

WEEK 6: DANIEL

DAY 1: DANIEL SHOWED HOW THE GENTILES WOULD RULE FOR A TIME

1. Last week we studied the first six chapters of Daniel. This week most of our lessons will be from the last six chapters. In these chapters Daniel prophesied things that will happen in the future. Some of them are hard to understand. But Jesus and his disciples explained many of them in the New Testament.

How was the faithfulness of Daniel tested near the end of his life? _____

What did Daniel do every day which must be a part of every church leader's life?

2. Daniel's faithfulness was tested as he was put into the lions' den. Daniel prayed every day. Because of Daniel's prayers, God showed him wonderful things of the future.

We have already read about the image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream. God told Daniel what this image meant. It showed the great world kingdoms which would come. This is what we will learn today.

- (1) The "times of the Gentiles" means the time when other people have power over the people of Israel.
- (2) The first great world kingdom of the Gentiles was Babylon.

From what we have been learning, why do you think God let Gentiles have power over Israel for a time?

3. You can say it is because they sinned. Or because they did not obey God. Or because they did not repent. For these reasons, God punished them. He put them under the power of the Gentiles. But who are the Gentiles? The Gentiles are all the people who are not people of Israel. In Genesis chapter 12, God called Abraham. He promised to make him a great nation. Abraham's children through Isaac and Jacob became the nation called Israel. The rest of the people in the world are called "Gentiles".

What group of people are not called Gentiles? _____

4. The people of Israel are not called this. They are called Jews or Israelites. All through the Old Testament we read of other nations besides Israel. Sometimes they were fighting with Israel. Sometimes they were helping Israel. Sometimes Israel defeated them. And sometimes they defeated Israel.

What name does the Bible give to all these other people? _____

5. They are Gentiles. For many years Israel had her own kingdom. Then because of sin, God sent her to Babylon. Since that time she has not had a king or kingdom of her own. The Gentile nations have been stronger and have ruled over Israel. The Gentiles are still the strong rulers in the world today. In the New Testament, we see what Jesus called this time when Gentiles have power over Israel.

Luke 21:24:

they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

What did Jesus call it when Gentiles have power over Israel? _____

6. Jesus called it the "times of the Gentiles." It began when Israel was carried to Babylon. There had been Gentile nations before the time of Babylon. There were strong nations like Egypt and Assyria. There were small nations like Edom and Moab. But Israel still had her country and city and temple. God's plan from the beginning was to make Israel great. None of the nations before Babylon had taken Israel from her land.

What people are meant by Gentiles? _____

What do they have in the "times of the Gentiles"? _____

7. Gentiles are all people who are not of Israel. They have power over Israel during the time which God gives them. God wanted Israel to be strong, but they turned to sin and worshipped idols. So God let the other nations become stronger than Israel. Nebuchadnezzar came from Babylon and destroyed Jerusalem. He burned the temple and took the people away.

What do we call the time when the Gentiles have power over Israel? _____

8. We call it the “times of the Gentiles.” God told Daniel about this time. He told him through a dream given to the king. God showed Daniel that Babylon would be the first great nation of this time. Then there would be other world kingdoms.

From Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and Daniel’s prophecy, what is the “times of the Gentiles”?

9. The “times of the Gentiles” is the time when other nations have power over Israel. God had told them this would happen. He said he would punish them if they did not repent and obey him. But they did not listen. God allowed their enemies to come and carry them away.

What was the first nation of Gentiles which had power over Israel? _____

10. It was Babylon. This was the first nation God raised up to have power over his people. Babylon was the first nation of the “times of the Gentiles.” God showed this to Daniel through Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Daniel explained this to the king of Babylon.

Daniel 2:37-38:

You, O king, . . . are the head of gold.

But God also showed Daniel that Babylon would be punished. God showed him that the time will come when the Gentile kingdoms are destroyed. Then Christ will set up his own kingdom on earth.

From Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and Daniel’s prophecy, what is the “times of the Gentiles”?

11. This is the time when other nations have power over Israel. Daniel prophesied about God's plan for the Gentile world. In chapter 2, God gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream. In chapter 7, God gave Daniel a vision. Let us look first at the image which the king saw in his dream.

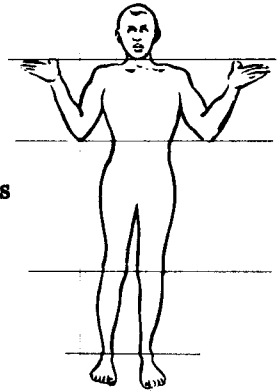
Head of gold
(King of Babylon)

Chest and arms of silver

Stomach and thighs of brass

Legs of iron

Feet of iron and clay



What was the first great world kingdom of the "times of the Gentiles"?

12. The first great world kingdom was Babylon. Then there were three other kingdoms. Now let us look at Daniel's vision in chapter 7. This vision came many years later. It was after Nebuchadnezzar had died. God was still showing Daniel about the "times of the Gentiles."

Take your Bible now and read Daniel 7:1-8. How many beasts or animals came up out of the water?

13. Four animals came up out of the water. These were like the first four parts of the image. They showed the same thing.

Daniel 7:17-18:
These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. We know now who these four kings were. We know what nations ruled the world. We know this from other visions which Daniel had. And we know it from the things which have happened in the world up to this time. The four kingdoms were Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome.

What was the first world kingdom of the "times of the Gentiles"? _____

14. Babylon was the first world kingdom to have power over Israel. If you study the books which have been written about the world, you see that the prophecy came true. You see that Media-Persia ruled after Babylon. Then Greece ruled the world. Then Rome ruled the world. The kingdom of Rome lasted for about 350 years. It was Rome which ruled the world during the time of the New Testament. We know that the Roman kings were very hard and wicked. They killed the Christians whenever they found them. Rome was shown by the fourth animal which Daniel saw coming up out of the water. It was so terrible that Daniel did not have a name for it. It had iron teeth. And we remember that the image had iron legs. This showed the power of Rome.

Daniel 7:7:

... it devoured (or ate) and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue (or the rest of the nations) with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

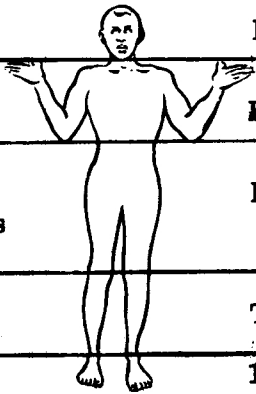
Do you think there is any one nation which rules the world today? _____

15. Some countries are very powerful. But there is no nation which rules the whole world. Yet the "times of the Gentiles" have not ended. There is still one more kingdom to come. It is shown by the feet of iron and clay in the king's dream. Daniel saw it too. He saw ten horns on the fourth beast. And then he saw a little horn growing. We will study this little horn tomorrow. It seems that the last kingdom will somehow come from Rome.

What was the first world kingdom of the "times of the Gentiles"? _____

16. The first world kingdom was Babylon. Then there were other kingdoms. These kingdoms were shown in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. They were also shown in Daniel's vision. Nebuchadnezzar saw the kingdoms as a great man. But Daniel saw them as wild animals. He knew that the hearts of their kings were sinful. Let us see the two visions together.

<u>The King's Dream</u>	<u>Daniel's dream</u>	<u>World Kingdom</u>
Head of gold	Lion with wings of eagle	Babylon
Chest and arms of silver	Bear eating bones	Media-Persia
Stomach and thighs of brass	Leopard with four wings and heads	Greece
Legs of iron	Terrible and strong	Rome
Feet of iron and clay	10 horns and a little horn	



From Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's prophecy, what is the "times of the Gentiles"?

17. The "times of the Gentiles" means the time when other nations have power over Israel. This time will not end until Christ sets up his kingdom on earth. Because of Israel's sin, God took her kingdom away from her. He sent her to live in other countries. Today she is beginning to come back to her land. But she does not have much power. And she has not yet received Christ.

What time of prophecy are we living in today? _____

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DAY 2: DANIEL PROPHESED ABOUT THE LAST WORLD RULER

1. From Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's prophecy, what is the "times of the Gentiles"?

What was the first world kingdom of the "times of the Gentiles"?

2. The "times of the Gentiles" is the time when other nations have power over Israel. The first nation to have this power was Babylon. Four parts of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream showed four kingdoms. The four animals in Daniel's vision also showed four kingdoms. These were Gentile kingdoms. But the "times of the Gentiles" are not yet finished. The prophet saw that there would still be another world ruler. We will study about this last world ruler today. This is what we will learn.

(1) One name for the last world ruler is the "little horn."

(2) The last world ruler will be very, very sinful.

To what prophet did God show the last world ruler as the "little horn"?

3. God showed this to Daniel. He showed him that there would be four Gentile world kingdoms. He showed him this through the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and the vision of Daniel. In both visions God showed that there would also be a great world ruler at the end of the "times of the Gentiles." The feet of the image were of clay mixed with iron. The feet had ten toes. The fourth beast which Daniel saw had ten horns.

Since Rome lost her rule over the world, there has been no world kingdom. But the last part of the visions must still be fulfilled. We do not know just how this will be. But in some way the last kingdom will come from the kingdom of Rome. It will have a different kind of power.

Take your Bible now and read about the "little horn." Read Daniel 7:8-11.

4. Yesterday we read how Daniel saw four animals come up out of the water. The last animal was very strong and terrible. It had many horns. We have also learned that the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream had feet of iron and clay. The feet had many toes.

How many toes did the image have? _____

How many horns did the last animal have before the "little horn" came?

5. There were ten toes and ten horns. Both of the visions showed the same thing. At the end, there will be ten kings working together to rule the world. But then another king will rise up among them as a "little horn."

Daniel 7:8 and 24:

I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots. . . . As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings shall arise, and another shall arise after them; he shall be different from the former ones, and shall put down three kings.

From these verses, what will the "little horn" do to some of the other kings?

6. He will put them down. This means that he will defeat three of the ten kings. We see from this that the last king will be little but powerful. He will not look important. He will be different. He will not be one of the ten kings who are ruling the world. He will not have a kingdom of his own, but he will try to rule the whole world by himself.

What name did Daniel use for this last world ruler? _____

7. Daniel called him the "little horn." He will become powerful by destroying three of the ten kings. Then the other kings will make him their leader. So the beast with ten horns is led by the little horn and rules the world.

Many years after the time of Daniel, John also saw the beast with ten horns. It ruled the world and fought against God.

Revelation 13:5-7:

And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words . . . ; it opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

Over whom will the "little horn" rule? _____

8 The "little horn" will rule over the whole world. He will be the last ruler of the "times of the Gentiles." Now let us see what kind of person he will be. In later visions, Daniel learned more about this last world ruler.

Daniel 8:24-25:

His power shall be great and he shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people of the saints. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall magnify himself. Without warning he shall destroy many; and he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes.

Will the "little horn" be good or bad? _____

9. He will be bad. He will be very, very sinful. Look at the things which he will do. He will kill many people. He will fight against the people of God. He will deceive people and try to make himself great. He will even try to fight against God by fighting against Christ.

What name does Daniel give to the last world ruler? _____

10. Daniel calls him the "little horn." He saw that the "little horn" would fight against the Prince of princes. The writers of the New Testament learned about this last world ruler too. They called him the "antichrist."

1 John 4:3:

and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming.

Whom will the "little horn" fight against, besides the people of God?

11. He will fight against Christ. No one can do anything to God directly. A man cannot hurt God by touching him with his hands. So the last world ruler will turn his anger on God's people. This is what we have read.

Daniel 7:21-22:

As I looked, this horn made war with the saints, and prevailed over them, until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints received the kingdom.

What kind of person will the "little horn" be? _____

12. He will be very, very sinful. He will fight against the people of God. He will kill many of them. But he will not kill all of them. Then God will come and judge him, and Christ will set up his kingdom on earth.

Who will fight against God and his people at the end of the "times of the Gentiles"?

13. This is the last world ruler, or the "little horn" or the antichrist. God gave Daniel many visions about this ruler. The visions made Daniel afraid at first. But God explained the visions to Daniel. Daniel knew that all of these things were in God's hands.

What kind of person will the last world ruler be? _____

14. He will be very, very sinful. God will use him to finish the punishments for the people of Israel. Then God will punish and destroy him.

What name does Daniel give to the last ruler of the "times of the Gentiles"?

15. He is called the “little horn.” From the prophecies of Daniel we see that God is taking care of the things which happen in the world. He showed Daniel many things which would happen. Some of these things are past now. We see that God’s word has been fulfilled. We see that the nations of Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome have ruled the world. We also see that there are many more things to happen. Some of them are hard. Some of them are good. God wants us to lean on him and be faithful as these things come.

We do not know all the things that will happen to us in the future. God may allow us to go through some very hard things. Take time now to ask God to keep you faithful.

16. What name does Daniel give to the last ruler of the “times of the Gentiles”?

What kind of person will he be? _____

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DAY 3: DANIEL SAW A VISION OF SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS

1. What name does the book of Daniel give to the last ruler of the “times of the Gentiles”?

What kind of person will he be? _____

2. Daniel calls the last world ruler the “little horn.” The “little horn” will be very, very sinful. Today we want to see the time that must pass before the “little horn” will rule. We will also see what the “little horn” will do to the people of Israel. This is what we will learn.

- (1) God showed Daniel that the 70 years of Jeremiah were also 70 weeks of years.
- (2) Near the end of the seventy weeks of years the “little horn” would help the people of Israel and then try to destroy them.

Take your Bible now and read Daniel 9:1 and 2. Then read verses 20 to 27.

3. We have already seen that Daniel was a man who read God’s word. He carefully studied the words of the prophets. In today’s lesson Daniel was reading from the prophet Jeremiah. This may be the verse which he read.

Jeremiah 29:10:

For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

How many years would it be until Israel went back to her own land?

4. It would be seventy years. This was the word which God gave Jeremiah. Now, in the land of Babylon, another prophet read the words of Jeremiah. He saw that the years were nearly finished. By this time, the prophet was old. He probably could not make the long journey back to Jerusalem. But he wanted the younger people to go back. He was concerned about them. So he began to pray for them.

Who began to pray when he saw that the time in Babylon was nearly finished?

5. It was God's prophet, Daniel. Daniel thought that 70 years were enough to punish the people of Israel. He thought they would go back now and obey God. He thought God would be pleased with them and bless them. But God saw that most of his people still would not obey him. They would go back to Jerusalem. But they would not walk in faith and love to God. They would add their own laws to his laws. The time would come when they would even nail God's Son to a cross.

But God had told Jeremiah he would take the people back after 70 years. He had told Jeremiah he would make a new agreement with his people.

Can God fail to keep his promises? _____

Do you think the prophecies of God can sometimes mean two things at the same time?

6. God cannot fail to keep his promises. He did bring his people back to Jerusalem after 70 years. But God's prophecies often have two meanings. God also wanted to show something else from this prophecy of Jeremiah.

The hearts of the people were still full of sin. Their time in Babylon had not been enough to change them completely. They would still have to be scattered through the world. There were many more things which must happen. God wanted to show them to Daniel.

The prophecy of 70 years had two meanings. In the first meaning, what would happen after 70 years?

7. After 70 years, the people would go back to Jerusalem. This was the first meaning of the prophecy, and it was fulfilled. In the books of Ezra and Nehemiah we read how some of the people went back to their land. But there was more to the prophecy. When Daniel prayed for forgiveness for his people, he received a new vision. This gave him more understanding of what God was doing. We call this the vision of the 70 weeks. This is what Daniel heard in the vision.

Daniel 9:24:

Seventy weeks of years are decreed (or prophesied) concerning your people and your holy city.

Who showed Daniel that the 70 years also meant 70 weeks of years? _____

8. God showed Daniel this. He explained that it would be a much longer time until Israel's punishment was ended. Weeks of years are much longer than years. A week of years is seven years. Seven years times seventy years is 490 years. Daniel had seen all 70 years of the time in Babylon. Perhaps it seemed long to him. Perhaps he was disappointed to hear the word of God. Now Daniel saw that there would be 490 years before Israel received the new agreement.

Who is the one who must come to make the new agreement and write God's law in the hearts of people?

9. Christ must come to do this. He wants to have his kingdom in the hearts of people who receive him. He also wants to set up his kingdom on earth. It will be a kingdom of righteousness and peace. God wants to rule the world as he planned when he made Adam and Eve. But first sin must be finished. God told Daniel why the 70 weeks of years were needed.

Daniel 9:24:

Seventy weeks of years are decreed concerning your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness.

Israel would stay in Babylon 70 years. But how long did God say it would be until the sin of Israel was finished?

10. He said it would be seventy weeks of years or 490 years. Israel's sin must be finished before she would be ready for the kingdom of Christ. God told Daniel that an anointed or special one would come. This was Christ. God said the anointed one would be killed after seven weeks and 62 weeks of years. This would be about 483 years.

Daniel 9:26:

And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off, and shall have nothing.

We know that Jesus was crucified about 483 years after Daniel's prophecy began to be fulfilled.

But what was to happen after 70 weeks of years or 490 years? _____

11. Israel's punishment would be finished. Or sin would be finished. Or the righteous kingdom would be set up. But we see that many years have passed since Christ died. Sin is not finished. The people of Israel have not received Christ. And the kingdom of Christ is not set up.

Many Christians believe that during the time of the Church, God is not counting time for Israel. From the death of Christ, Israel was set aside for awhile. God stopped counting her time. But there is still one week of years left for Israel. It will be a time of hard punishment. There will be trouble throughout the world.

The seventy years meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long would it be until Israel's punishment was finished? _____

12. It would be 70 weeks of years or 490 years. Christ would be crucified after 69 weeks of years. Then there would be one week of punishment left.

Daniel 9:26-27:

... an anointed one shall be cut off, and shall have nothing; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war; desolations are decreed. And he (the little horn) shall make a strong covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause sacrifice and offering to cease.

From this verse, who will rule during the 70th or last week? _____

13. The "little horn" will rule during the last week. Daniel saw that Christ would be killed. At that time he would not be ruling the world. The Jews would reject him. The enemies of Israel would come and destroy Jerusalem again. This has happened.

But some day the last week of years for Israel will begin. A strong king will rise. He will pretend to be a friend of Israel. He will make an agreement with them for one week of years or seven years. But in the middle of this time he will turn against them. He will treat them in two ways.

- (1) He will help them.
- (2) He will try to destroy them.

How will the last world ruler treat the people of Israel at first? _____

14. He will help them. He will say that he is their friend. And he will make promises to them. Some of the people of Israel will think that this ruler is Christ. But in the middle of the seven years he will turn against them. He will stop their sacrifices in the temple. He will do all he can to destroy God's people.

Daniel 7:25:

He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time. . . .

The seventy years of Jeremiah meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long did Daniel see that Israel's punishment would be?

15. The time prophesied for Israel's punishment was seventy weeks of years, or 490 years. The last week of years will be the hardest time. The "little horn" or antichrist will be the world ruler. During the first part of the time, the ruler will help the people of Israel.

But what will he try to do to them during the second part of the time?

16. He will try to destroy them.

Daniel 8:24-25:

His power shall be great and he shall cause fearful destruction, and shall destroy mighty men and the people of the saints. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall magnify himself. Without warning he shall destroy many; and he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes; but, by no human hand, he shall be broken.

Revelation 13:5:

And the beast (or "little horn") was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months (or three and a half years or the last half of the seventieth week).

How will the "little horn" treat the people of Israel at first? _____

17. He will help them. He will make promises to them. But he will only be deceiving them.

How will the "little horn" treat the people of Israel in the second half of the last week?

18. He will try to destroy them. This will be a very hard time. Jesus told his disciples about this time.

Matthew 24:21:

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect (or chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

The 70 years of Jeremiah meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long did Daniel see that Israel's punishment would be?

19. It would be 70 weeks of years.

How will the little horn treat the people of Israel during the 70th week?

(1) _____

(2) _____

20. First he will help them. Then he will try to destroy them. But God will not let his people be destroyed. He will break the "little horn." Then Christ will set up his kingdom on earth. It is good for us to know that these things are coming. After his words about the time of trouble, Jesus gave his disciples a warning. We too should be careful of deceivers.

Matthew 24:23-24:

Then if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

Ask God now to help you refuse to listen to false prophets.

21. The 70 years of Jeremiah meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long did Daniel see that Israel's punishment would be?

How will the "little horn" treat the people of Israel during the 70th week?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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DAY 4: CHRIST, THE STONE, WILL END THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

1. Today we will finish studying the book of Daniel. For two weeks we have looked at the teachings of Daniel. It is not an easy book to study. But God is helping us to understand.

The 70 years of Jeremiah meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long did Daniel see that Israel's punishment would be?

How will the "little horn" treat the people of Israel during the 70th week?

(1) _____

(2) _____

2. Israel's punishment would be 70 weeks of years. During the last week, the "little horn" will first help the people of Israel. Then he will try to destroy them. But God will not let this happen. He will cause Christ to set up his kingdom on earth.

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the image showed the "times of the Gentiles." The parts of the image were the kingdoms of the Gentiles. But these kingdoms will all be destroyed. Today we will learn how this will happen.

(1) Christ will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end.

(2) In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Christ was shown by the picture of a stone.

Take your Bible now and read Daniel 2:31-35. What caused all the parts of the image to be broken?

3. It was a stone. This stone was cut from the mountain. But it was not cut by the hands of a man of earth. This means it was cut by God.

Daniel 2:44:

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty (or rule) be left to another people.

What did the stone cut from the mountain do to the image? _____

4. The stone hit the image. It broke the image into many pieces. This shows how the "times of the Gentiles" will end. The "times of the Gentiles" is not yet past. But the end will come suddenly. Who is the stone who will bring the end? Christ is spoken of as the stone in different parts of the Bible.

Isaiah 28:16:

Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold I am laying in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation.

1 Peter 2:4:

Come to him (Christ), to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious.

What will Christ, the stone, do to the "times of the Gentiles"? _____

5. He will end the "times of the Gentiles." Many prophecies of the Old Testament speak of the coming of Christ. They speak of his times of coming as being one. They do not show his first coming as a baby and his second coming as a king.

But we know that his coming has two parts. He has already come as our Saviour. But he has not yet come to set up his kingdom. From the New Testament we learn that even the second coming of Christ has different parts. The first part is when Christ comes in the clouds for the believers. He takes them back to heaven. The second part is when he comes to earth to set up his kingdom. We do not know just when these things will happen. But we believe that the time is near.

When Christ comes to set up his kingdom, what will he bring to an end?

6. He will end the "times of the Gentiles". We have learned that the last world ruler is the "little horn" or the antichrist. He will begin his rule by helping Israel. He will promise them freedom to worship in their temple. He will promise them peace in their land. But later he will turn and become their enemy. He will do all he can to destroy them.

But who will come to end the "times of the Gentiles"? _____

7. Christ will do this. He will be watching while the "little horn" makes an agreement with Israel. The world ruler will break his promises to Israel. He will refuse to let Israel worship in their temple. He will tell them to worship him. Israel will suffer under this ruler more than they have ever suffered before. The "little horn" will try to destroy the people of Israel because they refuse to worship him.

As we have learned, what kind of person is the "little horn"? _____

8. He is very, very sinful. He is the great enemy of the people of Israel. He will try to kill them for three and a half years. He will be the little horn which comes from the ten horns who are ruling the world at that time. It will seem that the "little horn" is destroying Israel. But Daniel saw that something else will happen.

Daniel 7:9-11:

As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; . . . and the books were opened. I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast (with the little horn) was slain (or killed), and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

What will happen to the "little horn" in the end? _____

9. The "little horn" will be burned or destroyed. Daniel saw that God will come and take his seat of judgment. The "little horn" will be destroyed and God will give the kingdom to someone else.

Daniel 7:13-14:

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

To whom will God give the kingdom? _____

10. God will give the kingdom to Christ. In Daniel's vision, he saw the "little horn" destroyed. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he saw a stone strike the feet and destroy the image. In the New Testament, Paul explained this for us.

2 Thessalonians 2:8:

And then the lawless one (the last world ruler) will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.

Who will destroy the "little horn" and bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end?

11. Christ will do this. He will destroy the one who is trying to destroy Israel. He will destroy the "little horn" or the antichrist. He will finish the kingdoms shown by Nebuchadnezzar's image. Christ will end the "times of the Gentiles."

Daniel 8:25:

by no human hand, he (the last world ruler) shall be broken.

How was Christ shown in the dream of Nebuchadnezzar? _____

12. He was shown by a stone. The stone destroyed the image which was the kingdoms of the "times of the Gentiles." In Daniel chapter 12 we read why the "little horn" or antichrist cannot destroy the people of Israel. The angel, Michael, will help everyone whose name is written in the book of God. They will become kings and princes in Christ's kingdom.

Daniel 12:1-3:

. . . but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Who is the stone who will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end?

13. It is Christ. He will destroy the last world ruler. Then he will set up his own kingdom on earth. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream the stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44:

And in the days of those kings the Lord of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty (or rule) be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand for ever.

Who will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end? _____

How was Christ shown in the dream of Nebuchadnezzar? _____

14. Christ will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Christ is shown as a stone. He is the stone which will destroy the kingdoms and then fill the whole earth.

From the prophecies of Daniel we can see that there are great things ahead of us. Sometimes Daniel was afraid when he saw the things ahead. But he says that he kept the matter in his heart. Let us keep these matters in our hearts too. Let us not forget them. The time is coming when our Saviour will return with great power. He will be the King of kings and Lord of Lords! Let us preach this to our people.

Have you ever preached to your people that Christ will one day rule the whole earth?

15. Who will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end? _____

In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image, how was Christ shown? _____

WEEK 6: DANIEL
DAY 5: REVISION

Today we will go over the things which we have learned from the books of Ezekiel and Daniel. Try to answer every question. Do not look back until you have finished answering the questions. Then look back to see if your answers are right. If some of your answers are wrong, cross them out. Write the correct answers above yours.

Here are the questions from Week 4.

1. In what country was Ezekiel when God showed him his glory and called him?

2. What did God tell Ezekiel to do for the people of Israel? _____

3. Write two things in Ezekiel's life which he used in preaching. Write what these things showed about Jerusalem.

(1) _____

(2) _____

4. Why did God's glory leave the temple and the people of Israel? _____

When will God's glory return to earth as Ezekiel saw in the vision? _____

5. How did Ezekiel first see the nation of Israel in the valley? _____

What was the message of this vision? _____

6. In Ezekiel's vision, what came from under the door of the new temple?

What did this give to the land? _____

Who can flow through our lives now and make us bear fruit? _____

Questions from Week 5.

7. What did Daniel do to get special wisdom? _____

What happened in Daniel's life as he was faithful? _____

8. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego show when they refused to worship the image?

From this happening, in what two ways may we be asked to please God?

(1) _____

(2) _____

9. Why did God punish Nebuchadnezzar and make him lose his mind for seven years?

What does this tell us to do as pastors?

(1) _____

(2) _____

10. Why did God take away Belshazzar's kingdom and his life? _____

11. What does God always do to sin which is not confessed? _____

12. How was Daniel's faithfulness tested near the end of his life? _____

13. What did Daniel do every day which must be a part of every church leader's life?

Questions from Week 6.

14. From Nebuchadnezzar's dream and Daniel's prophecy, what is the "times of the Gentiles"?

15. What was the first world kingdom of the "times of the Gentiles"?

16. What name does Daniel give to the last ruler of the "times of the Gentiles"?

What kind of person will he be? _____

17. The 70 years of Jeremiah meant Israel would be in Babylon for 70 years. But how long did Daniel see that Israel's punishment would be?

18. How will the "little horn" treat the people of Israel during the 70th week?

(1) _____

(2) _____

19. Who will bring the "times of the Gentiles" to an end? _____

20. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image, how was Christ shown?

When you have finished these questions, go back to the revision on page 85 Cover with your hand the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.