

Daniel 1

1:1 In the third year *of the reign* of Joakim king of Judea, came Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon to Jerusalem, and besieged it: 2 and the Lord delivered it into his hands, and Joakim king of Judea, and part of the holy vessels of the Lord; and he carried them away into Babylon and set them in his idol's temple. 3 And the king told Abiesdri, his own chief eunuch, to bring him *some* of the sons of the nobles of Israel and of royal race and of the chosen ones: 4 young men in whom was no blemish, and beautiful in appearance, and endued with knowledge in all wisdom, and lettered, and prudent and wise and mighty, so as to be in the house of the king; and to teach them letters and *the* Chaldean dialect, 5 And that they be given a portion from the house of the king every day, even of the royal table and of the wine, which the king drank, and to instruct them for three years and to set some of them before the king. 6 And they were of the race of the sons of Israel who were from Judea: Daniel, Hananias, Misael, *and* Azarias. 7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: to Daniel, Baltasar; and to Ananias, Sedrach; and to Misael, Misach; and to Azarias, Abdenago. 8 And Daniel purposed in his heart, that he would not pollute himself with the king's supper, nor with the wine that he drank: and he intreated the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 And the Lord gave Daniel honour and grace before the chief of the eunuchs. 10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, I agonize over my lord the king, who has appointed your meat and your drink, lest he see your faces downcast and weak in comparison of the young men of the foreigners with whom ye are brought up, and I endanger my own neck. 11 And Daniel said to Abiesdri, the chief of the eunuchs appointed over Daniel, Hananias, Misael, *and* Azarias: 12 Prove now thy servants over ten days! and let it be given us of the pulse of the earth to gulp down, and water only to drink! 13 And if our appearance seems downcast in comparison of the other young men that eat of the royal supper, as thou

wilt, so use thy servants! 14 And he treated them in this manner, and proved them ten days. 15 And after the ten days their appearance seemed handsome and the condition of *their* body better than the other young men that ate the royal supper. 16 And Abiesdri took away their supper and their wine and gave them of pulse instead. 17 And the Lord gave the young men knowledge and understanding and prudence in every art of letters. And to Daniel he gave understanding in every word and vision, and *in* dreams, and in all wisdom. 18 Now after these days, the king commanded to bring them in, and they were brought by the chief of the eunuchs unto Nabuchodonosor the king. 19 And the king conversed with them; and there was not found among the wise any like Daniel and Ananias and Misael and Azarias: and they were with the king. 20 And in every matter and understanding and instruction, that the king sought of them, he took them to be ten times wiser than the wise men and philosophers that were in all his kingdom. And the king honoured them and made them rulers and appointed them above all his wise men in the matters in all his land and in his kingdom. 21 And there was Daniel until the first year of the kingdom of Cyrus king of the Persians.

Daniel 2

2:1 And in the second year of the kingdom of Nabuchodonosor, it happened that visions and dreams befell the king, and he was troubled in his dream, and his sleep departed from him. 2 And the king commanded to bring the enchanters, and the magi, and the sorcerers of the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. And they came and stood by the king. 3 And the king said to them, I have seen a dream, and my spirit was moved; therefore, I wish to know the dream. 4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Syrian tongue, *saying*, O lord king, live for ever! Tell thy dream to thy servants! and we will explain its interpretation to thee. 5 But the king answered and said to the Chaldeans, Except ye tell me the dream in truth and manifest to me the

interpretation of this *thing*, ye shall be put to an open shame, and your goods will be taken into the royal treasury. 6 But if ye declare to me the dream and tell the interpretation of this *thing*, ye shall receive gifts of every kind, and ye shall be honoured by me. Manifest the dream to me! and judge! 7 But they answered the second time, saying, O king, do thou tell *us* the vision! and thy servants shall judge these things. 8 And the king said to them, Of a truth I know that ye are trying to gain time, as ye have seen that the thing has departed from me. As, therefore, I have commanded, so shall it be. 9 Except ye tell me the dream in truth and manifest the interpretation of this *thing*, ye shall fall into death, for ye have agreed to make lying words before me until the time be changed. Now therefore if ye tell me the thing I saw by night, I shall know that ye shall shew even the judgment of this *thing*. 10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, *saying*, That no one upon the earth shall be able to tell the king that which he has seen, even as thou dost ask. And no king or mighty man has asked such a thing of any wise *man* or magi or Chaldean. 11 And the word which thou seekest, O king, is difficult and honoured. And there is none who shall manifest to the king these things except a messenger whose habitation is not with any flesh. Wherefore it cannot come to pass as thou thinkest. 12 Then the king, being gloomy and very sorrowful, commanded to bring forth all the wise men of Babylonia. 13 And it was decreed to kill all *of them*, and Daniel and all they that were with him were sought for the cause that *they* be destroyed with them. 14 Then Daniel spoke the counsel and advice, which he had, to Arioch, the captain of the royal guard, who commanded to bring forth the wise men of Babylonia. 15 And he enquired of him, saying, wherefore is it being decreed bitterly by the king? Then Arioch signified the ordinance to Daniel. 16 So Daniel went quickly in to the king and intreated that time might be given him from the king, and he would manifest every thing to the king. 17 Then Daniel went away into his house to Hananias and Misael and

Azarias, *his* companions, and he shewed *them all these things*. 18 And he commanded a fast and supplication, and to seek vindication from the Lord most high about this mystery, that Daniel and they that were with him might not be given up to destruction with the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then to Daniel in a vision on the same night the king's mystery was clearly brought to light. Then Daniel blessed the Lord most high. 20 And he cried out and said, Blessed shall be the name of the great Lord for ever: for wisdom and majesty are his. 21 And he changes seasons and times, removing kings, and setting *them in place*, giving wisdom to the wise, and understanding to them that have knowledge. 22 Unveiling deep and dark *matters*, and knowing what is in darkness, and what is in light, and from him *is a* dissolution. 23 O Lord of my fathers, I give thanks to thee, and praise thee, for thou hast given me wisdom and prudence, and now thou hast signified to me whatsoever I intreated, to manifest it to the king concerning these things. 24 So Daniel went in to Arioch, who by the king was set *in place* to kill all the wise men of Babylonia. He said to him, Destroy not the wise men of Babylonia, but bring me unto the king! and I will manifest every *particular* to the king. 25 Then Arioch in haste brought in Daniel unto the king, and said to him, That I have found a wise man of the captivity of the children of Judea who will manifest every *particular* to the king. 26 So the king answered and said to Daniel, but called in the Chaldean tongue Baltasar, Canst thou manifest to me the vision which I saw, and the interpretation of this *thing*? 27 So Daniel cried out before the king and said, The mystery which the king has seen: the manifestation is not of the wise men and sorcerers and enchanterers and soothsayers. 28 But there is a God in heaven unveiling mysteries who has manifested to king Nabuchodonosor what things must come to pass in the last days. O king, live for ever! The dream and the vision of thy head upon thy bed is this: 29 Thou, O king, layest down upon thy bed; thou hast seen all that must come to pass in the

last days, and he that unveils mysteries has manifested to thee what must come to pass. 30 And to me also this mystery was brought to light, not with wisdom that is in me above all men, but it was signified to me for the sake of manifesting to the king what thou thoughtest in thine heart by knowledge. 31 And thou, O king, hast seen, and, behold one image: and that image was exceedingly great, and the appearance of it excellent. It stood before thee, and the appearance of the image was terrible. 32 And its head was of fine gold, *its* breast and arms of silver, *its* belly and thighs of brass, 33 And *its* legs of iron; *its* feet: part of iron, and part of earthenware. 34 Thou hast seen until a stone was cut out of a mountain without hands, and it smote the image upon *its* feet of iron and earthenware, and ground them down. 35 Then the iron, the earthenware, and the brass, and the silver, and the gold, together became very small, and became as it were smaller than chaff on a threshing-floor, and the wind tossed them so that *there was* nothing left of them. And the stone which had smitten the image became a great mountain and smote all the earth. 36 This *is* the vision, and now we will tell the judgment before the king. 37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings, and the Lord of heaven gave thee the rule and the kingdom and the strength and the honour and the glory. 38 In all the world of men and wild beasts and birds of the sky and the fish of the sea, he gave *them* under thine hands to have dominion over all. Thou art the head of gold. 39 And after thee shall arise a kingdom less than thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall have dominion over all the earth. 40 And a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, that subdues all things and cuts down every tree, and all the earth shall be shaken. 41 And as thou hast seen its feet, part of potter's earthenware and part of iron, another two-part kingdom shall be in it, even as thou sawest the iron mixed together with clay earthenware. 42 And *whereas* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of earthenware, part of the kingdom shall be strong and part shall be broken. 43

And as thou sawest the iron mixed together with clay earthenware, they shall be mingled in a generation of men, but they shall not be of the same mind nor well disposed one to another, even as the iron is not able to be mixed with earthenware. 44 And in the times of these kings the God of heaven shall establish another kingdom which shall be for ever and shall not be corrupted. And this kingdom shall by no means suffer another nation, but shall smite and utterly destroy these kingdoms, and it shall be established for ever, 45 even as thou hast seen a stone cut out of a mountain without hands, and it ground together the earthenware, the iron, and the brass, and the silver, and the gold. The great God signified to the king the things that shall come to pass in the last days: and the vision is exact, and the judgment of this *thing* is faithful. 46 Then Nabuchodonosor the king fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down to Daniel, and commanded to offer sacrifices and drink-offerings to him. 47 And the king cried out to Daniel and said, Of a truth your God is God of gods, and Lord of kings, who alone brings to light secret mysteries; for thou hast been able to manifest this mystery. 48 Then king Nabuchodonosor, when he had magnified Daniel, and given *him* many great gifts, set *him* over the matters of Babylonia, and set him forth *to be* ruler and leader of all the wise men of Babylonia. 49 And Daniel intreated the king that Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago might be set over the matters of Babylonia. And Daniel was in the royal palace.

Daniel 3

3:1 In the eighteenth year *of the reign* of king Nabuchodonosor, when he ordered *the* cities and provinces and all that dwell upon the land from India to Ethiopia, he made a golden image. Its height *was* sixty cubits, and its breadth six cubits: and he set it up in the plain of the wall of the province of Babylonia. 2 And Nabuchodonosor, king of kings and ruling over the whole world, sent forth to gather together all the nations and tribes and tongues, satraps, captains, heads of provinces and governors, lieutenants, and

those who were in authority in *every* province and all those throughout the world to come to the dedication of the golden image which king Nabuchodonosor had set up. 3 And they that afore were written stood before the image. 4 Then a herald proclaimed to the multitudes, To you it is commanded, ye nations and provinces, peoples and tongues, 5 when ye shall hear the sound of the trumpet, pipe and harp, sackbut and psaltery, harmony and every kind of music, fall down and bow before the golden image which king Nabuchodonosor has set up! 6 And whosoever shall not fall down and bow himself, they shall cast him into the burning furnace of fire. 7 And at that time when all the nations heard the sound of the trumpet and every sound of music, all the nations, tribes, and tongues fell down and bowed before this *thing*, before the golden image which Nabuchodonosor had set up. 8 At that time came Chaldean men, and accused the Jews, 9 And they answered and said, O lord king, live for ever! 10 Thou, O king, hast commanded and judged that every man who shall hear the sound of the trumpet and every sound of music, shall fall down and bow before the golden image, 11 And whosoever shall not fall down and bow himself, shall be cast into the burning furnace of fire. 12 But there are certain men, Jews whom thou hast set over the province of Babylonia: Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago. Those men feared not thy commandment, and served not thine idol, and bowed not before thy golden image which thou hast set up. 13 Then Nabuchodonosor was greatly angered and commanded to bring Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago. Then the men were brought to the king, 14 whom also Nabuchodonosor the king saw, and said to them, Why, O Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, do ye not serve my gods, and *why* do ye not bow before the golden image which I have set up? 15 And now if ye be ready, at the moment of hearing the trumpet and every sound of music, to fall down and bow before the golden image which I have set up; *well*: but if not, know ye! that, not having bowed yourselves, in the same hour ye shall

be cast into the burning furnace of fire; and what God shall deliver you out of my hands? 16 But Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago answered and said to king Nabuchodonosor, O king, we have no need to answer thee about this command. 17 For God in the heavens is our one Lord, whom we fear, who is able to deliver us from the furnace of fire; and from thy hands, O king, he will deliver us. 18 And then it shall be manifest to thee that neither *will* we serve thine idol nor bow before thy golden image which thou hast set up. 19 Then Nabuchodonosor was filled with wrath, and the form of his face was changed: and he commanded the furnace to be heated seven times more than it was needful to heat it. 20 And he commanded the mightiest men that were in *his* host to bind Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, and to cast *them* into the burning furnace of fire. 21 Then those men were bound, having their sandals and their caps upon their heads, with their raiment, and were cast into the furnace. 22 Since the king's command was urgent, and the furnace was heated seven times more than before, and the men, when they were chosen, bound and brought them to the furnace, and cast *them* into it, 23 so then the flame came forth out of the furnace, and burned and slew the men which bound Azarias and his companions, but they were preserved. 24/23 After this manner therefore Ananias and Azarias and Misael prayed and sang praises to the Lord when the king commanded them to be cast into the furnace. 25/1 And Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and he opened his mouth and gave thanks to the Lord together with his companions in the midst of the fire of the furnace *which was* being exceedingly heated from beneath by the Chaldeans, and they said, 26/2 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore: 27/3 for thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and true are all thy judgments. 28/4 And thou hast executed true judgments in all the things that thou hast brought

upon us, and upon thy holy city of our fathers, *even* Jerusalem: for in truth and judgment didst thou execute all these things because of our sins. 29/5 For in all things we have sinned and transgressed, departing from thee. 6 And in all things have we greatly sinned, and not obeyed the commandments of thy law, 30 nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us. 31/7 And now all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment. 32/8 And thou didst deliver us into the hands of our enemies, lawless and most hateful forsakers *of God*, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the earth. 33/9 And now we cannot open *our* mouth; it is become a shame and reproach to thy servants, and to them that worship thee. 34/10 Deliver us not up unto the end, for thy name's sake, neither break thou thy covenant: 35/11 and cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, and for thy servant Isaac's sake, and *for* thy holy Israel's sake; 36/12 as thou hast spoken to them, saying, that thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is by the shore of the sea. 37/13 For we, O Master, are become less than any nation, and be kept under to-day in all the earth because of our sins. 38/14 Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, nor leader, nor whole-burnt-offering, nor sacrifice, nor offering, nor incense, nor place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy. 39/15 Nevertheless in a broken soul and an humble spirit let us be accepted. 16 As in the whole-burnt-offerings of rams and bullocks, and as in ten thousands of fat lambs: 40 so let our sacrifice be in thy sight to-day! and make thou atonement after thee! for there is no shame for them that put their trust in thee; and make *them* perfect after thee! 41/17 And now we follow thee with all our heart, and we fear thee, and seek thy face. 18 Put us not to shame: 42 but deal with us after thy lovingkindness and according to the multitude of thy mercies! 43/19 Deliver us also according to thy wonders! and give

glory to thy name, O Lord! 44 and let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed; 20 and let them be confounded in all their might, and let their strength be broken; 45/21 and let them know that thou alone art the Lord God, and glorious over the whole world! 46/22 And the king's officers, that cast them in, ceased not to heat the furnace. And when they cast the three into the furnace at once, the furnace was fiery-hot, sevenfold in its heat. And when they cast them in, they that cast them in were indeed above them, but they were heating them from beneath with rosin and tow and pitch and small wood; 47/23 so that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits, 48/24 and issued out, and burned *those* whom it found about the furnace of the Chaldeans. 49/25 But the messenger of the Lord came down into the furnace together with Azarias and his companions, and shook off the flame of the fire out of the furnace, 50/26 and made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither grieved nor troubled them. 51/27 Moreover the three, as out of one mouth, lifted up *their voice* and praised and glorified and blessed and exalted God in the furnace, saying, 52/28 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and highly exalted forever. 29 And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be highly praised and highly exalted for ever and ever. 53/30 Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holy glory: and to be highly praised and highly glorified for ever. 54/32 Blessed art thou on the throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and highly exalted for ever. 55/31 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubim: and to be praised and glorified for ever. 56/33 Blessed art thou in the firmament: and to be praised and glorified for ever. 57/34 O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 58/36 O ye messengers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 59/35 O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 60/37 O all ye waters

that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 61/38 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 62/39 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 63/40 O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 64/41 O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 65/42 O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 66/43 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 67/44 O ye chill and cold, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 68 O ye dews and snowfalls, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 69/44 O ye hoar-frosts and cold, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 70/49 O ye frosts and snows, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 71/46 O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 72/47 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 73/50 O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 74/51 O let the earth bless the Lord! Let it praise and highly exalt him for ever! 75/52 O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 76/53 O all ye things that grow on the earth, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 77/54 O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 78/55 O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 79/56 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 80/57 O ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 81/58 O ye fourfooted and wild beasts of the earth, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 82/59 O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 83/60 O Israel, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 84/61 O ye priests, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 85/62 O

ye servants, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 86/63 O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 87/64 O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! 88/65 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord! Praise and highly exalt him for ever! for he rescued us from hell, and saved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midst of the burning flame, and out of the fire he redeemed us. 89/66 O give thanks unto the Lord! because he is gracious: for his mercy *endures* for ever. 90/67 O all ye that worship, bless the God of gods! Praise him and give him thanks! for his mercy *endures* for ever, even for ever and ever. 91/24 And it came to pass that when the king heard them singing praises and when he stood up, he beheld them alive. Then Nabuchodonosor the king marvelled, and arose with haste, and said to his friends, 92/25 Behold, I see four men loose, walking in the fire: and no corruption is come upon them; and the appearance of the fourth *is* the likeness of a messenger of God. 93/26 And the king drew near to the door of the furnace burning with fire, and he called them by name, Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, ye servants of the most high God of gods, come out of the fire! So then the men came forth out of the midst of the fire. 94/27 And the governors, the heads of provinces, and the heads of families, and the king's friends, were gathered together; and they saw those men, *and perceived* that the fire had not touched their body, and their hairs were not burnt, and their trowsers were not changed, nor was the smell of fire upon them. 95/28 Then Nabuchodonosor the king answered and said, Blessed be the Lord God of Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, who has sent his messenger, and saved his servants that trust in him; for they rejected the king's command, and delivered their bodies unto *the* burning, that they might not serve nor bow down to another god, but to their own God. 96/29 And now I judge that every nation, and all tribes and all tongues,

whosoever shall blaspheme against the Lord the God of Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, shall be dismembered, and his house shall be seized as public property: because there is no other God who shall be able to deliver thus. 97/30 So then the king gave power over the whole province to Sedrach, Misach, *and* Abdenago, and made them rulers.

Daniel 4

4:1 2 3 4/1 In the eighteenth year of the kingdom of Nabuchodonosor, he said, I was living peaceably in my house, and prospering on my throne. 5/2 I saw a dream, and I was afraid, and fear fell upon me. 6 7 8 9 10/7 I was asleep; and behold a high tree growing upon the earth. Its appearance was great, and there was no other like it. 12/9 Its branches were about the length of thirty furlongs, and all the wild beasts of the earth took shade under it, and the birds of the sky made their nests in it. Its fruit was abundant and good, and it provided for all the living creatures. 11/8 And its appearance was great: its crown drew nigh unto heaven, and its extent unto the clouds, filling the *places* under heaven. The sun and the moon dwelt in it, and did lighten all the earth. 13/10 I beheld in my sleep, and, behold, a messenger was sent in strength from heaven. 14/11 And he cried, and said, Cut it down and destroy it! for it has been commanded by the Most High to pluck it up by the root, and bring it to nought. 15/12 And thus he said, Leave one root of it in the earth! that he may feed on grass as an ox with the wild beasts of the earth in the mountains, 16/13 and his body might be changed from the dew of heaven, and he might feed with them seven years, 17/14 until he know the Lord of heaven to have power over all things that are in heaven and upon the earth; and whatsoever he will, he does with them. 17a In my sight it was cut down in one day, and its corruption *was* in one hour of the day. And its branches were given unto every wind, and it was drawn and cast down. And he ate the grass of the earth with the wild beasts of the earth, and was delivered into prison, and was bound by them in fetters and in manacles of

brass. I marvelled exceedingly at all these *things*, and my sleep departed from my eyes. 18/15 And I rose up in the morning from my bed, and called Daniel, the ruler of the wise men and the leader of them which judge the dreams. And I related to him the dream, and he shewed me the whole interpretation of it. 19/16 But Daniel marvelled greatly, and a suspicion hastened upon him. And he was afraid, and trembling took hold upon him, and his appearance changed, and he shook *his* head, and marvelled for one hour, and answered me with a meek voice, *saying*, O king, this dream *be* to them that hate thee, and let the interpretation thereof come upon thine enemies. 20/17 The tree that was planted in the earth, whose appearance was great, is thyself, O king. 21/18 And all the birds of the sky that were nestling in it *are* the strength of the earth and of the nations and of all tongues unto the ends of the earth; and all the provinces serve thee. 22/19 Moreover that tree had grown tall, and drew nigh to heaven, and its extent to touch the clouds: thou, O king, hast been exalted above all the men that were upon the face of the whole earth. Thine heart has been exalted in pride and strength against the Holy One and his messengers. Thy works were seen as having made desolate the house of the living God for the sins of the sanctified people. 23/20 And the vision which thou sawest, because a messenger was sent in strength from the Lord and because he said to remove and cut down the tree, the judgment of the great God shall come upon thee. 24/21 And the Most High and his messengers are running down upon thee. 25/22 They will lead thee away into prison, and send thee into a desert place. 26/23 And the root of the tree that was left, since it was not plucked up by the root, the place of thy throne will be preserved for thee for a season and an hour. Behold, they are preparing against thee, and shall scourge thee, and shall bring upon thee those things which were judged. 27/24 The Lord lives in heaven, and his power *is* on all the earth. Beseech him concerning thy sins! and redeem all thine

iniquities with alms! that clemency may be given thee, and *that* thou mayest live long upon the throne of thy kingdom, and lest he destroy thee. Love these words! for my word *is* exact, and thy time *is* full. 28/25 And at the completion of the words, Nabuchodonosor, as he heard the judgment of the vision, kept the words in *his* heart. 29/26 And after twelve months the king with all his glory walked upon the walls of the city, and passed by upon its towers. 30/27 And he answered and said, This is Babylon the great, which I have built, and it shall be called *the* house of my kingdom, by the strength of my might, for the honour of my glory. 31/28 And at the completion of his word, he heard a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nabuchodonosor, to thee it is spoken: the kingdom of Babylon has been taken away *from* thee and is given to another man which is despised in thy house. Behold, I set him over thy kingdom. And he shall take thy power and thy glory and thy luxury so that thou mightest know that the God of heaven has power in the kingdom of men, and he shall give it to whomsoever he will. And until the rising of the sun, another king shall rejoice in thy house, and he shall lay hold on thy glory and thy strength and thy power. 32/29 And the messengers shall pursue thee seven years, and thou shalt in no wise be seen, neither shalt thou in any wise speak with any man. They shall feed thee with grass as an ox, and thy pasture shall be of the green herb of the earth. Behold, instead of thy glory they shall bind thee, and another shall have *both* the house of thy luxury, and thy kingdom. 33/30 And until the morning all things shall be accomplished upon thee, O Nabuchodonosor king of Babylon, and not one of all these things shall fail. 33a I, Nabuchodonosor, king of Babylon, was bound seven years. They fed me with grass as an ox, and I ate of the green herb of the earth. And after seven years I gave my soul to supplication. And I intreated before the face of the Lord the God of heaven concerning my sins, and I besought the great God of gods concerning my ignorances. 33b And my hairs became as wings of an

eagle, my nails as *the claws* of a lion. My flesh and my heart were changed. I walked naked with the wild beasts of the earth. I saw a dream, and suspicions have taken hold upon me. And after a time a great sleep took me, and a slumber fell upon me. 34/31 And at the completion of seven years, my time of redemption came. And my sins and my ignorances were full before the God of heaven, and I besought the great God of gods concerning my ignorances. And, behold, one messenger called me out of heaven, saying, O Nabuchodonosor, serve the Holy God of heaven! and give glory to the Most High! The kingdom of thy nation is given back to thee. 35 36/33 At that time my kingdom was restored to me, and my glory was given back to me. 37/34 I give thanks to the Most High, and I praise him that created the heaven and the earth and the seas and the rivers and all *things* in them. I confess and praise, for he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, and King of kings; for he does signs and wonders, and changes seasons and times, taking away the kingdom of kings, and setting others *in place* instead of them. 37a From henceforth I will serve him, and for fear of him trembling has taken hold upon me. And I praise all his saints, for the gods of the nations have not strength within themselves to turn the kingdom of a king to another king, and to kill and to make alive, and to do signs and wonders, great and terrible, and to change very great matters as the God of heaven did in me. And great matters did he change upon me. All the days of my kingdom I will offer sacrifices for my soul to the Most High for a sweet-smelling savour to the Lord, and that which is pleasing before him I will do, I and my people, my nation, and my provinces which *are* in my power. And as many as have spoken against the God of heaven, and as many as shall be found speaking anything, these will I condemn to death. 37b Then Nabuchodonosor the king wrote a circular letter to all, according to place, to nations and provinces and tongues, to all dwelling in all the provinces in generations and generations, *saying*, Praise the Lord

God of heaven! and gloriously offer sacrifice and offering to him! I, king of kings, gloriously give him thanks, that thus did he with me. On the same day he set me upon my throne and my power and my kingdom, I laid hold on my people, and my majesty was restored to me. 37c/1-3 King Nabuchodonosor, to all the nations and all the provinces and all who dwell in them; Peace be multiplied to you in every season. And now I will shew you the deeds which the great God did with me. Moreover, it seemed good to me to shew you and your wise men that he is God, and his wonders *are* great, his kingdom *is* royal for ever, his power *is* from generations to generations. And he sent forth letters concerning all *things* which were done to him in his kingdom, to all the nations which were under his kingdom.

Daniel 5

5:0 Baltasar the king made a great feast on the day of the dedication of his royal dwellings, and he called two thousand men of his nobles. On that day Baltasar, being lifted up with wine, and boasting, praised all the molten and graven gods of the nations in his place. And to the most high God he gave not praise. In the same night came forth fingers as of a man, and inscribed upon the wall of his house, on the plaster in front of the lamps: Mane, Phares, Thekel. Now the interpretation of them is: Mane; it has been counted, Phares; it has been removed, Thekel; it has been established. 1 Baltasar the king made a great portion for his companions, and he drank wine. 2 And his heart was lifted up, and he said to bring the the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nabuchodonosor his father brought from Jerusalem, and to pour wine in them for his companions. 3 And it was brought, and they drank with them. 4 And they blessed their idols made with hands, and they did not bless the eternal God who has power over their spirit. 5 In that same hour came forth fingers as of a man's hand, and wrote upon the wall of his house, on the plaster in front of the light before the king Baltasar. And he saw a hand writing. 6 And his appearance

was changed, and fears and suspicions hastened upon him. Therefore the king hasted, and rose up, and beheld that writing, and his friends boasted round about. 7 And the king cried with a loud voice to call the enchanters and sorcerers and Chaldeans and soothsayers, to tell the interpretation of the writing. And they came to *the* spectacle to behold the writing. And *as for* the interpretation of the writing, they were not able to interpret to the king. Then the king expounded an ordinance, saying, Any man who shall shew the interpretation of the writing, he will array him in purple, and put on him a golden chain, and to him shall be given power over the third part of the kingdom. 8 And the enchanters and sorcerers and soothsayers came in, and no one was able to tell the interpretation of the writing. 9 Then the king called the queen concerning the sign, and he shewed her how great it is, and that no man is able to tell the king the interpretation of the writing. 10 Then the queen reminded him concerning Daniel who was of the captivity of Judea. 11 And she said to the king, The man was endued with knowledge, and wise, and superior to all the wise men of Babylon, 12 and a holy spirit is in him. And in the days of thy father the king, he shewed burdensome interpretations to Nabuchodonosor thy father. 13 Then Daniel was brought in to the king. And the king answered and said to him, 14 15 16 O Daniel, art thou able to shew me the interpretation of the writing? And I will array thee in purple, and put on thee a golden chain, and thou shalt have power over the third part of my kingdom. 17 Then Daniel stood in front of the writing, and read. And thus he answered the king, *saying*, This *is* the writing: it has been counted, it was reckoned, it has been removed. And the writing hand stood still. And this *is* the interpretation of them. 18 19 20 21 22 23 O king, thou madest a portion for thy friends, and thou didst drink wine. And *as for* the vessels of the house of the living God, it was brought to thee, and ye drank with them, thou and thy nobles. And ye praised all the idols made with the hands of

men, and ye did not bless the living God. And thy spirit *is* in his hand, and he gave thee thy kingdom, and thou didst not bless him nor praise him. 24 25 26 This *is* the interpretation of the writing: the time of thy kingdom has been counted; thy kingdom ceases. 27 Thy kingdom has been cut short and finished; 28 to the Medes and to the Persians it is given. 29 Then Baltasar the king clothed Daniel in purple, and put on him a golden chain, and gave him power over the third part of his kingdom. 30 And the interpretation came upon Baltasar the king. And the kingdom has been removed from the Chaldeans, and it was given to the Medes and and to the Persians.

Daniel 6

6:1/5:31 And Artaxerxes of the Medes took the kingdom, and Darius *was* full of days and glorious in old age. 2/1 And he set a hundred *and* twenty-seven satraps over all his kingdom, 3/2 and over them, their three chief men. And one of the three men was Daniel, 4/3 having power over all in the kingdom. And Daniel was clothed in purple, and great and glorious before Darius the king, as he was glorious, and endued with knowledge, and prudent, and *there was* a holy spirit in him, and *he was* prospering in the affairs of the king which he did. Then the king determined to set Daniel over all his kingdom, and the two men whom he had set *in place* with him, and a hundred *and* twenty-seven satraps. 5/4 Now when the king determined to set Daniel over all his kingdom, then among themselves the two young men determined on a counsel and device, speaking one to another, since they found no sin nor ignorance against Daniel for which they shall accuse him to the king. 6/5 And they said, Come, let us establish a restrictive decree against ourselves, that no man shall intreat a petition, nor shall in any wise vow a vow of any god for thirty days, save of Darius the king, or else he shall die; that they might overcome Daniel before the king and *that* he might be cast into the den of lions: for they knew that Daniel prays and beseeches the Lord his God thrice in the day. 7/6

Then came those men, and said before the king, 8/7 We established a restrictive decree, and a statute, that every man who shall vow a vow, or intreat any petition of any god for thirty days, save of Darius the king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 9/8 And they intreated the king that he might establish the restrictive decree and change it not: for they knew that Daniel prays and beseeches thrice in the day; that he might be overcome through the king and cast into the den of lions. 10/9 And thus king Darius established and confirmed *it*. 11/10 But Daniel, knowing the restrictive decree which he established against him, opened windows in his upper chamber toward Jerusalem, and fell on his face thrice in the day as he did before, and besought *the Lord*. 12/11 And they watched Daniel, and overtook him praying thrice in the day, every day. 13/12 Then these men made intercession to the king, and said, O King Darius, hast thou not determined a restrictive decree that no man shall vow a vow nor intreat a petition of any god for thirty days, save of thee, O king, or else he shall be cast into the den of lions? And the king answered and said to them, The word *is* exact, and the restrictive decree shall remain. 13a/12a And they said to him, we adjure thee by the decrees of the Medes and Persians that thou change not the ordinance, nor respect the person, and that thou diminish not any of the things that were spoken, and punish the man who continued not in this restrictive decree. And he said, Thus will I do, as ye say, and it has established this for me. 14/13 And they said, Behold, we found Daniel thy friend praying and beseeching the face of his God thrice in the day. 15/14 And grieving, the king said *that Daniel was* to be cast into the den of lions, according to the restrictive decree which he established against him. Then the king was exceedingly grieved for Daniel, and he helped to deliver him from the hands of the satraps until the setting of the sun. 16/15 And he was not able to deliver him from them. 17/16 But Darius the king cried out and said to Daniel, Thy God whom

thou servest continually thrice in the day, he will deliver thee out of the hand of the lions until the morning. Take courage! 18/17 Then Daniel was cast into the den of lions, and a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the king sealed *it* with his ring and with the rings of his nobles, that Daniel might not be taken away from them, nor the king draw him up out of the den. 19/18 Then the king returned to his royal dwellings, and passed the night fasting, and he was grieving for Daniel. Then the God of Daniel, making provision for him, shut the mouths of the lions, and they did not trouble Daniel. 20/19 And king Darius rose up early in the morning, and he took with him the satraps, and went and stood at the mouth of the den of lions. 21/20 Then the king called Daniel with a loud voice, with weeping, saying, O Daniel, dost thou surely live? and has thy God, whom thou servest continually, saved thee from the lions, so they have not brought thee to nothing? 22/21 Then Daniel heard *the* loud voice and said, O king, I am yet alive. 23/22 And God has saved me from the lions: because righteousness was found in me before him; and moreover before thee, O king, neither ignorance nor sin was found in me. But thou hast hearkened to men that deceive kings, and thou hast cast me into the den of lions for destruction. 24/23 Then all the powers were gathered together, and saw Daniel, how the lions did not trouble him. 25/24 Then those two men that bore witness against Daniel, they and their wives and their children, were cast to the lions; and the lions slew them and crushed their bones. 26/25 Then Darius wrote to all the nations and provinces and tongues, who dwell in all his land, saying, 27/26 Let all the men which are in my kingdom bow themselves and serve the God of Daniel! for he is God, abiding and living for generations of generations, for ever. 28/27 I, Darius, shall be bowing myself and serving him all my days, for the idols made with hands are not able to save, as the God of Daniel has redeemed Daniel. 29/28 And king Darius was added to his family. And Daniel was set over the kingdom of

Darius, and Cyrus the Persian took his kingdom.

Daniel 7

7:1 In the first year of the reign of Baltasar of the province of Babylonia, Daniel saw a vision in *his* head upon his bed. Then Daniel wrote the vision which he saw in a sum of words, *saying*, 2 Upon my bed I beheld in *my* sleep by night and, behold, four winds of heaven fell into the great sea. 3 And four wild beasts came up out of the sea, differing one from the other. 4 The first *was* as a lioness, having wings as an eagle's: I beheld until her wings were plucked, and she was lifted up from the earth, and she stood on man's feet, and a human heart was given to her. 5 And, behold, after her another wild beast, having *the* likeness of a she-bear. And she was set upon the one rib, and three ribs were in her mouth. And thus she said, Arise! devour much flesh! 6 And after these I beheld another wild beast, as a leopardess: and four wings stretched forth above him, and four heads *were given* to the wild beast, and a tongue was given to him. 7 But after these I beheld in a vision of the night a fourth, terrible, wild beast. And the fear of him *was* exceeding in strength, having great iron teeth, devouring and grinding, trampling round about *with* the feet, dealing differently from all the wild beasts before him. Moreover he had ten horns, 8 and many counsels among his horns. And, behold, one other horn was grown up in the midst of them, small among his horns, and three of the first horns were withered by it. And, behold, *there were* eyes as human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things, and it made war against the saints. 9 I beheld until thrones were set, and the Ancient of days sat, having a cloak as snow, and the hair of his head as clean white wool, *and* the throne as a flame of fire. 10 And there went out before his face a river of fire. A thousand thousands waited upon him, and ten thousand ten thousands stood by him. And a judgment-seat was set, and books were opened. 11 I beheld then the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. And the wild beast was crucified on a plank, and his body

perished and was given unto *the* burning of fire. 12 And he removed them that were round about him from their power. And a time of life was given to them until a time and a season. 13 I beheld in a vision of the night, and, behold, he came on the clouds of heaven as the Son of man, and he was present as the Ancient of days, and they that stood by were present for him. 14 And power was given to him, and all the nations of the earth according to *their* races, and all *the* glory serving him. And his power *is* a power everlasting, which shall never be taken away, and his kingdom, which shall never be corrupted. 15 And I Daniel, grieved by these things in the vision of the night, 16 I drew near to one of them that stood by, and sought of him the exactness of all these things. And he answers and speaks to me, and he has manifested to me the judgment of the words. 17 These great wild beasts are four kingdoms which shall perish from the earth. 18 And the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. 19 Then I desired to search out exactly concerning the fourth wild beast that *was* destroying all, and exceedingly terrible; and behold his teeth *of* iron and his claws *of* brass, devouring all round about, and trampling *with* the feet; 20 and concerning his ten horns which were upon *his* head, and the other one which was grown besides: and three fell because of it; and that horn had eyes and a mouth speaking great things; and the appearance of it exceeded the others. 21 And I considered that horn, raising up war against the saints and putting them to flight 22 until the Ancient of days came: and he gave the judgment to the saints of the Most High, and the time was given, and the saints possessed the kingdom. 23 And it was said unto me concerning the fourth wild beast, that he shall be a fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall surpass above all the earth, and shall trouble it, and shall grind it down. 24 And the ten horns of the kingdom *are* ten kings; they shall stand up. And the other king shall stand up after these, and shall surpass in evil above

the first, and shall humble three kings. 25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall undertake to change times and law. And all shall be delivered into his hands until a time and times and until half a time. 26 And the judgment shall sit. And they shall destroy the power, and shall determine to defile and to destroy until *the* end. 27 And he gave the kingdom and the power, and their magnificence, and the rule of all kingdoms which were under heaven to the holy people of the Most High, to reign *over* an everlasting kingdom; and all the powers shall be subjected to him and shall obey him 28 until *the* word's overthrow. I Daniel, was exceedingly compassed *about* with amazement, and my condition surpassed me. And I fixed the word in my heart.

Daniel 8

8:1 In the third year of the reign of Baltasar, *there was* a vision which I saw, I Daniel, after I saw the first. 2 And I saw in the vision of my dream, when I was in the city Susa, which is in *the* province Elymais, when I was yet at the gate *Æ*Elam, 3 I looked up and saw one great ram standing over against the gate. And he had horns, and the one *was* higher than the other, and the higher one came up. 4 Then after these I saw the ram butting toward *the* east and toward *the* north and toward *the* west and *toward the* south. And no wild beasts stood before him, and there was none to deliver out of his hands. And he did as he would, and was exalted. 5 And I considered and, behold, a he-goat of *the* goats came from the west over *the* face of the earth, and he touched not the earth. And one horn of the he-goat was between his eyes. 6 And he came against the ram that had the horns, which I had seen standing at the gate, and he ran upon him in fierce anger. 7 And I saw him drawing near to the ram. And he was wroth with him, and he smote and broke his two horns. And there was no longer *any* strength in the ram to stand before the he-goat. And he tore him asunder on the earth, and broke him, and there was none to deliver the ram from the he-goat. 8 And the

he-goat of the goats prevailed exceedingly. And when he prevailed, his great horn was broken, and four other horns came up after it, toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of one of them was grown one strong horn. And he prevailed and smote to *the* south and to *the* east and to *the* north. 10 And he was exalted unto the stars of heaven. And he was dashed down upon the earth by the stars, and by them he was trampled 11 until the chief captain shall deliver the captivity. And by him the mountains of old were dashed down, and their place and sacrifice were removed; and he laid it even to the ground upon the earth. And he prospered, and it came to pass: and the sanctuary shall be made desolate. 12 And the sins were upon the sacrifice, and righteousness was cast down to the ground; and he wrought and prospered. 13 And I heard another saint speaking, and the other *saint* said to the Phelmouni that was speaking, How long shall the vision stand, and the sacrifice that was taken away, and the sin of desolation that was offered; and *how long* shall the sanctuaries be made desolate for trampling? 14 And he said to him, Until evening and morning, two thousand three hundred days, and the sanctuary shall be cleansed. 15 And it came to pass in my seeing *it*, I Daniel sought to understand the vision. And, behold, there stood before me as *the* appearance of a man. 16 And I heard the voice of a man in the midst of the Ulai, and he called, and said, Gabriel, instruct that *man* in the vision! And the man cried out and said, The vision concerning that ordinance. 17 And he came and stood near where I stood: and in his coming, I was troubled, and fell upon my face. And he said to me, Understand, O son of man! for this vision *is* yet for an hour of time. 18 And *as* he was speaking with me, I lay upon *my* face on the ground: and he touched me, and raised me up to *my* place. 19 And he said to me, Behold, I tell thee what things shall be in the last of the wrath upon the sons of thy people, for it shall abide yet for the hour of the time of the end. 20 The ram which thou sawest, that had the horns, is the king

of the Medes and Persians. 21 And the he-goat of the goats is the king of the Greeks: and the great horn which is between his eyes, he *is* the first king. 22 And the four horns that were broken and came up after it *are* four kings of his nation; they shall not arise according to his strength. 23 And in their last kingdom, filling up their sins, there shall arise a king bold in countenance, understanding dark speeches. 24 And his strength shall be established, yet not in his strength. And he shall corrupt wonderfully, and prosper, and work. And he shall corrupt mighty *men* and people of the saints. 25 And his thought *shall be* against the saints, and the lie shall prosper in his hands. And his heart shall be exalted. And by craft he shall utterly destroy many: and upon *the* destruction of men he shall stand; and he shall make a congregation by hand, and shall sell *it*. 26 The evening and morning vision was found in truth. And now the vision is shut up, for *it is* yet for many days. 27 I Daniel was sick many days, and I rose up and was occupied again *in royal affairs*. And I was faint over the vision, and there was no one that considered *it*.

Daniel 9

9:1 In the first year of Darius, *the son* of Xerxes, from the generation of the Medes, which *Medes* reigned over the kingdom of the Chaldeans, 2 in the first year of his kingdom, I Daniel understood by the books the number of the years after an ordinance for the land came to Jeremias the prophet to raise up seventy years for the fulfillment of the reproach of Jerusalem. 3 And I set my face unto *the* Lord God, to find prayer and mercy, in fastings and sackcloth and ashes. 4 And I prayed to *the* Lord God, and confessed, and said, Behold, O Lord, thou art the great, and strong, and terrible God, keeping the covenant and the mercy for them that love thee, and for them that keep thine ordinances; 5 we have sinned, we have done unrighteously, we have done ungodly, and we have departed *from thee* and transgressed thy commandments and thy judgments: 6 and we have

not hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, to the things which they spoke in thy name to our kings and our mighty *men* and our fathers and to every nation on the earth. 7 To thee, O Lord, *belongs* righteousness, and to us shame of face, as at this day, to the men of Juda, and to them that dwell in Jerusalem, and to all the people of Israel, to him that is nearest, and to him that is farther off, in all the provinces into which thou hast scattered them there, in the trespass wherein they have trespassed before thee. 8 O Master, to us *belongs* shame of face, and to our kings and mighty *men*, and to our fathers, for we have sinned against thee. 9 To the Lord *belong* righteousness and mercy, for we have departed from thee 10 and have not hearkened unto the voice of the Lord our God, to follow thy law which thou gavest before Moses and us through thy servants the prophets. 11 And all Israel forsook thy law, and they have departed *from thee*, so as not to hearken to thy voice. And there came upon us the curse and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against him. 12 And he established to us his ordinances, which he spoke against us, and against our judges, which thou hast judged for us, to bring upon us great evils, such as was not under heaven, as was in Jerusalem. 13 According to the things that are written in the covenant of Moses, all the evils came upon us. And we sought not the face of the Lord our God, to depart from our sins, and to understand thy righteousness, O Lord. 14 And the Lord God has watched over the evils, and brought *them* upon us: for the Lord our God *is* righteous in all things whatsoever he shall do, and we have not hearkened unto his voice. 15 And now, O Master, O Lord our God, who broughtest thy people out of Egypt with thy high arm, and madest to thyself a name, as at this day; we have sinned, we have been ignorant. 16 O Master, according to thy righteousness, let thy wrath and thine anger be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain! for by our sins and by the ignorances of our fathers,

Jerusalem and thy people, O Lord, *are* for a reproach among all that are round about us. 17 And now hearken, O Master, to the prayer of thy servant, and to my supplications! And let thy face look upon thy desolate holy mountain for the sake of thy servants, O Master! 18 Give heed, O Lord, *with* thine ear! and hear me! Open thine eyes! and see our desolation, and *that* of thy city on which thy name is called upon it! For in our prayers before thee we pray not on *the ground of* our righteousness, but because of thy mercy. 19 O Lord, be merciful! O Lord, hear! and perform *it!* And delay not, for the sake of thine own self, O Master, for thy name is called upon thy city Sion, and upon thy people Israel. 20 And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sins and the sins of my people Israel, and beseeching in prayers before the Lord my God, and for the holy mountain of our God, 21 and while I was yet speaking in my prayer, behold, the man whom I had seen in my sleep at first, Gabriel, being brought quickly, drew near to me in the hour of the evening sacrifice. 22 And he came and spoke with me, and said, Daniel, I came forth now to shew thee an understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplication an ordinance came forth from the Lord, and I came to shew thee; for thou art pitiable: and *so* understand the ordinance! 24 Seventy weeks were judged upon thy people and upon the city Sion, *for* sin to be finished, and to make iniquities scarce, and to blot out iniquities, and to understand the vision, and *for* everlasting righteousness to be offered, and *for* the vision to be finished, and to make glad the holy of holies. 25 And thou shalt know, and understand, and rejoice; and thou shalt find ordinances to answer; and thou shalt build Jerusalem, a city for the Lord. 26 And after seven and seventy and sixty-two, *the* anointing shall be removed, and shall not be; and a kingdom of nations shall destroy the city and the sanctuary with the Christ: and his end shall come with wrath, and he shall be warred *upon* with war until the time of the end. 27 And the covenant shall rule in many; and he

shall return again, and it shall be rebuilt in breadth and length, and at the end of times, and after seven and seventy times and sixty-two years until the time of the end of war; and the desolation shall be taken away in the covenant's prevailing for many weeks. And at the end of the week the sacrifice and the drink-offering shall be taken away, and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations until the end, and the end shall be given unto the desolation.

Daniel 10

10:1 In the first year of Cyrus the king of the Persians, an ordinance was shewn to Daniel, who was called the name Baltasar. And true *are* the vision and the ordinance. And the strong multitude shall understand the ordinance, and I understood it in a vision. 2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three weeks. 3 I ate no desirable bread, and no flesh or wine entered into my mouth, neither did I anoint *myself with* oil, until I had finished the three weeks of days. 4 And it came to pass on the twenty-fourth day of the first month that I was on the bank of the great river, which is Tigris. 5 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, one man clothed in fine linens, and girt about the loins with fine linen, and out of the midst of him *came* light. 6 And his body *was* as Tharsis, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and feet as gleaming brass, and the sound of his speech as the sound of a tumult. 7 And I Daniel saw this great vision: and the men that were with me saw not this vision; and a mighty fear fell upon them, and they fled in haste. 8 And I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there was no strength left in me. And, behold, the spirit was turned toward me for corruption, and I prevailed not. 9 And I heard not the sound of his speech: I was fallen on my face upon the earth. 10 And, behold, he brought *his* hand near to me, and he raised me up on *my* knees, to the soles of my feet. 11 And he said to me, Daniel, thou art a pitiable man. Understand the ordinances that I speak to thee! and stand in thy place! for I am now sent to thee. And when he spoke this ordinance

unto me, I stood trembling. 12 And he said to me, Fear not, Daniel! for from the first day that thou settest thy face to understand, and to humble *thyself* before the Lord thy God, thy word was heard, and I came because of thy word. 13 And the captain of the king of the Persians had stood against me twenty-one days: and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I left him there with the captain of the king of the Persians. 14 And he said to me, I came to shew thee what shall meet thy people in the last days, for the vision *is* yet for days. 15 And when he spoke these ordinances unto me, I set my face toward the ground and kept silent. 16 And, behold, as it were a likeness of a man's hand touched my lips; and I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said to him that stood before me, O Lord, even as the vision turned toward my side, toward me, there was then no strength in me. 17 And how shall the servant be able to speak with his Lord? And I am weak, and there is no strength in me; and there was no spirit left in me. 18 And there touched me again as it were the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. 19 And he said to me, Thou art a pitiable man. Fear not! be whole! quit thyself like a man! and be strong! And when he spoke unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my Lord speak! for he has strengthened me. 20 And he said to me, Knowest thou why I came to thee? And now I will return to strive with the captain of the king of the Persians: and I went forth and, behold, a captain of the Greeks went in. 21 And indeed I will shew thee the first *ones* in a register of truth: and there was no helper with me for these, save Michael the messenger.

Daniel 11

11:1 And in the first year of Cyrus the king, he told me to be strong, and to quit myself like a man. 2 And now I came to shew thee the truth. Behold, in Persia three kings have stood up *in opposition*; and the fourth shall be rich with great riches above all: and when he shall strengthen *himself* in his riches, he shall rise up against every king of the Greeks. 3 And a mighty king

shall stand up, and rule over a great dominion, and do as he will. 4 And when he shall rise up, his kingdom shall be broken, and divided to the four winds of heaven; not according to his prowess, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be removed. And he shall teach others these *things*. 5 And he shall strengthen the kingdom of Egypt. And one of the mighty *men* shall prevail *over* him, and rule; his power *shall be* a great power. 6 And at the end of the years he shall lead them. And the king of Egypt shall enter into the northern kingdom to make agreements. And he shall in no wise prevail, for his arm shall not establish strength; and his arm shall be numbed, and that of them which shall go with him. And he shall abide for an hour. 7 And a plant shall arise out of his root by himself. And the king of the north shall come against his power, in his strength. And he shall make trouble. And he shall prevail. 8 And he shall overthrow their gods with their molten images, and their multitudes with their desirable vessels. And they shall carry away the silver and the gold into captivity to Egypt. And it shall be a year for the king of the north. 9 And he shall enter into the kingdom of Egypt *for* days. And he shall return to his *own* land. 10 And his son shall both be provoked, and shall gather a congregation of a great multitude: and he shall enter according to it. Haling *them* away, he shall pass by, and return, and be very much provoked. 11 And the king of Egypt shall be provoked to anger, and shall make war with the king of the north. And the congregation shall be delivered into his hands, 12 and he shall receive the congregation. And his heart shall be exalted, and he shall trouble many, and by no means shall he fear. 13 And the king of the north shall return, and of the city shall he gather a congregation greater than the first, according to the end of the time of the year. And he shall enter into it against him with a great multitude and with much wealth. 14 And in those times thoughts shall arise against the king of Egypt. And he shall rebuild the *things* that are fallen down of thy nation. And he shall

arise to raise up the prophecy. And they shall stumble. 15 And the king of the north shall come. And he shall turn his spears. And he shall take the fortified city. And the arms of the king of Egypt shall stand with his mighty *men*. And there shall be no strength in him to withstand him. 16 And he that comes in against him shall do according to his will, and there shall be none that stands against him. And he shall stand in the province. And all *things* shall be accomplished in his hands. 17 And he shall set his face to come upon all his work with violence. And he shall make agreements with him. And he shall give him a daughter of man to corrupt her. And she shall not obey, and shall not be. 18 And he shall set his face toward the sea, and shall take many. And he shall return the wrath of their reproach in an oath according to his reproach. 19 He shall turn his face to strengthen his province. And he shall stumble and fall, and not be found. 20 And there shall arise out of his root a plant of a kingdom unto the resurrection, a man that smites the glory of a king. And in the last days shall he be broken, but not in wrath, nor in war. 21 And a contemptible *man* shall arise in his place, and the glory of a king shall not be given to him. And he shall come suddenly. The king shall prevail by his inheritance. 22 And the arms that were broken shall he break before his face. 23 And with the covenant and the people mustered with him, he shall make a lie. And against a strong nation in a nation few in number, 24 suddenly shall he make the city desolate. And he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. Plunder and spoils and riches shall he give them. And against the strong city shall he take counsel. And his devices *shall be* in vain. 25 And his strength and his heart shall be raised up against the king of Egypt with a great multitude; and the king of Egypt shall be provoked into war with a very exceedingly strong multitude. And he shall not stand, for he shall take counsel against him in *his* mind. 26 And his cares shall consume him, and shall turn him back. And he shall pass by, and shall hale

them away, and many shall fall down slain. 27 And two kings shall sup alone at the same *place*, and at one table shall they devour; and they shall speak lies; but they shall not prosper: for the end *is* yet for a time. 28 And he shall return to his province with great riches. And his heart shall act against the covenant of the Holy One. And he shall return to his province 29 for a time. And he shall enter into Egypt. And the last shall not be as the first. 30 And the Romans shall come, and drive him out, and rebuke him. And he shall turn and be provoked to anger against the covenant of the Holy One. And he shall act, and shall turn and take counsel against them, because they forsook the covenant of the Holy One. 31 And the arms from him shall stand, and defile the fearful sanctuary, and remove the sacrifice, and offer the abomination of desolation; 32 and in the sins of the covenant shall they defile among a hard people. And the people that knows these *things* shall prevail, and act. 33 And they of the nation that reflect shall understand in many *things*. And they shall stumble by the sword, and shall wax old by it and by captivity, and by plunder of days shall they be stained. 34 And when they are broken, they shall gather a little strength. And many shall be gathered together upon them, upon the city, even many as by an inheritance. 35 And *some* of them that understand shall take counsel to cleanse themselves, and to be chosen, and to be cleansed until the time of the end, for the time *is* yet for an hour. 36 And the king shall do according to his will. And he shall be provoked to anger. And he shall be exalted against every god, and against the God of gods shall he speak extraordinary words. And he shall prosper until the wrath be accomplished: for the end is coming to him. 37 And he shall by no means pay regard to the gods of his fathers, nor shall he by any means pay regard to the desire of a woman: for in every *thing* shall he be exalted, and to him strong nations shall be subjected. 38 Against his place shall he move. And a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and

silver, and precious stone. And with desirable *things*
39 of the cities shall he act. And into a strong fortress
shall he come with a strange god whomsoever he
shall know. He shall multiply glory. And he shall have
dominion over it abundantly, and shall divide the
province freely. 40 And at the hour of the end the king
of Egypt shall lock horns with him: and the king of the
north shall be very much angered at him; with chariots
and with many horses and with many ships, so shall
he enter into the province of Egypt. 41 And he shall
come into my province. 42 And in the province of
Egypt, there shall not be in it one who escapes. 43
And he shall lay hold on the place of gold, and the
place of silver, and all the desire of Egypt. And
Libyans and Ethiopians shall be in his multitude. 44
And a report from the east and the north shall trouble
him. And he shall come forth with strong wrath and
sword to destroy utterly, and to kill many. 45 And he
shall set up his tabernacle then in the midst of the
seas and the desired holy mountain. And the hour of
his end shall come, and there shall be no helper for
him.

Daniel 12

12:1 And in that hour shall Michael pass by, the great
messenger that stands over the sons of thy people.
That *shall be* the day of tribulation, such as was not
since they were born until that day. And in that day all
the people shall be exalted, whosoever shall be found
written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in
the breadth of the earth shall arise, some to life
everlasting, and some to reproach, and some to
dispersion and shame everlasting. 3 And the wise
shall shine as the lights of heaven, and they that
strengthen my words as the stars of heaven for ever
and ever. 4 And thou, Daniel, hide the ordinances!
and seal the book! until the time of the end, until many
become mad and the land be filled with iniquity. 5 And
I Daniel saw, and, behold, two others stood, one on
this side of the river, and one on that side. 6 And I
said to the one that was above, that was clothed in
the fine linens, When therefore *shall be* the end of the

wonderful *things* which thou hast told me, and the purification of these? 7 And I heard him that was clothed in the fine linens, who was over the water of the river, *saying*, Until the time of the end. And he lifted up *his right hand* and *his left hand* unto heaven, and swore by the God that lives for ever, that, At a time, and times, and half a time, *shall be* the end of the hands of release of the holy people, and all these *things* shall be finished. 8 And I heard, but, beyond the time itself, I understood not. And I said, O Lord, what *is* the interpretation of this word? and whose *are* these parables? 9 And he said to me, Depart quickly, Daniel! for the ordinances *are* veiled and sealed until 10 many be tried and sanctified, and the sinners sin. And none of the sinners shall in any wise understand, but they that understand shall give heed 11 from the time *that* the continual sacrifice is removed and the abomination of desolation is prepared to be offered a thousand two hundred *and* ninety days. 12 Blessed is he that abides. And he shall gather for a thousand three hundred *and* thirty-five days. 13 And go thou! rest! for there are yet days and hours for the fulfillment of the end; and thou shalt rest, and thou shalt rise again unto thy glory at the end of the days.

Daniel 13 Susanna

13:1 2 3 4 5 6 And judgments from other cities came unto them. 7/8 These *men*, seeing a woman beautiful in countenance, the wife of their brother of the sons of Israel, *whose name was* Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, the wife of Joakim, walking in her husband's garden in the afternoon, and coveting her, 9 they perverted their mind, and turned away their eyes, *so as not to look* unto heaven, nor to remember righteous judgments. 10/11 And both were vexed about her, but one to another feigned not *to know* the evil that possessed them concerning her, nor did the woman know this matter. 12 And when it was dawn, they came and stole *away one from* another, hasting *to see* who may appear to her first, and may speak unto her. 13/14 And, behold, this *woman* was walking according to *her* custom. And the one of the elders

had come, and, behold, the other came, and one examined the other, saying, Why camest thou forth thus at dawn, and tookest me not? And they confessed each *man* his pain, one to another. 15 16 17 18 19 And one said to the other, Let us go to her. And they agreed, and drew near to her, and pressed upon her. 20 21 22 And the Jewess said to them, I know that if I do this *thing*, it is death unto me: and if I do *it* not, I shall not escape your hands. 23 But *it is* better *for* me to fall into your hands, and not do *it*, than to sin in the sight of the Lord. 24 25 26 27 28 So the lawless men returned, threatening within themselves, and laying wait that they might put her to death. And they came unto the congregation of the city where they sojourned, and all the sons of Israel that were there sat in council. 29 And the two elders and judges stood up and said, Send for Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, who is the wife of Joakim! So immediately they called her. 30 And as the woman came with her father and mother, there came even her menservants and maidservants, being five hundred in number, and the four children of Susanna. 31 Now the woman was very delicate, 32 and the lawless *men* commanded to unveil her, that they may be filled with the lust of her beauty. 33 And all her friends and all as many as knew her wept. 34 Then the elders and judges stood up and laid their hands upon her head. 35 But her heart trusted in the Lord her God. And she lifted up her head and wept in herself, saying, 35a/42-44 O Lord, everlasting God, that knowest all *things* before they be: Thou knowest that I have not done *the things* which these lawless *men* wickedly devised against me. And the Lord heard her supplication. 36 Now the two elders said, We were walking in her husband's garden, 37 and compassing a furlong, we saw this *woman* resting with a man. And we stood and beheld them companying together. 38 And they knew not that we stood by. Then we agreed one with another, saying, Let us learn who these are. 39 And we drew near and recognized her, but the young man fled, *his*

nakedness covered. 40 But having taken hold of this *woman*, we asked her who the man *was*, 41 but she did not tell us who he was: these *things* do we testify. And as they were elders and judges of the people, all the congregation believed them. 42 43 44/45 And behold, a messenger of the Lord, *and* that *woman* being brought forth to be destroyed. And the messenger, even as he was commanded, gave a spirit of understanding to a younger *man*, which was Daniel. 46 47 48 So Daniel parted the multitude, and stood in the midst of them, and said, *Are* ye such fools, ye sons of Israel, *that* without examination or knowledge of the plain *truth* ye have answered a daughter of Israel? 49 50 51 And now separate me them one far from another! that I may enquire of them. 52 And when they were separated, Daniel said to the congregation, Now regard not that these *men* are elders, saying, They would never lie. But I shall examine them according to the things that fall to my notice. And he called one of them, and they brought the elder to the younger, and Daniel said to him, Hear! Hear! O thou that art waxen old from days of wickedness. Now are come thy sins which thou hast committed before. 53 Thou wast entrusted to hear and to judge judgments bringing death: and thou hast condemned the innocent, and thou didst release the guilty; *albeit* the Lord says, The innocent and righteous shalt thou not slay. 54 Now therefore, under what tree and in what place of the garden hast thou seen them, being with one another? And the ungodly *man* said, Under a mastick *tree*. 55 And the younger *man* said, Plainly thou hast lied against thine own soul; for the messenger of the Lord shall rend thy soul to-day. 56 So he put this *man* aside, and commanded to bring him the other, and said also to this *man*, *Why is* thy seed perverse as that of Sidon, and *why is it* not as the beauty of Juda? Vile lust has deceived thee. 57 And thus have ye dealt with the daughters of Israel, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Juda endured not your sickness, to bear *it* in lawlessness. 58 Now therefore, tell me! Under

what tree and in what place of the garden didst thou take them companying together? And he said, Under an holm *tree*. 59 And Daniel said, O sinner, now the messenger of the Lord stands, having the sword, until the people shall utterly destroy you, that he may saw thee asunder. 60 And all the congregation cried to the younger *man*, 61 as out of their own mouth, he established them both *as false witnesses of one mind*. 62 And as the law expressly commands, they did to them as they wickedly devised *to do* against *their* sister. And they put them to silence, and brought *them* forth, and cast *them* into a valley. Then the messenger of the Lord cast fire through the midst of them, and the innocent blood was saved in that day. 63 Therefore the younger, beloved ones *are* Jacob in their simplicity. And we *ourselves*, let us keep unto younger, mighty sons. For the younger *men* shall be godly, and a spirit of knowledge and understanding shall be in them for ever and ever.

Daniel 14 *Bel and the Dragon*

14:0 Of the prophecy of Ambacum, the son of Jesus, of the tribe of Levi. 1 2 There was a certain man, a priest, whose name *was* Daniel the son of Abal, a companion of the king of Babylon. 3 And there was an idol, Bel, which the Babylonians worshipped. And he consumed for him every day twelve great measures of fine flour and four sheep and six firkins of oil. 4 And the king worshipped him, and every day the king went and bowed before him. But Daniel prayed to the Lord. 5 And the king said to Daniel, Why dost not thou bow down to Bel? And Daniel said to the king, I worship none but the Lord God, who has created the heaven and the earth, and has dominion over all flesh. 6 And the king said to him, Is this therefore not a god? seest thou not how much is spent upon him every day? 7 And Daniel said to him, Not so: let no man deceive thee! For this indeed is earthen within, and brazen without. And I swear to thee by the Lord God of gods, that this has never eaten anything. 8 So the king was wroth, and called them that kept the charge of the temple, and he said to them, Shew *me* him that eats

the things prepared for Bel! But if not, ye shall die, or Daniel, who affirms them not to be eaten by him. But they said, Bel himself is he that devours them. 9 Then Daniel said to the king, Let it be so! Except I shall shew that Bel is not he that devours these *things*, I shall die, and all they *that shall be* with me. Now the priests to Bel were seventy, beside women and children. 10 So they brought the king into the idol's temple. 11 And the meats were set before the king and Daniel. And wine was mingled, and brought in, and set before Bel. And Daniel said, Thou thyself seest that these *things* are laid up, O king. Thou therefore set a seal upon the keys of the temple when it shall be shut! 12 13 And the word pleased the king. 14 So Daniel commanded them that were with him to cast *them* all out of the temple and strew the whole temple with ashes; none of them that *were* outside it knew. And then he commanded to seal the temple with the ring of the king, and with the rings of certain glorious priests: and it was so. 15-16 And it came to pass on the morrow *that* they came to the place. Now through false windows the priests of Bel had come in and devoured all *things* which were set before Bel, and had drunk up the wine. 17 And Daniel said, Look upon your seals! whether they remain, O ye men *and* priests. And also thou, O king, look about *thee!* lest anything become inharmonious with thee. And they found *it* as the seal was, and they cast away the seal. 18 And they opened the doors, and saw all things that were set before *him* spent, and the tables empty. And the king rejoiced, and said to Daniel, Great is Bel, and with him is no guile. 19 And Daniel laughed exceedingly, and said to the king, Come! See the guile of the priests! And Daniel said, O king, of whom are these footsteps? 20 And the king said, Of men and women and children. 21 And he came upon the house in which the priests were dwelling, and he found the meats of Bel, and the wine. And Daniel shewed the king the false windows through which the priests entering in, spent the things that were set before Bel. 22 And the king brought them out of the

temple of Bel, and delivered them to Daniel. And the expense that was for him gave he to Daniel, but Bel he overthrew. 23 And in *that* same place there was a dragon, and the Babylonians worshipped him. 24 And the king said to Daniel, Wilt thou also say that this is of brass? Behold, he lives, and eats, and drinks. Bow before him! 25 And Daniel said, O king, give me leave! and I shall slay the dragon without rod or iron. 26 And the king yielded to him, and said to him, It is given thee. 27 And Daniel took fat and hair, and thirty pounds of pitch, and did seethe *them* together, and made a lump *thereof*. And he cast *it* into the mouth of the dragon. And having eaten, he burst in sunder. And him he shewed the king, saying, Do not ye worship these *things*, O king? 28 And all they of the province were gathered together against Daniel, and said, The king is become a Jew; he overthrew Bel, and slew the dragon. 29 30 And the king having seen that the multitude of the province was gathered together against him, called his companions, and said, I give up Daniel to destruction. 31-32 Now there was a den in which seven lions were fed, to which the traitors of the king were delivered. And two bodies of the condemned were provided for them every day. And the multitudes cast Daniel into that den, that he might be devoured, and not even obtain burial. And Daniel was in the den six days. 33 And it came to pass on the sixth day, that there was Ambacum, having loaves that were broken in a bowl, in pottage, and a jar of mingled wine. And he went into the plain unto the reapers. 34 And a messenger of the Lord spoke to Ambacum, saying, These things saith the Lord God to thee; Carry the dinner that thou hast to Daniel, into the den of lions in Babylon! 35 And Ambacum said, O Lord God, I have not seen Babylon, and I know not where the den is. 36 And the messenger of the Lord took hold of him, of Ambacum, by the hair of his head, and set him down over the den that was in Babylon. 37 And Ambacum said to Daniel, Arise and eat the dinner which the Lord God has sent thee! 38 And Daniel said, For the Lord God,

that forsakes not them which love him, has remembered me. 39 And Daniel did eat. Then the messenger of the Lord set Ambacum *in the place* whence he had taken him the same day. And the Lord God remembered Daniel. 40 And after these *things* the king went forth, mourning *for* Daniel. And he stooping down, and looking into the den, sees him sitting. 41 And the king cried out and said, Great is the Lord God, and there is none other but he. 42 And the king brought Daniel out of the den, and cast them that were the cause of his destruction into the den, in the sight of Daniel: and they were devoured.