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THE MINOR PROPHETS  
BOOK 1 – DANIEL PART 3

Chapters 7 through 12 of Daniel all relate to future prophecy. They correspond to chapters 4 through 22 of Revelation. Daniel is shown the end times, and John is shown the same things, except in greater detail. The two books should be studied together.

Daniel's end time revelations came in his later years at an old age, as he lived into his nineties. Nebuchadnezzar was dead and his grandson Belshazzar was now king. The visions given to Daniel most likely occurred between 555 B.C. to 534 B.C. according to Ussher.

In chapter 7 we see that Belshazzar had a dream that showed four great beasts arise from the sea, each one different. Daniel interpreted the dream and told the king that the beasts were the empires of Babylonian Empire, then the Medo-Persian Empire, then the Grecian Empire, and the Roman worldwide empire. The Roman empire had the ten horns, then the little horn, and the mouth of the beast boasting of great things. This is expounded in Revelation. After this the Ancient of Days intervenes as the Son of Man comes on the clouds of glory to take away their dominion and give it as an everlasting kingdom to His saints.

Chapter 8 deals with another dream given two years later to king Belshazzar. This dream deals with the Anti-Christ.

Chapter 9 occurs during the first year of King Darius after Babylon's fall. (Chapter 5 speaks of the handwriting on the wall, which brought Belshazzar's downfall and loss of the kingdom.) It is a revelation given directly to the prophet. We know it as "Daniel's 70 weeks." It gives the prophetic timeline up and into the time of the Great Tribulation and the "abomination of desolation."

Chapter 10 occurs during the third year of King Cyrus who succeeded king Darius. In this incident, a mighty angel of God came to him and affirmed to Daniel how precious he was to God. This angel likely was Gabriel or one sent from God by Gabriel. He was detained 21 days until the angel Michael came to help him get through Satan's resistance. This angel came to enhance Daniel's understanding of the last days.

Chapter 11 occurred earlier in Darius' first year. It speaks of wars, and of the "little horn" of Revelation that arises. It speaks of Revelation's beast that makes himself out to be God. (Daniel 11:37).

Chapter 12 tells of the Great Tribulation (12:1) and of the resurrection of the dead. (12:2.) Daniel is then told to close and seal the book until the time of the very end. No more is written about end times until John is given the information in Revelation chapters 18-22.

Prophecy is given so we are prepared to understand what will take place in the future. Thus, it helps us understand what is taking place when we see it happening right in front of us. Until then, perfect understanding remains a mystery.