



# What God Says About the Future

Daniel 4:1-18 | Session 9

THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

*Rightly Divided*





**“Study to show thyself approved unto God,  
A workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
*rightly dividing* the word of truth.”**

(ὀρθοτομέω orthotomeo | straightly cutting)

**2 Timothy 2:15**

# Major Prophets in Relation to Daniel

<h2>Isaiah</h2>	<p>153 years before Daniel was taken captive: Warns Judah and Jerusalem of coming judgment for their disobedience to God's Law.</p>	<p>Is 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.</p>
<h2>Jeremiah</h2>	<p>Began prophesying 34 years before Daniel was taken captive and continued until the final invasion of Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C: He warned of judgment, but also of restoration.</p>	<p>1:1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.</p>
<h2>Lamentations</h2>	<p>Written at the time of the final invasion by Nebuchadnezzar, 588 to 586 B.C.: It is a message mourning the death of the city of Jerusalem, but contains a message of hope mid-way through the book (3:31-33).</p>	<p>1:1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, And princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! 2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: All her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. 3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude:</p>
<h2>Ezekiel</h2>	<p>Written about eight to ten years after Daniel was taken captive, 597 B.C.: Ezekiel was taken captive at that time. He describes God's glory departing from the Temple. But he concludes with the restoration of God's glory in the millennial temple in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity...</p>

# How Old Was Daniel?

CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
<u>1</u>	<u>TAKEN TO BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY</u>	<u>15</u>
2	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1 <sup>st</sup> dream (huge image)	17
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	Early 40's
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	50's
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
6	Delivered from the den of lions	Early 80's
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams (not chronological)	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's



# NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S 3 SIEGES OF JUDAH

Dates are approximate.

	1	2	3
Year	<b>BC 607</b>	<b>BC 597</b>	<b>BC 588-586</b>
Scripture	2 Kings 24:1; Dan.1:1	2 Kings 24:10-16; Ezek. 1:1-2	2 Kings 25:1-2, Ezek 33:21
Judah's king	Jehoiakim	Jehoiachin	Zedekiah
Those taken	Daniel & some princes  [Times of the Gentiles]	Ezekiel & majority 10k	Remnant captured, Jerusalem & Temple destroyed

# Characteristics of the Man Daniel

A man of purpose.	He resolved not to defile himself with the things of the world.
A man of prayer.	His prayers will be a great example for us.
A man of prophecy.	His book is the key that unlocks the predictions of other prophets.
A man of integrity.	He was above reproach which made him open for attack; but he was so morally and ethically consistent his attackers could not find a single flaw.



# The Times of the Gentiles

Head of Gold - **Nebuchadnezzar**

Breast and Arms of Silver - **Media-Persian Empire**

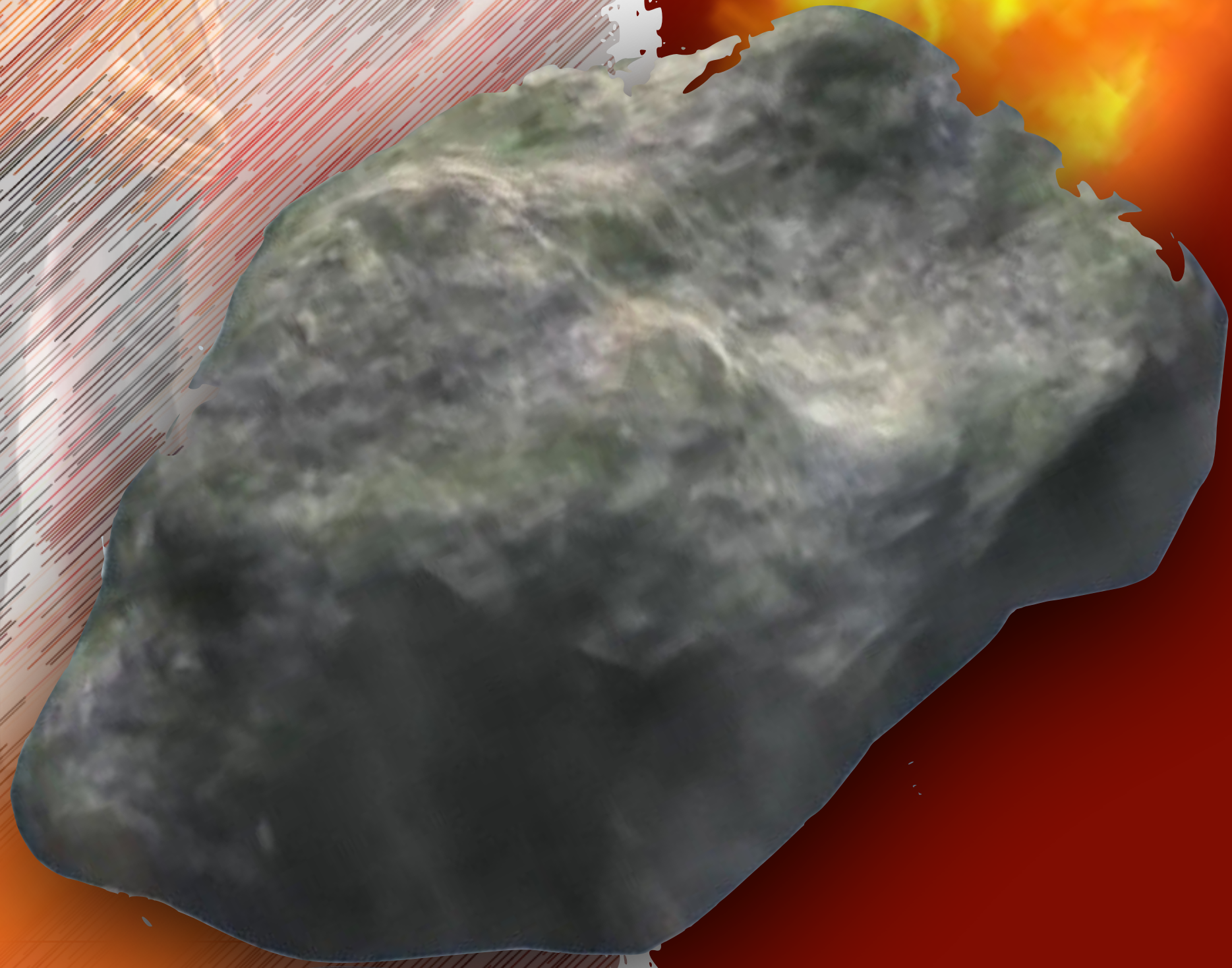
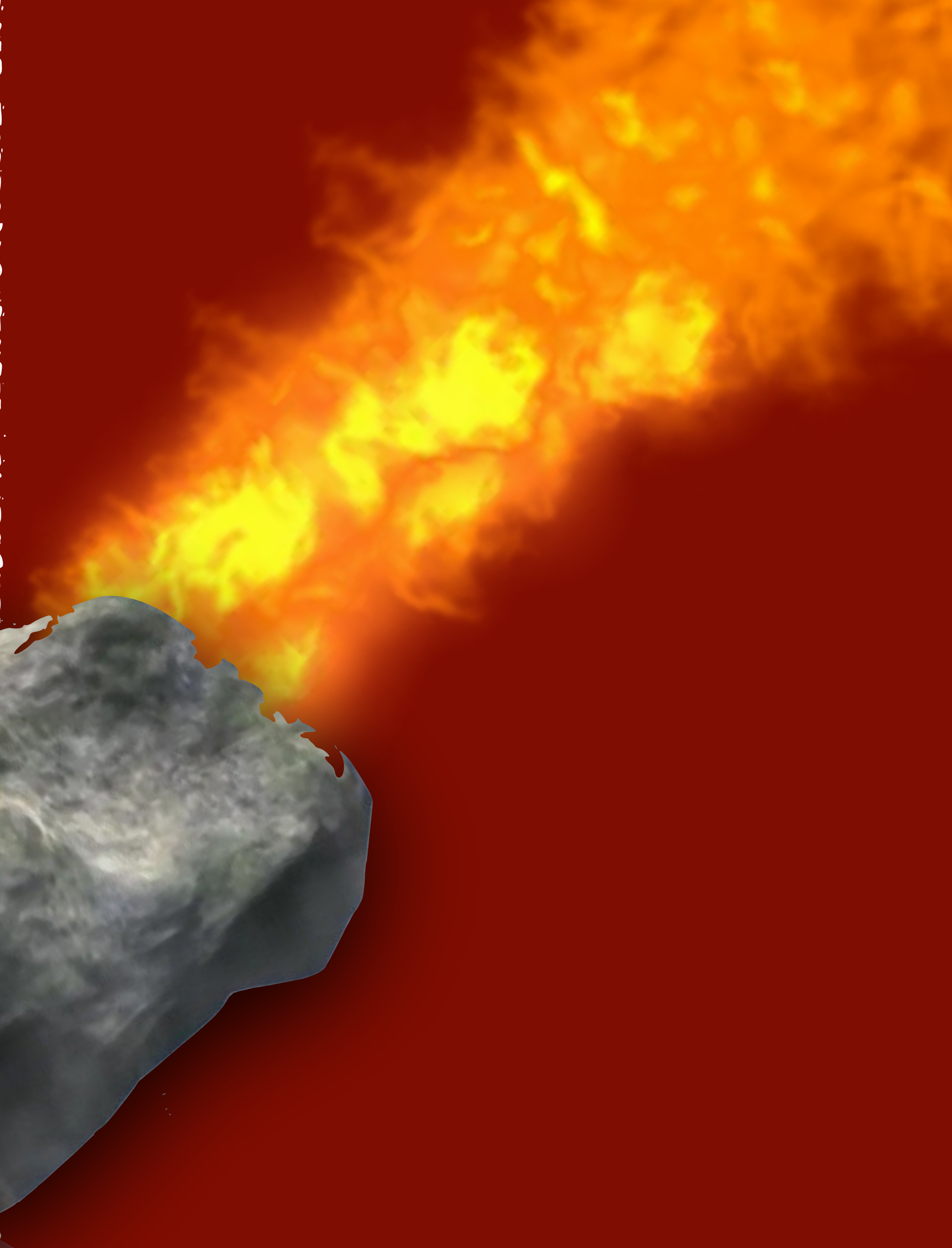
Belly and Thighs of Brass - **Greek/Macedon Empire**

Legs of Iron - **Roman Empire (likely)**

Feet of iron mixed with miry clay - **Unknown**











**The Kingdom Which Shall Never Be Destroyed**







# How to Overcome The World

It begins by...

**Looking for the return of Jesus Christ**

When we do that it means we are...

**Looking to Christ.**

Then our life will be...

**Occupied with Christ.**

And the end result being we will...

**Be more like Christ.**



# Prophecy Panorama

Eternity  
Past

Eternity  
Future

The Ascension  
Of Jesus Christ  
Acts 1:9

The Lord descends  
1 Thessalonians 4:16

Return of Jesus  
to set up His Kingdom  
Revelation 19:11-16

Birth, Death,  
Burial, and  
Resurrection  
Luke 2:7; 23:46,53; 24:6

The Rapture of  
the Body of Christ  
1 Thessalonians 4:17

The Great White  
Throne Judgment  
Revelation 20:11

New  
heaven  
and new  
earth.  
Revelation 21:1

Creation  
Genesis 1:1

Kingdom salvation

Old Testament

Acts  
Transition

Dispensation of  
Grace

7 years

Tribulation

1,000 years

Kingdom

Eternity

Genesis - Malachi

The Gospels

Romans - Philemon

Hebrews - Revelation  
Daniel

Bottomless

Lake



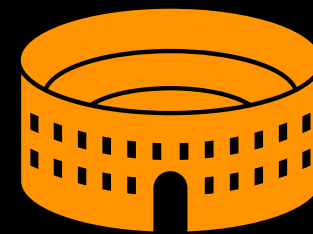
# The Divine Plan of the Gospel

Man, made in God's image is given dominion over all of creation.



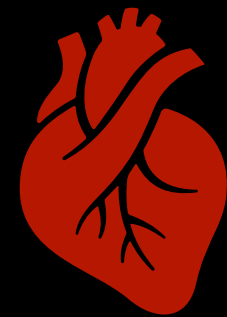
Genesis 1:26

Satan's challenge of God's Kingdom Authority. From the beginning a liar and a murderer.



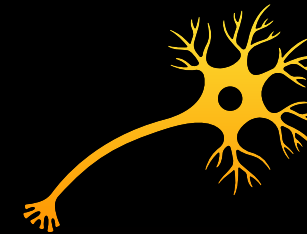
John 8:44  
2 Corinthians 11:3

"By one man sin entered the world and death by sin; and so death passed to all men..."



Genesis 3:6;  
Romans 5:12

God's First announcement of His redemptive work through "the Seed of the woman."



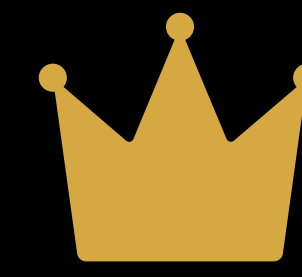
Genesis 3:15

The Plan of God will not be thwarted and moves forward through his Promise to Abram.



Genesis 12:2;  
13:14-17;  
15:1-21; 17:1-8

God's Plan of redemption continues through David.



2 Samuel 7:16

In the fullness of time; God announces the Redeemer.



Galatians 4:4;  
Luke 1:29-33;  
Matthew 1; Luke 4

## Everlasting Life

By grace through faith  
Ephesians 2:8,9

He died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3

He was buried.

1 Corinthians 15:4

He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

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He is Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:9

His dominion is restored.

Revelation 11:15





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