

...there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries... Daniel 2:28
 Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; Daniel 10:11

Scripture records that Daniel was made the head of the wise men^a during the Babylonian exile. Daniel understood God's Word, and that God had a plan for mankind and especially for Israel down through the ages. He gave Daniel an understanding of the chronology of Ancient Israel's history and of the times and seasons for change in a measured prophetic sense. (360 x 3½ = 1260^b, 1290^c and 1335 days^d, 70 weeks as 490 years^e and 1000 years as a day with the Lord^f). God's plan had a clear objective and a pre-determined time frame. Israel's 'City of Jerusalem' celebration in 1997 was three times 1000 years from 1004BC when King David conquered Jerusalem. Given this epoch (1004BC) and the genealogies in Scripture^g you can calculate the years in which nearly all the main events of scriptural history took place.

Jewish tradition says the Magi of Daniel's day began the star of David as two arrows, one pointing up and the other pointing down, and provides an explanation for the Star of David as a symbol of God's message in the coming together of these two arrows. You must believe God's words, or you will perish. The arrows in the star of David are two directions, one 'upwards' to life and heaven, (good news), the other 'down' to death and the grave. You must have faith in the Word of God, the good news or you will die. God has a plan to save his sinful people from death and the grave, and Daniel as a wise man - understood the times, the message and the work of the coming Messiah.



Daniel would have understood the 'Star out of Jacob' in Balaam's prophecy as the same promised 'Word' or 'Messiah' as the 'Star of David' in Jewish tradition.

- From the birth of Jacob (2004BC) to the conquest of Jerusalem by David (1004BC) was 1000 years.
- From the conquest of Jerusalem by David there was a further 1000 years to the Wise Men and the 'Star of Bethlehem' in 4BC.

A coincidence perhaps? The book that Daniel recorded has been largely diminished by Rabbinical Judaism and liberal Christianity over the last century from prophetic literature to just the 'writings' of Daniel - but consider also what Daniel knew of the prophetic season from the beginning of nations to the beginning of the nation of Israel...

- From the beginning of all nations at the Tower of Babel in 2364BC to the beginning of the Nation of Israel at Jacob's birth in 2004BC, as father of the twelve tribes, was 360 years.
- Even more so, consider what Daniel comprehended of the blessing on Abraham through to his righteous descendant.
- From the birth of Abraham (2164BC) to the death of Joseph, (1804BC) was 360 years as the Patriarchal period.
- From the death of Joseph to the Mosaic Exodus (1444BC) was 360 years as a period of nation building in captivity by Egypt.
- From the Exodus to the birth of Saul, the first King of Israel, (1084BC) was 360 years as a period of the rule by Judges.
- From the first King of Israel to the beginning of the siege of Samaria (724BC) was 360 years as a time of the Kings of Israel.

From the siege of Samaria in 724BC, Daniel understood that there would be a further two times 360 years to 4BC when the singular 'seed' of Abraham was to be born.

He, (the 'Seed of Abraham') was to be a Saviour like Joseph to his people; a Prophet like unto Moses; the Paschal Lamb of God, the Great Judge of Israel and He was the man who was crucified as the last, 'King of the Jews'. This one man the Messiah was to be born in 4BC. Daniel could see this main event coming... Moses says of the Messiah, 'You must believe his word or you will be cut off from Israel^h, you must believe this Word from God the Father or perish'.

Daniel understood the 70 weeks of years as 70 x 7 = 490 years. He understood the just judgment of God on sinners...

- From the global judgment of God's flood on the people of the world at Noah's time (2454BC) to the birth of the Lamb of God in 4BC who would suffer the global judgment of God for all the sins of the descendants of Adam, (all the people of the world), as five times 490 years.

Daniel also understood the covenant seed...

- From the birth of Shem (Noah's son, 2554BC) to the birth of Isaac (Abraham's Son, 2064BC) as 490 years.
- From the birth of Isaac (Abraham's Son) to the birth of King Saul the son of Kish (1084BC) as two more times 490 years.

As we said earlier, Daniel was able to calculate from the birth of Saul son of Kish to the birth of Jesus the Messiah the Son of God in 4BC as a further three times 360 years. Jesus was born of a virgin as the second sinless Adam, the seed of the woman who would crush the head of the serpentⁱ. He began his ministry at about the age of thirty^k, that continued for three and a half years; so He died and rose again as Victor over sin and death in about 29AD.

- 29AD is about eleven and half times 360 years after the first Adam who was created in the Garden of Eden.
- 29AD is also 360 years after the invasion of the land of Judea by Alexander the Great in 332BC.

Daniel realized from the seventy weeks, (490 years) that:

- From the humble birth of the nation of Israel out of it's captivity in Egypt and in the wilderness, (1438BC), to Israel at it's pinnacle of testimony to light and hope for the nations of the world at the dedication of the Temple of Solomon in 948BC. This was a 490 year period of spiritual and national incline.
- From the pinnacle of testimony at the dedication of the Temple to the decree of Artaxerxes (458BC) for the exiles to return from captivity in Babylon, and humbly rebirth the nation of Israel was 490 years as a period of decline.
- From the decree of Artaxerxes for the exiles return, to 490 years later when in the middle of the final week (486½ years, Dan 9:26) and for Messiah to be cut off and die for the nation of Israel and the sins of the world - brings us again to 29AD.

The Messiah came as the suffering servant, (Isaiah 53:), to restore the dependency of mankind on God as Father, that was lost by Adam's choosing to be 'as God' and independent from Him through disobedience and sin^l. Adam believed the lie of the Devil and offended the Word of God. So it was that the Word of God became flesh, and just as one man (Adam) sinned, and all men became sinners, so then through the death of the one innocent man, all who put their faith in the Word of God, (Jesus the Messiah) - will live. In the death and resurrection of the Word of God, the love and the justice of God are satisfied, and he is able to forgive the sins of all who call his Word, 'Lord' and believe in their hearts that God has raised him from the dead. Jesus the Messiah as the very Word of God, is Lord over all creation, over all of history, over all nations, over the true Israel, over the true Church, over Satan, over sin and over death.

As Lord of all, he will come again, the Great King to conquer the nations, resurrect his people and reestablish the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem as the capital city of the world. That work began in earnest with the gathering of Israel in 1918 after the Balfour Declaration.

- From the first Roman conquest of Judea by Pompey in 63BC to 1918AD is five and a half times 360 years.
- From the first Babylonian conquest of Judea in 603BC (Daniel's exile) to 1918AD is seven times 360, (2520 years)
- From the first Babylonian conquest of Judea in 603BC to the Islamic conquest of Judea in 658AD three and a half times 360 years, (1260 years).
- From the Islamic conquest of Judea in 658AD to 1918AD is again three and a half times 360, (1260 years). (It is two times 490 years from the death of Alexander the Great in 323BC to the Islamic conquest of Judea in 658AD).
- From the Islamic conquest of Judea in 658AD to the establishment of the modern state of Israel and the discovery of the Holy Scriptures in the Dead Sea caves in 1948AD, is 1290 years.

God is his own advocate. 1948 was a year of great testimony by God of the person and work of Jesus the Messiah, to the Jew first, the peoples of Islam, the western world, and all nations. He resurrected the nation of Israel from the ashes of the Second World War and the Holocaust. He raised again the Sacred Scriptures, the Living Word of God out of the Dead Sea caves, and lo and behold, here are the people speaking the language of their Book - Ancient Hebrew.

- From the Islamic conquest of Judea in 658AD to the establishment of the false peace of the OSLO accord between Israel and Islam by a false peace maker in 1993AD, is 1335 years.
- From the abomination that caused the desolation of the Temple by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168BC to the false peace for Israel of the OSLO accord by the western world in 1993AD - six times 360 years.
- From the beginning of the independence of Israel (1438BC) to the submission of Israel to all the United Nations of whole earth in 1993AD as seven times 490 years.

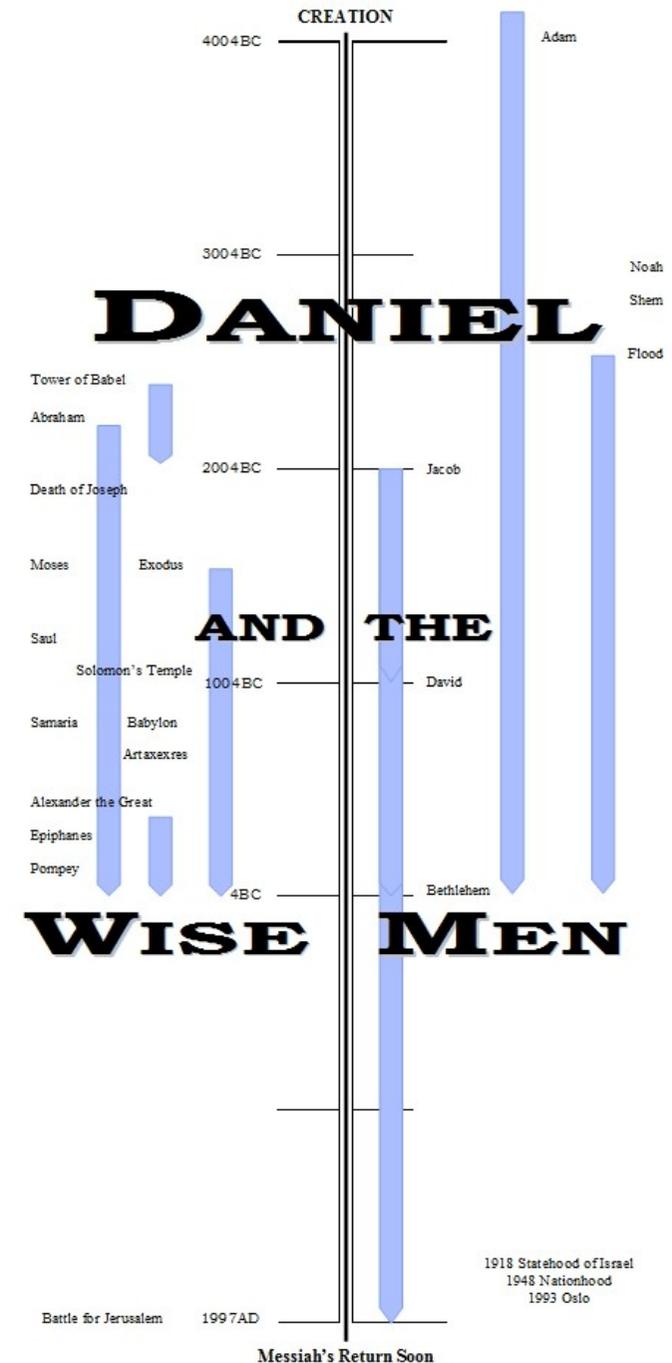
All of history, ancient and modern come together to point people to the person and work of one man born in 4BC and who died and rose again in about 29AD, Jesus the Messiah, Son of Man, Son of God - the Living Word of God. Only God could have done this, and in the wisdom of God and with the foresight of God, Daniel knew it - he could see it coming.

In the history of Israel, the OSLO accord in 1993 was a reflection of Christian religion's efforts to make peace with the world, and all other religions. Like Jerusalem, they have become a melting pot of religious froth and bubble, a spiritual Sodom and Egypt. It was the beginning of the end, and we who believe in Jesus, were blessed to see it.

Daniel knew too much and many have tried to silence his testimony to Jesus, (who as Messiah on earth called him a prophet.^m) Daniel believed the Word of God, so why don't you? All you have to do is pray to God your Father in Jesus name. Confess yourself to be a sinner in need of a Saviour, and turn away from your sin. Why will you die, O Israel? Wise men still come to the Messiah, and many Jews today have come to faith in the one and only Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. The nations of the world are to God as dust on the scales,ⁿ but the heart that speaks the Word of God is pure gold. Wise men still come to Messiah and they testify of Jesus as both the Son of God and Son of Man.

The battle for King David's City, Jerusalem, that began in 1997, only Messiah Jesus of Nazareth can win as the Light of the world^o, the very Word of God. There is one Messiah, and as He came once to suffer and deliver his people from the yoke of sin and death^p - so he will come again as victorious King of kings and Lord of lords^q. This time he will deliver the City of God from the tyranny of the pluralistic United Nations. Every knee will bow to him alone^r even as the wise men bowed their knee to the baby Messiah and proved Daniel's prophetic vision to be true. So why not bow your knees now and ask him to be the only Lord of your life as well? Amen and Shalom to all who love Jesus Christ.

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| a: Daniel 2:48 | f: Psalm 90:4 | i: Num 24:17 | n: Isa 40:15 |
| b: Daniel 12:7 | g: Gen 5: 11: | j: Gen 3:15 | o: John 8:12 |
| c: Daniel 12:11 | g: Ex 12:41 | k: Luke 3:23 | p: John 1:29 |
| d: Daniel 12:11 | g: 1Kings 6:1 | l: Genesis 3:5 | q: Rev 17:14 |
| e: Daniel 9:24 | h: Deut 18:15 | m: Matt 24:15 | r: Is 45:23 |



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