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Christ in Every Chapter

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Daniel 1 – Hosea 5

CHAPTER 1

Verses 18-21: “Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.” Here we have Jews being promoted just as Christ will promote the Jews at His return. So, the phrase “at the end of days” in verse eighteen carries a double meaning.

CHAPTER 2

Verses 34-45: The whole chapter deals with the dream of Nebuchadnezzar that had to be recalled and interpreted by the Jewish prophet Daniel since none of Nebuchadnezzar’s men were able to be of any service at all. The dream concerned a large metallic image representing the Gentile powers that would arise over Israel from B.C. 606 through the Second Coming of Christ. The image is toppled to the ground by a stone that is cut out of a mountain and smites the image on the feet. We then read these words in verses forty-four and forty-five: “**And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.**” The stone is obviously Christ (Deu. 32:15, 30, 31; I Pet. 2:5-7), and the kingdom Christ’s Millennial Kingdom that follows His Second Coming.

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CHAPTER 3

Verse 25: **“He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”** All of the new Bible translations claim that Nebuchadnezzar saw “a son of the gods” instead of “the Son of God,” which is obviously a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ. Their reasoning is that Nebuchadnezzar was a polytheist and would not have used the term “Son of God.” But this is what the Bible terms as *leaning to one’s own understanding* (Pro. 3:5). Evidently, God wants us to know that it *was* “the Son of God” in the fire, so He preserved the language for us in the KJV, regardless of what Nebuchadnezzar believed.

CHAPTER 4

Verse 37: **“Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.”** The king had just spent seven years living outdoors like an animal, picturing the “the beast” of the seven year Tribulation Period (Rev. 13). After this time of judgment, this gentile ruler acknowledged and praised the God of heaven. So, after the Tribulation Period and the Second Coming, gentiles will come up to Jerusalem to worship the King (Zch. 14:14-16).

CHAPTER 5

Verses 30-31: **“In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.”** Belshazzar (meaning “Bel protect the king”) was the last of the ancient Babylonian kings, and he was dethroned as a direct prophecy and judgment of God. Such will be the case when Christ judges Revelation’s king of Babylon, the Antichrist.

CHAPTER 6

Verses 21-23: **“Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.”** Here we have a brief glimpse of the resurrection of Christ. The roaring lion of I Peter 5:8 thought Christ would remain in the grave, but the Father saw fit to raise Him up.

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CHAPTER 7

Verses 9-14: **"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened . . . And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."** The "Ancient of days" on the throne is the Lord Jesus Christ at the White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20:11-15. The kingdom in the passage is the coming Millennial Kingdom of Christ.

CHAPTER 8

Verse 25: **"And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."** The reference is to the Antichrist opposing the Lord Jesus Christ "the Prince of princes" and being destroyed "without hand" just as we saw in Daniel 2:34, 45. As a contrast, the Antichrist is called "the prince that shall come" in Daniel 9:26. Jesus, in addition to being the "Prince of princes," is the "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9:6.

CHAPTER 9

Verse 26: **"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."** The "Messiah" is obviously Jesus, and the cutting off is His crucifixion. The same term is used in Isaiah 53:8: **"he was cut off out of the land of the living."** The actual context of Daniel 9:26 is the Great Tribulation and the "abomination of desolation" (verses 24-27) that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:15.

CHAPTER 10

Verses 5-6: **"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."** This man is probably

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Christ in a pre-incarnate appearance. See the description of our Lord in Revelation chapter one for comparison.

Verse 14: **“Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”** The “latter days” refer to the Great Tribulation events and the Second Coming of Christ, both of which prepare Israel (“thy people”) for the kingdom of Christ.

CHAPTER 11

Verse 45: **“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”** This is the Antichrist, and he comes to his end when Jesus returns and condemns him to the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20).

CHAPTER 12

Verse 1: **“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”** This book is called “the book of life of the Lamb” in Revelation 13:8, which means it’s the book of Jesus Christ.