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A1569 ~ Daniel Tells the Future.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Sometimes a child will ask an adult what God is like. It's hard for children to imagine someone without a body like normal people have. Our Creator God has a number of unique qualities that no ordinary human being has. God is Spirit and as such, is present everywhere throughout all His creation, including His vast universe.

God also has unlimited power as shown by His work creating the foundations of the earth and spreading out the stars in the heavens. God knows everything too, from the deepest laws of gravity and atoms to the thoughts and intentions in people's minds. We only fool ourselves if we think we can keep secrets from God.

God has made many promises, some of which have already been fulfilled. The rest will be fulfilled in time because God always does what He says. He cannot tell us lies. To convince people that God knew the end of the world from before it began, God revealed the future through His prophets. None of the pagan gods could ever do anything like this.

When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a strange and troubling dream, he called for his advisors to ask what the dream meant. But he couldn't quite remember what the dream was about to tell them. Because his wise men claimed to be in contact with the gods, he demanded that they find out the dream for him or be killed.

Meanwhile, the young Judean prince Daniel heard about this and asked to be taken to the king. He and his three friends prayed to the God of heaven and Daniel was shown the dream and its interpretation. He explained to the king that the king saw a great statue made of different metals. But what did it mean?

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Nebuchadnezzar's dream of world empires represented a period of history known in the Scriptures as "the Times of the Gentiles," which started when King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. From that time on, Jerusalem was ruled over by a long list of non-Jewish nations. Israel never received her nationhood again until 1948, a period of over 2,500 years.

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream the metals represented gold for Babylon and silver for Medo-Persia. Alexander the Great established Greece shown in the dream as bronze but died in 323 BC. The symbol of iron served for the Roman Empire, which crumbled in AD 476.

Just as each succeeding metal was inferior to the previous one, each empire was not as strong as the one before it. After the collapse of the Roman Empire, there was no world power that conquered and controlled all the people groups of the world as in the day of King Nebuchadnezzar.

The feet and toes of partly iron and partly baked clay suggest unions between nations that don't work well together. The toes are thought to represent the revived Roman Empire known as today's European Union.

The stone that destroyed all these empires is represented by the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. God Himself promises in Isaiah, Chapter 65, that He will create new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. This is the same as the dream explained by Daniel. He said: “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed together; and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found.”

When King Nebuchadnezzar heard all this, he showed deep respect for Daniel as a great prophet of the highest God and promoted him over all the advisors of Babylon.

After 600 years of the Times of the Gentiles had passed by, the Lord Jesus came to earth as the world’s Saviour and Lord. Jesus died for the sins of the world and returned to life again only three days later. For the next forty days He taught His disciples before returning to His Father in heaven. Only 10 days after that, when the disciples were at prayer, the Holy Spirit the Comforter was given to them in a great display of power and might.

The giving of the Holy Spirit was the beginning of the Christian Church Age and the wall of separation between Jews and Gentiles before God was broken down. From then on, all who believed in the Lord Jesus for their salvation from sin were given the Holy Spirit within their lives. Even so today, from both the Jews and Gentile nations, the Lord Jesus is gathering and strengthening His redeemed people.

The Church will continue until the Lord Jesus calls all His faithful people to come to Him, which some believe will be the rapture of the Church. The word “rapture” does not appear in the Scriptures. But the Lord Jesus promised in John’s Gospel, Chapter 14: “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” All believers in the Lord Jesus are dearly loved by God and will joyfully spend time in heaven with Him forever.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 13, the Lord Jesus taught a parable about the wheat and the weeds. They both grew up together until the time of harvest, which refers to the end of the Church Age. God's precious ones will be gathered to Him and God's wrath will be given to all unbelievers. The unbelievers will be ruled by an Antichrist or Satan in human flesh, from the city of Jerusalem for seven years before he is defeated by the Lord Jesus Himself.

These seven years are known as the Great Tribulation and they are predicted as the worst times ever known on earth. The Lord Jesus spoke of them in Matthew's Gospel Chapter 24, saying: "There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time; no, nor ever more shall be."

How can we be sure that Christians do not go through the time of God's wrath on the earth for all its wickedness and sin? In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 5 he says: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Why, we ask ourselves, would God punish those for whom Christ died and paid the penalty for their sin?

This terrible time of God's wrath is recorded in the last book of the Bible called "The Revelation to John." The nation of Israel has returned to its promised land as God had indicated to these people thousands of years ago. But there'll be no peace in Israel. Not until the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, returns to rule the nations of the world for a thousand years, will everyone on earth be able to live in peace, physically as well as spiritually.

The prophecy in Isaiah, Chapter 2, will then be fulfilled. It says: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.” This will be a blessed time for all people of the earth. To finish the story of the world’s judgement, there will one day be a time of judgment. All those not belonging to the Lord Jesus will be sent away into never ending misery. And this will be the end of time as known and counted across the world.

Have you ever considered yourself as God sees you? Are you precious to Him because you love the Lord Jesus? Or are you still rebelling against God’s rule and living your life the way you want to have it? The choice is one or the other; there is no neutral ground. In a quiet place, take the time to tell the Lord Jesus all your problems and failures. Ask Him to show you the right way to live as you read the Bible. The Church Age is almost finished; please don’t delay to make your peace with Jesus.

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That was Rita Baloché singing “If we confess our sins.”

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