 24:21)**
- **And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (Daniel 12:1)**

- In the book of Daniel we find a picture drawn of the domination of the earth by the Gentile powers during their **appointed times**. The second chapter of Daniel contains the prophetic vision, received by King Nebuchadnezzar, of the great image that Daniel by inspiration showed to represent the **march of Gentile world powers**, ending with their destruction by the Kingdom set up by **the God of heaven**, which Kingdom then rules earth wide.
- You, O king, happened to be beholding, and, look! A certain immense image. That image, which was large and the brightness of which was extraordinary, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was dreadful. (**Daniel 2:31**)
- As regards that image, its head was of good gold, its breasts and its arms were of silver, its belly and its thighs were of copper. (**Daniel 2:32**)
- Its legs were of iron, its feet were partly of iron and partly of molded clay. (**Daniel 2:33**)
- You kept on looking until a stone was cut out not by hands, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and of molded clay and crushed them. (**Daniel 2:34**)
- At that time the iron, the molded clay, the copper, the silver and the gold were, all together, crushed and became like the chaff from the summer threshing floor, and the wind carried them away so that no trace at all was found of them. And as for the stone that struck the image, it became a large mountain and filled the whole earth. (**Daniel 2:35**)
- This is the dream, and its interpretation we shall say before the king. (**Daniel 2:36**)
- You, O king, the king of kings, you to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the might, and the strength and the dignity. (**Daniel 2:37**)
- And into whose hand he has given, wherever the sons of mankind are dwelling, the beasts of the field and the winged creatures of the heavens, and whom he has made ruler over all of them, you yourself are the head of gold. (**Daniel 2:38**)

- And after you there will rise another kingdom inferior to you, and another kingdom, a third one, of copper, that will rule over the whole earth. (Daniel 2:39)
- And as for the fourth kingdom, it will prove to be strong like iron. Forasmuch as iron is crushing and grinding everything else, so, like iron that shatters, it will crush and shatter even all these. (Daniel 2:40)
- And whereas you beheld the feet and the toes to be partly of molded clay of a potter and partly of iron, the kingdom itself will prove to be divided, but somewhat of the hardness of iron will prove to be in it, forasmuch as you beheld the iron mixed with moist clay. (Daniel 2:41)
- And as for the toes of the feet being partly of iron and partly of molded clay, the kingdom will partly prove to be strong and will partly prove to be fragile. (Daniel 2:42)
- Whereas you beheld iron mixed with moist clay, they will come to be mixed with the offspring of mankind, but they will not prove to be sticking together, this one to that one, just as iron is not mixing with molded clay. (Daniel 2:43)
- And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite; (Daniel 2:44)
- Forasmuch as you beheld that out of the mountain a stone was cut not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the copper, the molded clay, the silver and the gold. The grand God himself has made known to the king what is to occur after this. And the dream is reliable, and the interpretation of it is trustworthy. (Daniel 2:45)
- It is of note that the **image begins with the Babylonian Empire**, the first world power to **trample Jerusalem** by overthrowing the **Davidic dynasty** and leaving **Yehowah's throne in Jerusalem vacant**. This also confirms the start of **the appointed times of the nations** in the year of Jerusalem's destruction, **607 B.C.E.**

·· **Dream Vision Of Tree In Daniel Chapter 4**

- Again in the book of Daniel we find a close parallel to Jesus use of the word times with regard to the nations, or Gentile powers. And again it is Nebuchadnezzar, the dethroner of David's descendant Zedekiah, who was given another vision interpreted by Daniel as relating to divinely appointed kingship.
- The symbolic vision was of an **immense tree**, an angel from heaven commanded that it be chopped down. Its stump was then banded with iron and copper and had to stay that way among the grass of the field until **seven times** passed over it.
- Let its heart be changed from that of mankind, and let the heart of a beast be given to it, and let seven times pass over it. (**Daniel 4:16**)
- By the decree of watchers the thing is, and by the saying of holy one's the request is, to the intent that people living may know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that to the one whom he wants to, he gives it and he sets up over it even the lowliest one of mankind. (**Daniel 4:17**)
- Now the visions of my head upon my bed I happened to be beholding, and, look! A tree in the midst of the earth, the height of which was immense. (**Daniel 4:10**)
- The tree grew up and became strong, and its very height finally reached the heavens, and it was visible to the extremity of the whole earth. (**Daniel 4:11**)
- Its foliage was fair, and its fruit was abundant, and there was food for all on it. Under it the beast of the field would seek shade, and on its boughs the birds of the heavens would dwell, and from it all flesh would feed itself. (**Daniel 4:12**)
- I continued beholding in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, look! a watcher, even a holy one, coming down from the heavens themselves. (**Daniel 4:13**)
- He was calling out loudly, and this is what he was saying; Chop the tree down, and cut off its boughs. Shake off its foliage, and scatter its fruitage. Let the beast flee from under it, and the birds from its boughs. (**Daniel 4:14**)

- However, Leave its rootstock itself in the earth, even with a banding of iron and of copper, among the grass of the field, and with the dew of the heavens let it be wet, and with the beast let its portion be among the vegetation of the earth. (**Daniel 4:15**)
- Let its heart be changed from that of mankind, and let the heart of a beast be given to it, and let seven times pass over it. (**Daniel 4:16**), *Footnote*

### ·· **Related To Appointed Times Of The Nations**

- **The vision definitely had a fulfillment in Nebuchadnezzar himself.**
- While the word was yet in the kings mouth, there was a voice that fell from the heavens. To you it is being said, O Nebuchadnezzar the king; The kingdom itself has gone away from you. (**Daniel 4:31**)
- And from mankind they are driving even you away, and with the beasts of the field your dwelling will be. Vegetation they will give even to you to eat just like bulls, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. (**Daniel 4:32**)
- At that moment the word itself was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and from mankind he was being driven away, and vegetation he began to eat just like bulls, and with the dew of the heavens his own body got to be wet, until his very hair grew long just like eagles feathers and his nails like birds claws. (**Daniel 4:33**)
- And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up to the heavens my eyes, and my own understanding began to return to me, and I blessed the Most High himself, and the One living to time indefinite I praised and glorified, because his rulership is a rulership to time indefinite and his kingdom is for generation after generation. (**Daniel 4:34**)
- And all the inhabitants of the earth are being considered as merely nothing, and he is doing according to his own will among the army of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth. And there exists no one that can check his hand or that can say to him, What have you been doing? (**Daniel 4:35**)



· Therefore, some view it as having direct prophetic application only to him and see in this vision merely the presentation of the eternal verity of God's supremacy over all other powers human or supposedly divine. They acknowledge the application of that **truth** or **principle** beyond Nebuchadnezzar's own case, but do not see it as relating to any specific time period or divine schedule.

· Yet, an examination of the entire book of Daniel reveals that the element of time is everywhere prominent in the visions and prophecies it presents, and the world powers and events described in each such vision are shown, not as isolated or as occurring at random with the time element left ambiguous, but, rather, as fitting into a historical setting or time sequence.

· This is the dream, and its interpretation we shall say before the king. (**Daniel 2:36**)

· You, O king, the king of kings, you to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the might, and the strength and the dignity. (**Daniel 2:37**)

· And into whose hand he has given, wherever the sons of mankind are dwelling, the beasts of the field and the winged creatures of the heavens, and whom he has made ruler over all of them, you yourself are the head of gold. (**Daniel 2:38**)

· And after you there will rise another kingdom inferior to you, and another kingdom, a third one, of copper, that will rule over the whole earth. (**Daniel 2:39**)

· And as for the fourth kingdom, it will prove to be strong like iron. Forasmuch as iron is crushing and grinding everything else, so, like iron that shatters, it will crush and shatter even all these. (**Daniel 2:40**)

· And whereas you beheld the feet and the toes to be partly of molded clay of a potter and partly of iron, the kingdom itself will prove to be divided, but somewhat of the hardness of iron will prove to be in it, forasmuch as you beheld the iron mixed with moist clay. (**Daniel 2:41**)

· And as for the toes of the feet being partly of iron and partly of molded clay, the kingdom will partly prove to be strong and will

partly prove to be fragile. ([Daniel 2:42](#))

- Whereas you beheld iron mixed with moist clay, they will come to be mixed with the offspring of mankind, but they will not prove to be sticking together, this one to that one, just as iron is not mixing with molded clay. ([Daniel 2:43](#))
- And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite; ([Daniel 2:44](#))
- Forasmuch as you beheld that out of the mountain a stone was cut not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the copper, the molded clay, the silver and the gold. The grand God himself has made known to the king what is to occur after this. And the dream is reliable, and the interpretation of it is trustworthy. ([Daniel 2:45](#))
- And four huge beasts were coming up out of the sea, each one being different from the others. ([Daniel 7:3](#))
- The first one was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I kept on beholding until its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand up on two feet just like a man, and there was given to it the heart of a man. ([Daniel 7:4](#))
- And, see there! Another beast, a second one, it being like a bear. And on one side it was raised up, and there were three ribs in its mouth between its teeth, and this is what they were saying to it, Get up, eat much flesh. ([Daniel 7:5](#))
- After this I kept on beholding, and, see there! Another beast, one like a leopard, but it had four wings of a flying creature on its back. And the beast had four heads, and there was given to it rulership indeed. ([Daniel 7:6](#))
- After this I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! A fourth beast, fearsome and terrible and unusually strong. And it had teeth of iron, big ones. It was devouring and crushing, and what was left it was treading down with its feet. And it was something different from all the other beasts that

were prior to it, and it had ten horns. ([Daniel 7:7](#))

- **I kept on considering the horns, and, look! Another horn, a small one, came up in among them, and there were three of the first horns that were plucked up from before it. And, look! There were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn, and there was a mouth speaking grandiose things. ([Daniel 7:8](#))**
- **I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. ([Daniel 7:9](#))**
- **There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened. ([Daniel 7:10](#))**
- **I kept on beholding at that time because of the sound of the grandiose words that the horn was speaking; I kept on beholding until the beast was killed and its body was destroyed and it was given to the burning fire. ([Daniel 7:11](#))**
- **But as for the rest of the beasts, their rulerships were taken away, and there was a lengthening in life given to them for a time and a season. ([Daniel 7:12](#))**
- **As for these huge beasts, because they are four, there are four kings that will stand up from the earth. ([Daniel 7:17](#))**
- **But the holy one's of the Supreme One will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom for time indefinite, even for time indefinite upon times indefinite. ([Daniel 7:18](#))**
- **Then it was that I desired to make certain concerning the fourth beast, which proved to be different from all the others, extraordinarily fearsome, the teeth of which were of iron and the claws of which were of copper, which was devouring and crushing, and which was treading down even what was left with its feet. ([Daniel 7:19](#))**
- **And concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three fell, even that**

horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things and the appearance of which was bigger than that of its fellows. **(Daniel 7:20)**

- I kept on beholding when that very horn made war upon the holy ones, and it was prevailing against them. **(Daniel 7:21)**
- Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. **(Daniel 7:22)**
- This is what he said; As for the fourth beast, there is a fourth kingdom that will come to be on the earth, that will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour all the earth and will trample it down and crush it. **(Daniel 7:23)**
- And as for the ten horns, out of that kingdom there are ten kings that will rise up, and still another one will rise up after them, and he himself will be different from the first ones, and three kings he will humiliate. **(Daniel 7:24)**
- And he will speak even words against the Most High, and he will harass continually the holy one's themselves of the Supreme One. And he will intend to change times and law, and they will be given into his hand for a time, and times and half a time. **(Daniel 7:25)**
- And the Court itself proceeded to sit, and his own rulership they finally took away, in order to annihilate him and to destroy him totally. **(Daniel 7:26)**
- When I raised my eyes, then I saw, and, look! A ram standing before the watercourse, and it had two horns. And the two horns were tall, but the one was taller than the other, and the taller was the one that came up afterward. **(Daniel 8:3)**
- I saw the ram making thrusts to the west and to the north and to the south, and no wild beasts kept standing before it, and there was no one doing any delivering out of its hand. And it did according to its will, and it put on great airs. **(Daniel 8:4)**
- And I, for my part, kept on considering, and, look! There was a male of the goats coming from the sunset upon the surface of the

- whole earth, and it was not touching the earth. And as regards the he-goat, there was a conspicuous horn between its eyes. **(Daniel 8:5)**
- **And it kept coming all the way to the ram possessing the two horns, which I had seen standing before the watercourse, and it came running toward it in its powerful rage. (Daniel 8:6)**
  - **And I saw it coming into close touch with the ram, and it began showing bitterness toward it, and it proceeded to strike down the ram and to break its two horns, and there proved to be no power in the ram to stand before it. So it threw it to the earth and trampled it down, and the ram proved to have no deliverer out of its hand. (Daniel 8:7)**
  - **And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the four winds of the heavens. (Daniel 8:8)**
  - **And out of one of them there came forth another horn, a small one, and it kept getting very much greater toward the south and toward the sunrising and toward the Decoration. (Daniel 8:9)**
  - **And it kept getting greater all the way to the army of the heavens, so that it caused some of the army and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it went trampling them down. (Daniel 8:10)**
  - **And all the way to the Prince of the army it put on great airs, and from him the constant feature was taken away, and the established place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (Daniel 8:11)**
  - **And an army itself was gradually given over, together with the constant feature, because of transgression, and it kept throwing truth to the earth, and it acted and had success. (Daniel 8:12)**
  - **And I got to hear a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one proceeded to say to the particular one who was speaking, How long will the vision be of the constant feature and of the transgression causing desolation, to make both the holy place and the army things to trample on? (Daniel 8:13)**

- **So he said to me; Until two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings, and the holy place will certainly be brought into its right condition. (Daniel 8:14)**
- **The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)**
- **And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (Daniel 8:21)**
- **And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (Daniel 8:22)**
- **And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (Daniel 8:23)**
- **And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty one's to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. (Daniel 8:24)**
- **And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (Daniel 8:25)**
- **In the first year of his reigning I myself, Daniel, discerned by the books the number of the years concerning which the word of Yehowah had occurred to Jeremiah the prophet, for fulfilling the devastations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. (Daniel 9:2)**
- **There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (Daniel 9:24)**
- **And you should know and have the insight that from the going**

- forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)
- **And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (**Daniel 9:26**)**
  - **And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)**
  - **And now what is truth I shall tell to you; Look! There will yet be three kings standing up for Persia, and the fourth one will amass greater riches than all others. And as soon as he has become strong in his riches, he will rouse up everything against the kingdom of Greece. (**Daniel 11:2**)**
  - **And a mighty king will certainly stand up and rule with extensive dominion and do according to his will. (**Daniel 11:3**)**
  - **And when he will have stood up, his kingdom will be broken and be divided toward the four winds of the heavens, but not to his posterity and not according to his dominion with which he had ruled, because his kingdom will be uprooted, even for others than these. (**Daniel 11:4**)**
  - **And the king of the south will become strong, even one of his princes, and he will prevail against him and will certainly rule with extensive dominion greater than that one's ruling power. (**Daniel 11:5**)**
  - **And at the end of some years they will ally themselves with each other, and the very daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north in order to make an equitable arrangement. But she will not retain the power of her arm, and he will not stand, neither his arm, and she will be given up, she herself, and those bringing her in, and he who caused her birth, and the one**

making her strong in those times. ([Daniel 11:6](#))

- **And one from the sprout of her roots will certainly stand up in his position, and he will come to the military force and come against the fortress of the king of the north and will certainly act against them and prevail. ([Daniel 11:7](#))**
- **And also with their gods, with their molten images, with their desirable articles of silver and of gold, and with the captives he will come to Egypt. And he himself will for some years stand off from the king of the north. ([Daniel 11:8](#))**
- **And he will actually come into the kingdom of the king of the south and go back to his own soil. ([Daniel 11:9](#))**
- **Now as for his sons, they will excite themselves and actually gather together a crowd of large military forces. And in coming he will certainly come and flood over and pass through. But he will go back, and he will excite himself all the way to his fortress. ([Daniel 11:10](#))**
- **And the king of the south will embitter himself and will have to go forth and fight with him, that is, with the king of the north, and he will certainly have a large crowd stand up, and the crowd will actually be given into the hand of that one. ([Daniel 11:11](#))**
- **And the crowd will certainly be carried away. His heart will become exalted, and he will actually cause tens of thousands to fall, but he will not use his strong position. ([Daniel 11:12](#))**
- **And the king of the north must return and set up a crowd larger than the first, and at the end of the times, some years, he will come, doing so with a great military force and with a great deal of goods. ([Daniel 11:13](#))**
- **And in those times there will be many who will stand up against the king of the south. And the sons of the robbers belonging to your people will, for their part, be carried along to try making a vision come true, and they will have to stumble. ([Daniel 11:14](#))**
- **And the king of the north will come and throw up a siege rampart and actually capture a city with fortifications. And as for the arms of the south, they will not stand, neither the people of his picked ones, and there will be no power to keep standing. ([Daniel](#)**



**11:15)**

- **And the one coming against him will do according to his will, and there will be no one standing before him. And he will stand in the land of the Decoration, and there will be extermination in his hand. (Daniel 11:16)**
- **And he will set his face to come with the forcefulness of his entire kingdom, and there will be equitable terms with him, and he will act effectively. And as regards the daughter of womankind, it will be granted to him to bring her to ruin. And she will not stand, and she will not continue to be his. (Daniel 11:17)**
- **And he will turn his face back to the coastlands and will actually capture many. And a commander will have to make the reproach from him cease for himself, so that his reproach will not be. He will make it turn back upon that one. (Daniel 11:18)**
- **And he will turn his face back to the fortresses of his own land, and he will certainly stumble and fall, and he will not be found. (Daniel 11:19)**
- **And there must stand up in his position one who is causing an exactor to pass through the splendid kingdom, and in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger nor in warfare. (Daniel 11:20)**
- **And there must stand up in his position one who is to be despised, and they will certainly not set upon him the dignity of the kingdom, and he will actually come in during a freedom from care and take hold of the kingdom by means of smoothness. (Daniel 11:21)**
- **And as regards the arms of the flood, they will be flooded over on account of him, and they will be broken, as will also the Leader of the covenant. (Daniel 11:22)**
- **And because of their allying themselves with him he will carry on deception and actually come up and become mighty by means of a little nation. (Daniel 11:23)**
- **During freedom from care, even into the fatness of the jurisdictional district he will enter in and actually do what his fathers and the fathers of his fathers have not done. Plunder and**

spoil and goods he will scatter among them, and against fortified places he will scheme out his schemes, but only until a time. **(Daniel 11:24)**

- **And he will arouse his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great military force, and the king of the south, for his part, will excite himself for the war with an exceedingly great and mighty military force. And he will not stand, because they will scheme out against him schemes. (Daniel 11:25)**
- **And the very one's eating his delicacies will bring his breakdown. And as for his military force, it will be flooded away, and many will certainly fall down slain. (Daniel 11:26)**
- **And as regards these two kings, their heart will be inclined to doing what is bad, and at one table a lie is what they will keep speaking. But nothing will succeed, because the end is yet for the time appointed. (Daniel 11:27)**
- **And he will go back to his land with a great amount of goods, and his heart will be against the holy covenant. And he will act effectively and certainly go back to his land. (Daniel 11:28)**
- **At the time appointed he will go back, and he will actually come against the south, but it will not prove to be at the last the same as at the first. (Daniel 11:29)**
- **And there will certainly come against him the ships of Kittim, and he will have to become dejected. And he will actually go back and hurl denunciations against the holy covenant and act effectively, and he will have to go back and will give consideration to those leaving the holy covenant. (Daniel 11:30)**
- **And there will be arms that will stand up, proceeding from him, and they will actually profane the sanctuary, the fortress, and remove the constant feature. And they will certainly put in place the disgusting thing that is causing desolation. (Daniel 11:3)**
- **And those who are acting wickedly against the covenant, he will lead into apostasy by means of smooth words. But as regards the people who are knowing their God, they will prevail and act effectively. (Daniel 11:32)**
- **And as regards those having insight among the people, they will**

impart understanding to the many. And they will certainly be made to stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plundering, for some days. ([Daniel 11:33](#))

- But when they are made to stumble they will be helped with a little help, and many will certainly join themselves to them by means of smoothness. ([Daniel 11:34](#))
- And some of those having insight will be made to stumble, in order to do a refining work because of them and to do a cleansing and to do a whitening, until the time of the end, because it is yet for the time appointed. ([Daniel 11:35](#))
- And the king will actually do according to his own will, and he will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and against the God of gods he will speak marvelous things. And he will certainly prove successful until the denunciation will have come to a finish, because the thing decided upon must be done. ([Daniel 11:36](#))
- And to the God of his fathers he will give no consideration, and to the desire of women and to every other god he will give no consideration, but over everyone he will magnify himself. ([Daniel 11:37](#))
- But to the god of fortresses, in his position he will give glory, and to a god that his fathers did not know he will give glory by means of gold and by means of silver and by means of precious stone and by means of desirable things. ([Daniel 11:38](#))
- And he will act effectively against the most fortified strongholds, along with a foreign god. Whoever has given him recognition he will make abound with glory, and he will actually make them rule among many, and the ground he will apportion out for a price. ([Daniel 11:39](#))
- And in the time of the end the king of the south will engage with him in a pushing, and against him the king of the north will storm with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will certainly enter into the lands and flood over and pass through. ([Daniel 11:40](#))
- He will also actually enter into the land of the Decoration, and there will be many lands that will be made to stumble. But these

- are the ones that will escape out of his hand, Edom and Moab and the main part of the sons of Ammon. ([Daniel 11:41](#))
- **And he will keep thrusting out his hand against the lands, and as regards the land of Egypt, she will not prove to be an escapee. ([Daniel 11:42](#))**
  - **And he will actually rule over the hidden treasures of the gold and the silver and over all the desirable things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians will be at his steps. ([Daniel 11:43](#))**
  - **But there will be reports that will disturb him, out of the sunrising and out of the north, and he will certainly go forth in a great rage in order to annihilate and to devote many to destruction. ([Daniel 11:44](#))**
  - **And he will plant his palatial tents between the grand sea and the holy mountain of Decoration, and he will have to come all the way to his end, and there will be no helper for him. ([Daniel 11:45](#))**
  - **And I began to hear the man clothed with the linen, who was up above the waters of the stream, as he proceeded to raise his right hand and his left hand to the heavens and to swear by the One who is alive for time indefinite; It will be for an appointed time, appointed times and a half. And as soon as there will have been a finishing of the dashing of the power of the holy people to pieces, all these things will come to their finish. ([Daniel 12:7](#))**
  - **Now as for me, I heard, but I could not understand. So that I said; O my lord, what will be the final part of these things? ([Daniel 12:8](#))**
  - **And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until the time of the end. ([Daniel 12:9](#))**
  - **Many will cleanse themselves and whiten themselves and will be refined. And the wicked one's will certainly act wickedly, and no wicked one's at all will understand, but the one's having insight will understand. ([Daniel 12:10](#))**
  - **And from the time that the constant feature has been removed and there has been a placing of the disgusting thing that is causing desolation, there will be one thousand two hundred and**

ninety days. (Daniel 12:11)

- Happy is the one who is keeping in expectation and who arrives at the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days! (Daniel 12:12)
- And as for you yourself, go toward the end, and you will rest, but you will stand up for your lot at the end of the days. (Daniel 12:13)
- Additionally, the book repeatedly points toward the conclusion that forms the theme of its prophecies. **The establishment of a universal and eternal Kingdom of God exercised through the rulership of the son of man.**
- At that time the iron, the molded clay, the copper, the silver and the gold were, all together, crushed and became like the chaff from the summer threshing floor, and the wind carried them away so that no trace at all was found of them. And as for the **stone that struck the image, it became a large mountain and filled the whole earth.** (Daniel 2:35)
- And in the days of those kings **the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin.** And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite; (Daniel 2:44)
- Forasmuch as you beheld that out of the mountain a stone was cut not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the copper, the molded clay, the silver and the gold. The grand God himself has made known to the king what is to occur after this. And the dream is reliable, and the interpretation of it is trustworthy. (Daniel 2:45)
- By the decree of watchers the thing is, and by the saying of holy one's the request is, to the intent that people living may know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that to the one whom he wants to, he gives it and he sets up over it even the lowliest one of mankind. (Daniel 4:17)
- And you they will be driving away from men, and with the beasts of the field your dwelling will come to be, and the vegetation is what they will give even to you to eat just like bulls, and with the

- dew of the heavens you yourself will be getting wet, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. ([Daniel 4:25](#))
- And from mankind they are driving even you away, and with the beasts of the field your dwelling will be. Vegetation they will give even to you to eat just like bulls, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. ([Daniel 4:32](#))
  - I kept on beholding until there were thrones placed and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white just like snow, and the hair of his head was like clean wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were a burning fire. ([Daniel 7:9](#))
  - There was a stream of fire flowing and going out from before him. There were a thousand thousands that kept ministering to him, and ten thousand times ten thousand that kept standing right before him. The Court took its seat, and there were books that were opened. ([Daniel 7:10](#))
  - I kept on beholding at that time because of the sound of the grandiose words that the horn was speaking. I kept on beholding until the beast was killed and its body was destroyed and it was given to the burning fire. ([Daniel 7:11](#))
  - But as for the rest of the beasts, their rulerships were taken away, and there was a lengthening in life given to them for a time and a season. ([Daniel 7:12](#))
  - I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! With the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming, and to the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. ([Daniel 7:13](#))
  - And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin. ([Daniel 7:14](#))

- But the holy one's of the Supreme One will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom for time indefinite, even for time indefinite upon times indefinite. (**Daniel 7:18**)
- Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. (**Daniel 7:22**)
- And the kingdom and the rulership and the grandeur of the kingdoms under all the heavens were given to the people who are the holy one's of the Supreme One. Their kingdom is an indefinitely lasting kingdom, and all the rulerships will serve and obey even them. (**Daniel 7:27**)
- And during that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who is standing in behalf of the sons of your people. And there will certainly occur a time of distress such as has not been made to occur since there came to be a nation until that time. And during that time your people will escape, every one who is found written down in the book. (**Daniel 12:1**)
- The book is also distinctive in the Hebrew Scriptures for its references to **the time of the end**.
- And he went on to say; Here I am causing you to know what will occur in the final part of the denunciation, because it is for the **appointed time of the end**. (**Daniel 8:19**)
- And some of those having insight will be made to stumble, in order to do a refining work because of them and to do a cleansing and to do a whitening, until the time of the end, because it is yet for the **time appointed**. (**Daniel 11:35**)
- And in the **time of the end** the king of the south will engage with him in a pushing, and against him the king of the north will storm with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships, and he will certainly enter into the lands and flood over and pass through. (**Daniel 11:40**)
- And as for you, O Daniel, make secret the words and seal up the book, **until the time of the end**. Many will rove about, and the true knowledge will become abundant. (**Daniel 12:4**)

- And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up **until the time of the end.** (Daniel 12:9)
- In view of the above, it does not seem logical to evaluate the vision of the symbolic tree and its reference to seven times as having no other application than to the seven years of madness and subsequent recovery and return to power experienced by one Babylonian ruler, particularly so in the light of Jesus own prophetic reference to **the appointed times of the nations.**
- The **time** at which the vision was given. At the critical point in history when God, the Universal Sovereign, had allowed the very kingdom that he had established among his covenant people to be overthrown, the **person** to whom the vision was revealed, the very ruler who served as the divine instrument in such overthrow and who thereby became the recipient of world domination by divine permission, that is, without interference by any representative kingdom of Yehowah God, and the whole **theme** of the vision, namely;
- By the decree of watchers the thing is, and by the saying of holy one's the request is, to the intent that people living may know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that to the one whom he wants to, he gives it and **he sets up over it even the lowliest one of mankind.** (Daniel 4:17)
- All of this gives strong reason for believing that the lengthy vision and its interpretation were included in the book of Daniel because of their revealing the duration of **the appointed times of the nations** and the time for the establishment of God's Kingdom by his Christ.

### · The Tree Symbolism And God's Sovereignty

- The symbolisms used in this prophetic vision are by no means unique. Trees are elsewhere used to represent ruling powers, including that of God's typical kingdom at Jerusalem.
- Subsequently all the landowners of Shechem and all the house of Millo gathered together and went and made Abimelech reign as king, close **by the big tree**, the pillar that was in Shechem. (Judges 9:6)
- When they reported it to Jotham he at once went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim and raised his voice and called out and



- said to them; Listen to me, you landowners of Shechem, and let God listen to you. (**Judges 9:7**)
- Once upon a time **the trees went to anoint a king over them**. So they said to the olive tree; Do be king over us. (**Judges 9:8**)
  - But the **olive tree said** to them; Must I give up my fatness with which they glorify God and men, and must I go to wave over the other trees? (**Judges 9:9**)
  - Then the **trees said to the fig tree**; You come, be queen over us. (**Judges 9:10**)
  - But the **fig tree said to them**; Must I give up my sweetness and my good produce, and must I go to wave over the other trees? (**Judges 9:11**)
  - Next the **trees said to the vine**; You come, be queen over us. (**Judges 9:12**)
  - In **turn the vine said to them**; Must I give up my new wine that makes God and men rejoice, and must I go to wave over the trees? (**Judges 9:13**)
  - Finally **all the other trees said to the bramble**; You come, be king over us. (**Judges 9:14**)
  - At this the **bramble said to the trees**; If it is in truth that you are anointing me as king over you, come, seek refuge under my shadow. But if not, let fire come out of the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon. (**Judges 9:15**)
  - And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (**Ezekiel 17:1**)
  - Son of man, propound a riddle and compose a proverbial saying toward the house of Israel. (**Ezekiel 17:2**)
  - And you must say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; The great eagle, having great wings, with long pinions, full of plumage, which had color variety, came to Lebanon and **proceeded to take the treetop of the cedar**. (**Ezekiel 17:3**)
  - He plucked off the **very top of its young shoots** and came

bringing it to the land of Canaan, in a city of traders he placed it. (Ezekiel 17:4)

- Furthermore, he took some of the seed of the land and put it in a field for seed. As a **willow by vast waters, as a willow tree he placed it.** (Ezekiel 17:5)
- And it began to sprout and gradually became a luxuriantly growing vine low in height, inclined to turn its foliage inward; And as for its roots, they gradually came to be under it. And it finally became a vine and produced shoots and sent forth branches. (Ezekiel 17:6)
- And there came to be another great eagle, having great wings, and having large pinions, and, look! This very vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him. And its foliage it thrust out to him in order for him to irrigate it, away from the garden beds where it was planted. (Ezekiel 17:7)
- To a good field, by vast waters, it was already transplanted, in order to produce boughs and to bear fruit, to become a majestic vine. (Ezekiel 17:8)
- Say, This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it have success? Will not someone tear out its very roots and make its very fruit scaly? And must not all its freshly plucked sprouts become dry? It will become dry. Neither by a great arm nor by a multitudinous people will it have to be lifted up from its roots. (Ezekiel 17:9)
- And, look! Although transplanted, will it have success? Will it not dry up completely, even as when the east wind touches it? In the garden beds of its sprout it will dry up. (Ezekiel 17:10)
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (Ezekiel 17:11)
- Say, please, to the rebellious house; Do you people actually not know what these things mean? Say; Look! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and proceeded to take its king and its princes and bring them to himself at Babylon. (Ezekiel 17:12)
- Furthermore, he took one of the royal seed and concluded a covenant with him and brought him into an oath, and the

- foremost men of the land he took away. (**Ezekiel 17:13**)
- In order, that the kingdom might become low, unable to lift itself up, that by keeping his covenant it might stand. (**Ezekiel 17:14**)
  - But he finally rebelled against him in sending his messengers to Egypt, for it to give him horses and a multitudinous people. Will he have success? Will he escape, he who is doing these things, and who has broken a covenant? And will he actually escape? (**Ezekiel 17:15**)
  - As I am alive, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, in the place of the king who put in as king the one that despised his oath and that broke his covenant, with him in the midst of Babylon he will die. (**Ezekiel 17:16**)
  - And by a great military force and by a multitudinous congregation Pharaoh will not make him effective in the war, by throwing up a siege rampart and by building a siege wall, in order to cut off many souls. (**Ezekiel 17:17**)
  - And he has despised an oath in breaking a covenant, and, look! He had given his hand and has done even all these things. He will not make his escape. (**Ezekiel 17:18**)
  - Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; As I am alive, surely my oath that he has despised and my covenant that he has broken, I will even bring it upon his head. (**Ezekiel 17:19**)
  - And I will spread over him my net, and he will certainly be caught in my hunting net, and I will bring him to Babylon and put myself on judgment with him there respecting his unfaithfulness with which he acted against me. (**Ezekiel 17:20**)
  - And as regards all the fugitives of his in all his bands, by the sword they will fall, and the one's left remaining will be spread abroad even to every wind. And you people will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken it. (**Ezekiel 17:21**)
  - This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I myself will also take and put some of the lofty treetop of the cedar, from the top of its twigs I shall pluck off a tender one and I will myself transplant it upon a high and lofty mountain. (**Ezekiel 17:22**)

- **On the mountain of the height of Israel I shall transplant it, and it will certainly bear boughs and produce fruit and become a majestic cedar. And under it there will actually reside all the birds of every wing, in the shadow of its foliage they will reside. (Ezekiel 17:23)**
- **And all the trees of the field will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have abased the high tree, have put on high the low tree, have dried up the still-moist tree and have made the dry tree blossom. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken and have done it. (Ezekiel 17:24)**
- **Son of man, say to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to his crowd; Whom have you come to resemble in your greatness? (Ezekiel 31:2)**
- **Look! An Assyrian, a cedar in Lebanon, pretty in bough, with a woody thicket offering shadow, and high in stature, so that among the clouds its treetop proved to be. (Ezekiel 31:3)**
- **Waters were what made it get big, the watery deep caused it to grow high. With its streams it was going all around its planting place, and its channels it sent forth to all the trees of the field. (Ezekiel 31:4)**
- **That is why it grew higher in its stature than all the other trees of the field. And its boughs kept multiplying, and its branches continued getting longer because of much water in its watercourses. (Ezekiel 31:5)**
- **On its boughs all the flying creatures of the heavens made their nests, and under its branches all the wild beasts of the field gave birth, and in its shade all the populous nations would dwell. (Ezekiel 31:6)**
- **And it came to be pretty in its greatness, in the length of its foliage, for its root system proved to be over many waters. (Ezekiel 31:7)**
- **Other cedars were no match for it in the garden of God. As for juniper trees, they bore no resemblance as respects its boughs. And plane trees themselves did not prove to be like it in branches. No other tree in the garden of God resembled it in its**

prettiness. ([Ezekiel 31:8](#))

- **Pretty is the way that I made it in the abundance of its foliage, and all the other trees of Eden that were in the garden of the true God kept envying it. ([Ezekiel 31:9](#))**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that you became high in stature, so that it put its treetop even among the clouds and its heart became exalted because of its height. ([Ezekiel 31:10](#))**
- **I shall also give it into the hand of the despot of the nations. Without fail he will act against it. According to its wickedness I will drive it out. ([Ezekiel 31:11](#))**
- **And strangers, the tyrants of the nations, will cut it down, and people will abandon it upon the mountains, and in all the valleys its foliage will certainly fall, and its branches will be broken among all the streambeds of the earth. And out from its shade all the peoples of the earth will come down and abandon it. ([Ezekiel 31:12](#))**
- **Upon its fallen trunk all the flying creatures of the heavens will reside, and upon its branches there will certainly come to be all the wild beasts of the field. ([Ezekiel 31:13](#))**
- **To the end that none of the watered trees may become high in their stature, or put their treetops even among the clouds, and that none drinking water may stand up against them in their height, for they will certainly all of them be given to death, to the land down below, in the midst of the sons of mankind, to those going down into the pit. ([Ezekiel 31:14](#))**
- **This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; On the day of its going down to Sheol I shall certainly cause a mourning. On its account I will cover the watery deep, that I may hold back its streams and that the many waters may be restrained, and on its account I shall darken Lebanon, and on its account the trees of the field will all swoon away. ([Ezekiel 31:15](#))**
- **At the sound of its downfall I shall certainly cause nations to rock when I bring it down to Sheol with those going down into the pit, and in the land down below all the trees of Eden, the choicest and the best of Lebanon, all those drinking water, will be**

comforted. (**Ezekiel 31:16**)

- With him they themselves also have gone down to Sheol, to those slain by the sword, and those who as his seed have dwelt in his shadow in the midst of nations. (**Ezekiel 31:17**)
- Whom have you come to resemble thus in glory and greatness among the trees of Eden? But you will certainly be brought down with the trees of Eden to the land down below. In the midst of the uncircumcised one's you will lie down with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his crowd, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 31:18**)
- A stumps being caused to sprout and the symbol of a **twig** or **sprout** are found a number of times as representing the **renewal of rulership in a certain stock or line**, particularly in the Messianic prophecies.
- Look! The true Lord, Yehowah of armies, is **lopping off boughs with a terrible crash**. Those **tall in growth are being cut down**, and the high one's themselves become low. (**Isaiah 10:33**)
- And it must occur in that day that there will be the **root of Jesse** that will be standing up as a signal for the peoples. To him even the nations will turn inquiringly, and his resting-place must become glorious. (**Isaiah 11:10**)
- And he will come up like a **twig** before one, and like a root out of waterless land. No stately form does he have, nor any splendor, and when we shall see him, there is not the appearance so that we should desire him. (**Isaiah 53:2**)
- He was despised and was avoided by men, a man meant for pains and for having acquaintance with sickness. And there was as if the concealing of one's face from us. He was despised, and we held him as of no account. (**Isaiah 53:3**)
- Truly our sicknesses were what he himself carried, and as for our pains, he bore them. But we ourselves accounted him as plagued, stricken by God and afflicted. (**Isaiah 53:4**)
- But he was being pierced for our transgression, he was being crushed for our errors. The chastisement meant for our peace was upon him, and because of his wounds there has been a

healing for us. ([Isaiah 53:5](#))

- Like sheep we have all of us wandered about, it was each one to his own way that we have turned, and Yehowah himself has caused the error of us all to meet up with that one. ([Isaiah 53:6](#))
- He was hard pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. ([Isaiah 53:7](#))
- Look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will raise up to David a **righteous sprout**. And a king will certainly reign and act with discretion and execute justice and righteousness in the land. ([Jeremiah 23:5](#))
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I myself will also take and put some of the **lofty treetop** of the cedar, from the **top of its twigs** I shall pluck off a **tender one** and I will myself transplant it upon a high and lofty mountain. ([Ezekiel 17:22](#))
- On the mountain of the height of Israel I shall transplant it, and it will **certainly bear boughs and produce fruit and become a majestic cedar**. And under it there will actually reside all the birds of every wing, in the shadow of its foliage they will reside. ([Ezekiel 17:23](#))
- And all the trees of the field will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have abased the high tree, have put on high the low tree, have dried up the still-moist tree and have made the dry tree blossom. I myself, Yehowah, have spoken and have done it. ([Ezekiel 17:24](#))
- And you must say to him; This is what Yehowah of armies has said, Here is the man whose name is **Sprout**. And from his own place he will sprout, and he will certainly build the temple of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 6:12](#))
- And he himself will build the temple of Yehowah, and he, for his part, will carry the dignity, and he must sit down and rule on his throne, and he must become a priest upon his throne, and the very counsel of peace will prove to be between both of them. ([Zechariah 6:13](#))

- For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even **sprout** again; And its own twig will not cease to be. (**Job 14:7**)
- If its root grows old in the earth and in the dust its stump dies. (**Job 14:8**)
- At the scent of water it will **sprout** and it will certainly produce a bough like a new plant. (**Job 14:9**)
- Jesus spoke of himself as both **the root and the offspring of David**.
- But one of the elders says to me, Stop weeping. Look! The Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the **root of David**, has conquered so as to open the scroll and its seven seals. (**Revelation 5:5**)
- I, Jesus, sent my angel to bear witness to you people of these things for the congregations. I am **the root** and the offspring of David, and the bright morning star. (**Revelation 22:16**)
- The fact is evident that the key point of the vision is Yehowah God's exercise of irresistible sovereignty in the kingdom of mankind, and this provides the guide to the full meaning of the vision. The tree is shown to have an application to Nebuchadnezzar, who at that point in history was **the head of the dominant World Power, Babylon**. Yet, prior to Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Jerusalem, the typical kingdom of God ruling out of that city was the agency by which Yehowah expressed his rightful sovereignty toward the earth.
- It thus constituted a divine block or impediment for Nebuchadnezzar in attaining his goal of world domination. By allowing that typical kingdom at Jerusalem to be overthrown, Yehowah permitted **his own visible expression of sovereignty through the Davidic dynasty of kings to be cut down**. The expression and exercise of world domination in the kingdom of mankind, unhindered by any representative kingdom of God, now passed into the hands of the Gentile nations.
- Her adversaries have become the head. Those who are her enemies are unconcerned. Because Yehowah himself has brought grief to her on account of the abundance of her transgressions. Her own children have walked captive before the



adversary. (**Lamentations 1:5**)

- Yehowah has swallowed up, he has shown no compassion upon any abiding places of Jacob. In his fury he has torn down the fortified places of the daughter of Judah. He has **brought into contact with the earth, he has profaned the kingdom** and her princes. (**Lamentations 2:2**)
- At you all your enemies have opened their mouth. They have whistled and kept grinding the teeth. They have said; We will swallow her down. This indeed is the day that we have hoped for. We have found! We have seen! (**Lamentations 2:16**)
- Yehowah has done what he had in mind. He has accomplished his saying; what he had commanded from the days of long ago. He has torn down and shown no compassion. And over you he causes the enemy to rejoice. He has made the horn of your adversaries high. (**Lamentations 2:17**)
- In the light of these facts **the tree** is seen to represent, beyond and above its application to Nebuchadnezzar, world sovereignty or domination by God's arrangement.

#### •• **Renewal Of World Domination**

- God, however, here makes clear that he has not forever delivered up such world domination to the Gentile powers. The vision shows that God's self-restraint, represented by the bands of iron and of copper around the stump of the tree, would continue until seven times pass over it.
- Let its heart be changed from that of mankind, and let the heart of a beast be given to it, and let seven times pass over it. (**Daniel 4:16**)
- And because the king beheld a watcher, even a holy one, coming down from the heavens, who was also saying; Chop the tree down, and ruin it. However, leave its rootstock itself in the earth, but with a banding of iron and of copper, among the grass of the field, and with the dew of the heavens let it become wet, and with the beasts of the field let its portion be until seven times themselves pass over it. (**Daniel 4:23**)
- And you they will be driving away from men, and with the beasts

- of the field your dwelling will come to be, and the vegetation is what they will give even to you to eat just like bulls. With the dew of the heavens you yourself will be getting wet, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. (**Daniel 4:25**)
- **Then, since the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, God would give world domination to the one whom he wants to.**
  - **By the decree of watchers the thing is, and by the saying of holy one's the request is, to the intent that people living may know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that to the one whom he wants to, he gives it and he sets up over it even the lowliest one of mankind. (**Daniel 4:17**)**
  - **The prophetic book of Daniel itself shows that one to be the son of man to whom are given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him.**
  - **I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! with the clouds of the heavens someone like a son of man happened to be coming. To the Ancient of Days he gained access, and they brought him up close even before that One. (**Daniel 7:13**)**
  - **And to him there were given rulership and dignity and kingdom, that the peoples, national groups and languages should all serve even him. His rulership is an indefinitely lasting rulership that will not pass away, and his kingdom one that will not be brought to ruin. (**Daniel 7:14**)**
  - **Jesus own prophecy, in which the reference to the appointed times of the nations occurs, points definitely toward Christ Jesus exercise of such world domination as God's chosen King, the heir of the Davidic dynasty.**
  - **And then the sign of the Son of man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will beat themselves in lamentation, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (**Matthew 24:30**)**
  - **And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen one's together from the four winds,**

from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity.  
([Matthew 24:31](#))

- When the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. ([Matthew 25:31](#))
- And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ([Matthew 25:32](#))
- And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left. ([Matthew 25:33](#))
- Then the king will say to those on his right; Come, you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. ([Matthew 25:34](#))
- And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ([Luke 21:27](#))
- But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near. ([Luke 21:28](#))
- With that he spoke an illustration to them; Note the fig tree and all the other trees. ([Luke 21:29](#))
- When they are already in the bud, by observing it you know for yourselves that now the summer is near. ([Luke 21:30](#))
- In this way you also, when you see these things occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near. ([Luke 21:31](#))
- Keep awake, then, all the time making supplication that you may succeed in escaping all these things that are destined to occur, and in standing before the Son of man. ([Luke 21:36](#))
- Thus, the symbolic stump, representing God's retention of the sovereign right to exercise world domination in the kingdom of mankind, was due to **sprout** again in **his Son's Kingdom**.
- Also, I myself shall place him as firstborn, the most high of the kings of the earth. ([Psalms 89:27](#))

- **Once I have sworn in my holiness, to David I will not tell lies. (Psalms 89:35)**
- **His seed itself will prove to be even to time indefinite, and his throne as the sun in front of me. (Psalms 89:36)**
- **As the moon it will be firmly established for time indefinite, and as a faithful witness in the skies. (Psalms 89:37)**

### ·· **Seven Symbolic Times**

- **In Nebuchadnezzar's personal experience of the visions fulfillment the seven times were evidently seven years, during which he became mad, with symptoms like those of lycanthropy, abandoning his throne to eat grass like a beast in the field.**
- **While the word was yet in the kings mouth, there was a voice that fell from the heavens; To you it is being said, O Nebuchadnezzar the king; The kingdom itself has gone away from you. (Daniel 4:31)**
- **And from mankind they are driving even you away, and with the beasts of the field your dwelling will be. Vegetation they will give even to you to eat just like bulls, and seven times themselves will pass over you, until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that to the one whom he wants to he gives it. (Daniel 4:32)**
- **At that moment the word itself was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and from mankind he was being driven away, and vegetation he began to eat just like bulls, and with the dew of the heavens his own body got to be wet, until his very hair grew long just like eagles feathers and his nails like birds claws. (Daniel 4:33)**
- **And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up to the heavens my eyes, and my own understanding began to return to me, and I blessed the Most High himself, and the One living to time indefinite I praised and glorified, because his rulership is a rulership to time indefinite and his kingdom is for generation after generation. (Daniel 4:34)**
- **And all the inhabitants of the earth are being considered as**

- merely nothing, and he is doing according to his own will among the army of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth. And there exists no one that can check his hand or that can say to him; What have you been doing? (**Daniel 4:35**)
- At the same time my understanding itself began to return to me, and for the dignity of my kingdom my majesty and my brightness themselves began to return to me. For me even my high royal officers and my grandees began eagerly searching, and I was reestablished upon my own kingdom, and greatness extraordinary was added to me. (**Daniel 4:36**)
  - Notably, the Biblical description of the exercise of world **domination by the Gentile powers** is presented through the figure of **beasts in opposition to the holy people** of God and their Prince of princes.
  - Daniel was speaking up and saying; I happened to be beholding in my visions during the night, and, see there! The four winds of the heavens were stirring up the vast sea. (**Daniel 7:2**)
  - And **four huge beasts** were coming up out of the sea, each one being different from the others. (**Daniel 7:3**)
  - The first one was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I kept on beholding until its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand up on two feet just like a man, and there was given to it the heart of a man. (**Daniel 7:4**)
  - And, see there! **Another beast**, a second one, it being like a bear. And on one side it was raised up, and there were three ribs in its mouth between its teeth, and this is what they were saying to it, Get up, eat much flesh. (**Daniel 7:5**)
  - After this I kept on beholding, and, see there! Another **beast, one like a leopard**, but it had four wings of a flying creature on its back. And the beast had four heads, and there was given to it rulership indeed. (**Daniel 7:6**)
  - After this I kept on beholding in the visions of the night, and, see there! A **fourth beast, fearsome** and terrible and unusually strong. And it had teeth of iron, big ones. It was devouring and crushing, and what was left it was treading down with its feet.

And it was something different from all the other beasts that were prior to it, and it had ten horns. ([Daniel 7:7](#))

- I kept on considering the horns, and, look! Another horn, a small one, came up in among them, and there were three of the first horns that were plucked up from before it. And, look! There were eyes like the eyes of a man in this horn, and there was a mouth speaking grandiose things. ([Daniel 7:8](#))
- But as for the **rest of the beasts**, their rulerships were taken away, and there was a lengthening in life given to them for a time and a season. ([Daniel 7:12](#))
- As for these **huge beasts**, because they are **four**, there are four kings that will stand up from the earth. ([Daniel 7:17](#))
- But the holy one's of the Supreme One will receive the kingdom, and they will take possession of the kingdom for time indefinite, even for time indefinite upon times indefinite. ([Daniel 7:18](#))
- Then it was that I desired to make certain concerning the fourth beast, which proved to be different from all the others, extraordinarily fearsome, the teeth of which were of iron and the claws of which were of copper, which was devouring and crushing, and which was treading down even what was left with its feet. ([Daniel 7:19](#))
- And concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes and a mouth speaking grandiose things and the appearance of which was bigger than that of its fellows. ([Daniel 7:20](#))
- I kept on beholding when that very horn made war upon the holy ones, and it was prevailing against them. ([Daniel 7:21](#))
- Until the Ancient of Days came and judgment itself was given in favor of the holy one's of the Supreme One, and the definite time arrived that the holy one's took possession of the kingdom itself. ([Daniel 7:22](#))
- This is what he said; As for the fourth beast, there is a fourth kingdom that will come to be on the earth, that will be different from all the other kingdoms. And it will devour all the earth and

- will trample it down and crush it. ([Daniel 7:23](#))
- **And as for the ten horns, out of that kingdom there are ten kings that will rise up, and still another one will rise up after them, and he himself will be different from the first ones, and three kings he will humiliate. ([Daniel 7:24](#))**
  - **And he will speak even words against the Most High, and he will harass continually the holy one's themselves of the Supreme One. And he will intend to change times and law, and they will be given into his hand for a time, and times and half a time. ([Daniel 7:25](#))**
  - **And the Court itself proceeded to sit, and his own rulership they finally took away, in order to annihilate him and to destroy him totally. ([Daniel 7:26](#))**
  - **When I raised my eyes, then I saw, and, look! A ram standing before the watercourse, and it had two horns. And the two horns were tall, but the one was taller than the other, and the taller was the one that came up afterward. ([Daniel 8:3](#))**
  - **I saw the ram making thrusts to the west and to the north and to the south, and no wild beasts kept standing before it, and there was no one doing any delivering out of its hand. And it did according to its will, and it put on great airs. ([Daniel 8:4](#))**
  - **And I, for my part, kept on considering, and, look! There was a male of the goats coming from the sunset upon the surface of the whole earth, and it was not touching the earth. And as regards the he-goat, there was a conspicuous horn between its eyes. ([Daniel 8:5](#))**
  - **And it kept coming all the way to the ram possessing the two horns, which I had seen standing before the watercourse, and it came running toward it in its powerful rage. ([Daniel 8:6](#))**
  - **And I saw it coming into close touch with the ram, and it began showing bitterness toward it, and it proceeded to strike down the ram and to break its two horns, and there proved to be no power in the ram to stand before it. So it threw it to the earth and trampled it down, and the ram proved to have no deliverer out of its hand. ([Daniel 8:7](#))**

- **And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the four winds of the heavens. (Daniel 8:8)**
- **And out of one of them there came forth another horn, a small one, and it kept getting very much greater toward the south and toward the sunrising and toward the Decoration. (Daniel 8:9)**
- **And it kept getting greater all the way to the army of the heavens, so that it caused some of the army and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it went trampling them down. (Daniel 8:10)**
- **And all the way to the Prince of the army it put on great airs, and from him the constant feature was taken away, and the established place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (Daniel 8:11)**
- **And an army itself was gradually given over, together with the constant feature, because of transgression, and it kept throwing truth to the earth, and it acted and had success. (Daniel 8:12)**
- **The ram that you saw possessing the two horns stands for the kings of Media and Persia. (Daniel 8:20)**
- **And the hairy he-goat stands for the king of Greece, and as for the great horn that was between its eyes, it stands for the first king. (Daniel 8:21)**
- **And that one having been broken, so that there were four that finally stood up instead of it, there are four kingdoms from his nation that will stand up, but not with his power. (Daniel 8:22)**
- **And in the final part of their kingdom, as the transgressors act to a completion, there will stand up a king fierce in countenance and understanding ambiguous sayings. (Daniel 8:23)**
- **And his power must become mighty, but not by his own power. And in a wonderful way he will cause ruin, and he will certainly prove successful and do effectively. And he will actually bring mighty one's to ruin, also the people made up of the holy ones. (Daniel 8:24)**



- **And according to his insight he will also certainly cause deception to succeed in his hand. And in his heart he will put on great airs, and during a freedom from care he will bring many to ruin. And against the Prince of princes he will stand up, but it will be without hand that he will be broken. (Daniel 8:25)**
- **And when they have finished their witnessing, the wild beast that ascends out of the abyss will make war with them and conquer them and kill them. (Revelation 11:7)**
- **And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (Revelation 13:1)**
- **Now the wild beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the beast its power and its throne and great authority. (Revelation 13:2)**
- **And I saw one of its heads as though slaughtered to death, but its death-stroke got healed, and all the earth followed the wild beast with admiration. (Revelation 13:3)**
- **And they worshiped the dragon because it gave the authority to the wild beast, and they worshiped the wild beast with the words; Who is like the wild beast, and who can do battle with it? (Revelation 13:4)**
- **And a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies was given it, and authority to act forty-two months was given it. (Revelation 13:5)**
- **And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his residence, even those residing in heaven. (Revelation 13:6)**
- **And there was granted it to wage war with the holy one's and conquer them, and authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. (Revelation 13:7)**
- **And all those who dwell on the earth will worship it, the name of not one of them stands written in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered, from the founding of the world.**

**(Revelation 13:8)**

- **If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (Revelation 13:9)**
- **If anyone is meant for captivity, he goes away into captivity. If anyone will kill with the sword, he must be killed with the sword. Here is where it means the endurance and faith of the holy ones. (Revelation 13:10)**
- **And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (Revelation 13:11)**
- **And so the angel said to me; Why is it you wondered? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the wild beast that is carrying her and that has the seven heads and the ten horns. (Revelation 17:7)**
- **The wild beast that you saw was, but is not, and yet is about to ascend out of the abyss, and it is to go off into destruction. And when they see how the wild beast was, but is not, and yet will be present, those who dwell on the earth will wonder admiringly, but their names have not been written upon the scroll of life from the founding of the world. (Revelation 17:8)**
- **Here is where the intelligence that has wisdom comes in. The seven heads mean seven mountains, where the woman sits on top. (Revelation 17:9)**
- **And there are seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet arrived, but when he does arrive he must remain a short while. (Revelation 17:10)**
- **And the wild beast that was but is not, it is also itself an eighth king, but springs from the seven, and it goes off into destruction. (Revelation 17:11)**
- **And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. (Revelation 17:12)**
- **These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild beast. (Revelation 17:13)**

- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. (**Revelation 17:14**)
- Concerning the word **times**, from Aramaic *'id-dan'*, as used in Daniel's prophecy, lexicographers show it here to mean **years**. [See *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros*, by L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner, Leiden, 1958, p. 1106] [A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament, by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, 1980, p. 1105] [*Lexicon Linguae Aramaicae Veteris Testamenti*, edited by E. Vogt, Rome, 1971, p. 124]
- The duration of a year as so used is indicated to be 360 days, inasmuch as three and a half times are shown to equal a thousand two hundred and sixty days at,
- And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days. (**Revelation 12:6**)
- But the two wings of the great eagle were given the woman, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, there is where she is fed for a time and times and half a time away from the face of the serpent. (**Revelation 12:14**)
- But as for the courtyard that is outside the temple sanctuary, cast it clear out and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations, and they will trample the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. (**Revelation 11:2**)
- And I will cause my two witnesses to prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days dressed in sackcloth. (**Revelation 11:3**)
- Seven times, according to this count, would equal 2,520 days. That a specific number of days may be used in the Bible record to represent prophetically an equivalent number of years can be seen by reading the accounts at
- By the number of the days that you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year, you will answer for your errors forty years, as you must know what my being estranged means. (**Numbers 14:34**)
- And you must complete them. And you must lie upon your right side in the second case, and you must carry the error of the

house of Judah forty days. A day for a year, a day for a year, is what I have given you. ([Ezekiel 4:6](#))

- Only by applying the formula there expressed of a day for a year to the seven times of this prophecy can the vision of ([Daniel Chapter 4](#)) have significant fulfillment beyond the day of now extinct Nebuchadnezzar, as the evidence thus far presented gives reason to expect. They therefore represent 2,520 years.

- It is a historical fact worth noting that, on the basis of the points and evidence above presented, the [March 1880](#) edition of the [Watch Tower](#) magazine identified the year [1914](#) as the time for the close of the appointed times of the nations, and the end of the lease of power granted the Gentile rulers. This was some 34 years before the arrival of that year and the momentous events it initiated.

- In the [August 30, 1914](#), edition of [The World](#), a leading New York newspaper at that time, a feature article in the papers Sunday magazine section commented on this as follows: [The terrific war outbreak in Europe has fulfilled an extraordinary prophecy. For a quarter of a century past, through preachers and through press, the International Bible Students have been proclaiming to the world that the Day of Wrath prophesied in the Bible would dawn in 1914 C.E.](#)

- The events that took place from and after the year [1914 C.E.](#) are well-known history to all, beginning with the great war that erupted, the first [world war](#) in mankind's history and the first to be fought over the issue, not of the domination of Europe alone, nor of Africa, nor of Asia, [but of the domination of the world.](#)

- Then they questioned him, saying; Teacher, when will these things actually be, and what will be the sign when these things are destined to occur? ([Luke 21:7](#))

- He said, Look out that you are not misled! For many will come on the basis of my name, saying; I am he. And; The due time has approached. Do not go after them. ([Luke 21:8](#))

- Furthermore, when you hear of wars and disorders, do not be terrified. For these things must occur first, but the end does not occur immediately. ([Luke 21:9](#))

- Then he went on to say to them; Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ([Luke 21:10](#))

- **And there will be great earthquakes, and in one place after another pestilences and food shortages, and there will be fearful sights and from heaven great signs. (Luke 21:11)**
- **But before all these things people will lay their hands upon you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, you being haled before kings and governor's for the sake of my name. (Luke 21:12)**
- **It will turn out to you for a witness. (Luke 21:13)**
- **Therefore settle it in your hearts not to rehearse beforehand how to make your defense. (Luke 21:14)**
- **For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your opposers together will not be able to resist or dispute. (Luke 21:15)**
- **Moreover, you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. (Luke 21:16)**
- **And you will be **objects of hatred by all people** because of my name. (Luke 21:17)**
- **And yet not a hair of your heads will by any means perish. (Luke 21:18)**
- **By endurance on your part you will acquire your souls. (Luke 21:19)**
- **Furthermore, when you **see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies**, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. (Luke 21:20)**
- **Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country places not enter into her. (Luke 21:21)**
- **Because these are days for meting out justice, that all the things written may be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)**
- **Woe to the pregnant women and the one's suckling a baby in those days! For there will be great necessity upon the land and**

- wrath on this people. ([Luke 21:23](#))
- **And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled. ([Luke 21:24](#))**
  - **Also, there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth anguish of nations, not knowing the way out because of the roaring of the sea and its agitation. ([Luke 21:25](#))**
  - **While men become faint out of fear and expectation of the things coming upon the inhabited earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ([Luke 21:26](#))**
  - **And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ([Luke 21:27](#))**
  - **But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near. ([Luke 21:28](#))**
  - **With that he spoke an illustration to them. Note the fig tree and all the other trees. ([Luke 21:29](#))**
  - **When they are already in the bud, by observing it you know for yourselves that now the summer is near. ([Luke 21:30](#))**
  - **In this way you also, when you see these things occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near. ([Luke 21:31](#))**
  - **Truly I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away until all things occur. ([Luke 21:32](#))**
  - **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away. ([Luke 21:33](#))**
  - **And the seventh angel blew his trumpet. And loud voices occurred in heaven, saying; The kingdom of the world did become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will rule as king forever and ever. ([Revelation 11:15](#))**
  - **And the twenty-four elders who were seated before God upon their thrones fell upon their faces and worshiped God.**

**(Revelation 11:16)**

- **Saying; We thank you, Yehowah God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and begun ruling as king. (Revelation 11:17)**
- **But the nations became wrathful, and your own wrath came, and the appointed time for the dead to be judged, and to give their reward to your slaves the prophets and to the holy one's and to those fearing your name, the small and the great, and to bring to ruin those ruining the earth. (Revelation 11:18)**

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