

Daniel's Visions — Summary

1. Chapter 7. In the first year of Belshazzar, King of Babylon Daniel explains the king's dream. There are four beasts, representing kings; the demise of the last before the Ancient of Days, and the arrival before his throne of the Son of Man. One standing at that judgment gives the interpretation.
2. Chapter 8. In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar. A vision of a ram and a goat. More complex. The angel tells him it concerns the time of the end and the distant future.
3. Chapter 9. In the first year of the Mede, Darius. Daniel realises that his people may return to rebuild Jerusalem according to Jeremiah and he prays about that. During his prayer he has a vision in which the angel Gabriel tells him the timing of the return and of the end of sin, and the reign of righteousness. Includes some details about the work of the antichrist.
4. Chapters 10-12. In the third year of Cyrus, King of Persia, Daniel sees a vision of a man who tells him "what is written in the Book of Truth." The message is a detailed account of near and far future events that concern (1) the Jews (2) all believers at the time of the end. The book is sealed by Daniel's personal seal and is not understood until much later.

Thus, there are four visions given to Daniel. In addition he explained and interpreted (1) the vision given to Nebuchadnezzar, concerning the future, the same king's dream (2) about his own near future (fulfilled in Daniel's lifetime) and the (3) episode of the writing on the wall at Belshazzar's feast.