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What are common misinterpretations of the book of Daniel and why are 99% of the book not related to the end of the New Covenant, but to the end of the Old Covenant? Let us push back some erroneous teachings and a sensationalism that spread far and wide in the last decades.

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Daniel 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	This chapter describes King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a giant statue of different materials representing successive world empires, all of which are ultimately destroyed by a rock. This rock is symbolic of CHRISTOS' Church and THEOS' Eternal Kingdom, in which we currently live. THEOS' overarching plan for world history progressed thus from the rise and fall of earthly powers like Babylon to the final divine Kingdom which is already here in part, but not yet fully until the times of the end.	<p>~606 BC - 539 BC Babylonian (Nebuchadnezzar's rule) Head · Gold</p> <p>~539 BC - 331 BC Medo Persian Chest & Arms · Silver</p> <p>~331 BC - 146 BC Grecian Belly & Thighs · Bronze (Alexander the Great and his successors)</p> <p>~146 BC Romans Legs of Iron</p> <p>- until the end of times Other Nations (Europe) Feet of Iron & Clay</p> <p></p> <p><i>And you saw, O king. And lo! There was one image. And that image was exceedingly great. And its appearance, being extraordinary, stood in front of you, and the appearance of the image was frightening. And the head was of good gold, the chest and the arms silver, the belly and the thighs bronze, and the legs iron, the feet partly of iron and partly of earthenware. And you saw until when a stone was cut from a mountain, without hands, and it struck the image on the iron and earthenware feet and crushed them. Then the iron as well as the earthenware and the bronze and the silver and the gold became powdery together and became more powdery, as it were, than the chaff on a threshing floor, and the wind threw them so that nothing remained of them. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and it struck the whole earth. "This was the vision. Now we will also tell the meaning in the presence of the king. 37 You, O king, are king of kings, and to you the Lord of heaven has given the kingdom and power and honor and glory. 38 In the whole world from humans and wild animals and birds of the air and fish of the sea, he has delivered them into your hands to rule over all - you are the gold head.</i></p> <p><i>And after you will rise a kingdom smaller than yours ...</i></p> <p><i>And after you will rise a kingdom smaller than yours and another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over the whole earth, ...</i></p> <p><i>40 ... and a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, which saws everything and cuts down every tree, and the whole earth will be shaken. 41 And as you saw its feet partly of iron and partly of potter's ware: there will be another kingdom in two parts, and some of the iron base will be in it; just as you saw the iron commixed with the clay ware, 42 part of the kingdom will be strong, and part of it will be broken. 43 And as you saw the iron admixed with the clay ware, they will be commixed in races of humans, but they will not be in agreement or well disposed to one another, even as iron is not able to be blended with earthenware.</i></p> <p><i>At a set time he will enter into Egypt, and as the first so the last will not be. 30 And the Romans will come and will expel him and rebuke him. And he will turn back [and will be angered] against the covenant of the Holy One. And he will take action and will turn back and will be minded against them, because they abandoned the covenant of the Holy One. 31 And arms from him will rise and will defile the sanctuary of fear. And they will remove the sacrifice and will give an abomination of desolation.</i></p> <p><i>And in the times of these kings the THEOS of Heaven will set up another Kingdom that will be forever and will not be corrupted. And this Kingdom will never permit another nation, but it will crush and abolish those kingdoms, and it will stand forever, 45 just as you have seen a stone cut out of a mountain, without hands, and it ground the earthenware and the iron and bronze and silver and gold. The great THEOS has shown the king what will be at the end of the days, and the vision is precise, and the meaning of it trustworthy.</i></p> <p><i>... you will call his name IESOUS. This One will be great, and He will be called the SON of the MOST HIGH, and KYRIOS the THEOS will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.</i></p> <p><i>"The law and the prophets were until John; from that time on the Kingdom of THEOS has been proclaimed, and everyone is urgently pressed into it.</i></p> <p><i>Now when he was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of THEOS would come, he answered them and said, "The Kingdom of THEOS does not come with things that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Behold, here it is!' or 'There!' For behold, the Kingdom of THEOS is in your midst."</i></p> <p><i>For it stands in Scripture, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone [IESOUS CHRISTOS], and the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame." [...] "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense" ...</i></p>
Daniel 7 Vision Of 4 Beasts	Many see the 4th beast as the beast described in the book of Revelation, but there is one decisive clue why this cannot be the case.	<p>Beginning of New Covenant</p> <p>IESOUS is presented before the throne to inaugurate His Kingdom, a fact that obviously happened after the ascension of IESOUS and not in our end times.</p> <p>11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which that horn spoke, until the wild [fourth] beast was slain and destroyed, and his body given to be burnt with fire. 12 And the dominion of the rest of the wild beasts was taken away; but a prolonging of life was given them for certain times. 13 I beheld in the night vision, and, lo, one coming with the clouds of Heaven as the SON of man [not His Second Coming, but His Ascension], and he came on to the ANCIENT OF DAYS, and was brought near to [or 'presented'] him. 14 And to Him was given the dominion, and the honour, and the Kingdom; and all nations, tribes, and languages, shall serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom shall not be destroyed.</p> <p>... as they were staring into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood by them who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand there looking into the sky? This IESOUS who was taken up from you into Heaven like this will come back in the same way you saw Him departing into Heaven!"</p>
Daniel 8 Vision Of Ram & Goat	The 2300 days span literal 'days', because it speaks about 'evenings and mornings' - in the very same language the 6 creation days are framed in Genesis 1.	<p>Old Covenant</p> <p>The passage first seems to point to our end times, but the 'end of the wrath' does refer to the end of the temple era.</p> <p>1. The decisive passage is the mention of the 'continual ascending sacrifice' / 'regular burnt offering' and the 'sanctuary', which clearly exclude an application for our future, because IESOUS abolished regular burnt offerings and a physical sanctuary does not exist anymore.</p> <p>2. The book of Ezekiel is also a clear example that the 'time of the end' and the wrath of THEOS do not automatically refer to our end times, but to that of ancient Israel.</p> <p>3. The smoking gun - 'the time of the end' described in Daniel 8 is already past, because we can read the scroll in the Bible.</p> <p>Biblical examples of sealed scrolls.</p> <p><i>And I heard one saint speaking, and a saint said to a certain one speaking, How long shall the vision continue, even the removal of the sacrifice, and the bringing in of the sin of desolation; and how long shall the sanctuary and host be trampled? 14 And he said to him, Evening and morning there shall be two thousand and four hundred days; and then the sanctuary shall be cleansed. [...] Understand, son of man: for yet the vision is for an appointed time. 18 And while he spoke with me, I fell upon my face to the earth: and he touched me, and set me on my feet. 19 And he said, Behold, I make thee know the things that shall come to pass at the end of the wrath: for the vision is yet for an appointed time.</i></p> <p><i>And THEOS called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night, and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.</i></p> <p><i>And the vision of the evening and morning that was mentioned is true: and do thou seal the vision [we hold the book already in our hands!]; for it is for many days.</i></p> <p><i>Moreover the Word of KYRIOS came to me, saying, Also, thou, son of man, say, 2 Thus saith KYRIOS: An end is come to the land of Israel, the end is come on the four corners of the land. 3 The end is come 4 on thee, the inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day has drawn nigh, not with tumult, nor with pangs. 5 Now I will pour out mine anger upon thee near at hand, and I will accomplish my wrath on thee: and I will judge thee for thy ways, and recompense upon thee all thine abominations.</i></p> <p><i>And thou, Daniel, close the words, and seal the book to the time of the end; until many are taught, and knowledge is increased.</i></p> <p><i>For KYRIOS has made you to drink a spirit of deep sleep; and he shall close their eyes, and the eyes of their prophets and of their rulers, who see secret things. 11 And all these things shall be to you as the words of this sealed book, which if they shall give to a learned man, saying, Read this, he shall then say, I cannot read it, for it is sealed.</i></p> <p><i>For KYRIOS has poured out upon you a spirit of deep sleep, and He has shut your eyes, the prophets, and He has covered your heads, the seers. And the vision of all this has become for you like the words of a sealed document. When they give it to one who knows the document, saying, "Read this now!" He says, "I am not able, for it is sealed." ...</i></p> <p><i>There was a hand stretched out to me, and look! In it was a scroll with writing. And he rolled it out before me, and it was written on the front and back, and there were written on it laments and mourning wailing, [...] And I eat it scroll, like sweet honey in my mouth. And the vision of all this has become like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." 12 And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read it,"</i></p>



Time	Event	Scripture
Daniel 9 Gabriel's Vision	<p>Some scholars randomly interpret the "70 weeks" as seven years of the great tribulation, however the verses 24, 25 and 27 imply according to the original translation 'sevenths / weeks', not literal 'years' as interpreted by some. Those 'weeks' most probably mean Jubilee weeks:</p> <p>The Jubilee Week 1 week = 7 years; 1 Jubilee equals 49 years and 7 "weeks"), which leads to 490 years .</p> <p>70 'sevenths / weeks' stand for 490 literal years in our past. (70 "weeks" x 7 years)</p> <p>Daniel 9:27 now speaks about 'sacrifices', placing it clearly into the time before 70 AD, when the second temple had been destroyed. Previously, IESOUS CHRISTOS had already put an end to sacrifices and offerings, but Pharisees continued the practise in their denial of the Messiah and were only stopped through the destruction of the temple and ultimately after having proclaimed Bar Kochba as their messiah, which resulted instantly in the elimination of the physical nation of Israel until the Aliyah in 1881 AD.</p>	<p>[Laban to Jacob] <i>Fulfil then her sevens</i> [Greek ΕΒΔΟΜΑ; or 'week' as included in most translations, which is a partly misleading term], <i>and I will give to thee her also in return for thy labour, which thou labourest with me, yet seven other years</i> [Greek ΕΠΤΑ ΕΤΗ]. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her sevens [ΕΒΔΟΜΑ]; and Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife.</p> <p><i>And thou shalt reckon to thyself seven sabbaths of years, seven times seven years; and they shall be to thee seven weeks of years</i> [Greek ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΕC], nine and forty years.</p> <p><i>"Seventy periods of seven</i> [Greek ΕΒΔΟΜΗΚΟΝΤΑ ΕΒΔΟΜΑΔΕC] <i>were rendered concise upon your people, and upon the holy city, to finish off sin</i> [= a pointer to CHRISTOS' Resurrection], <i>and to set a seal upon sins, and to wipe out the lawless deeds, and to atone for iniquities</i> [= the word 'atone' is unquestionably referring to CHRISTOS' Resurrection and can impossibly refer to our end times, because there will not be such a thing as a repetition of the atonement], <i>and to bring eternal righteousness, and to set a seal upon vision and prophecy, and to anoint the holy of holies.</i>"</p> <p><i>And one week shall establish the covenant with many: and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away</i> [this is history for us]: <i>and on the temple shall be the abomination of desolations</i> [sits already there]; <i>and at the end of the time</i> [now speaking of our end times] <i>an end shall be put to the desolation.</i></p>
Daniel 12 Time Of The End	<p>Verses 1-3: our future. See study 'End Times'.</p> <p>Verses 4-12: Daniel's future & our past - a summary of Daniel chapters 7-11, not a summary of verses 1-3. Remember that the original Bible had no chapters and that the last sentences simply concluded the book, not the last chapter.</p> <p>Old Covenant The proof for the differentiation between verses 8 - 12 lies again in the wording 'sealed up until the end of times'. If the 'end of times' would refer to our future, then we would not hold the book of Daniel in our hands.</p> <p>Furthermore, it becomes clear that many people will act wickedly, either after or at the same time when others will be purified.</p> <p>1. In this context there is no allowance for purification to happen at the time of our resurrection, because then there remains no more time for people to act wickedly. It would be absurd to assume that sinners would rebel before the Judgment Seat.</p> <p>2. Therefore, the only reference for purification can either be the spontaneous and individual purifications in the former temple or IESOUS' ultimate purification achieved for all through the cross.</p> <p>Our Future The first 3 verses of the closing chapter of the book of Daniel are the only reference to our future.</p> <p>(Apart from the hint at the end of the verse of Dan 9:27, predicting the end of the abomination of desolation in our future).</p>	<p><i>And I heard, but I understood not: and I said, O KYRIOS, what will be the end of these things? 9 And He said, Go, Daniel: for the words are closed and sealed up to the time of the end.</i> 10 <i>Many must be tested [or purified], and thoroughly whitened, and tried with fire, and sanctified; but the transgressors shall transgress: and none of the transgressors shall understand; but the wise shall understand.</i> 11 <i>And from the time of the removal of the perpetual sacrifice, when the abomination of desolation shall be set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.</i> 12 <i>Blessed is he that waits, and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.</i> 13 <i>But go thou, and rest; for there are yet days and seasons to the fulfilment of the end; and thou shalt stand in thy lot at the end of the days.</i></p> <p><i>And at that time Michael the great prince shall stand up, that stands over the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of tribulation, such tribulation as has not been from the time that there was a nation on the earth until that time: at that time thy people shall be delivered, even every one that is written in the book. 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproach and everlasting shame. 3 And the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and some of the many righteous as the stars for ever and ever.</i></p>

