

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 3

Part 1: Disobeying the Government



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Outline

- Personal History of Daniel (Chapter 1). Written in Hebrew
- Prophetic History of the Gentiles during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 2-7). Written in Aramaic
- Prophetic History of Israel during the ***Times of the Gentiles*** (Chapters 8-12). Written in Hebrew
- *and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the ***times of the Gentiles*** be fulfilled. Luke 21:24 NASB*

Language and Literary Style

- Aramaic Chiasm (Chapters 2-7).
- 1. Gentile History (Chapter 2)
 - 2. Protection (Chapter 3)
 - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (Chapter 4)
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 - 2. Protection (Chapter 6)
- 1. Gentile History (Chapter 7)

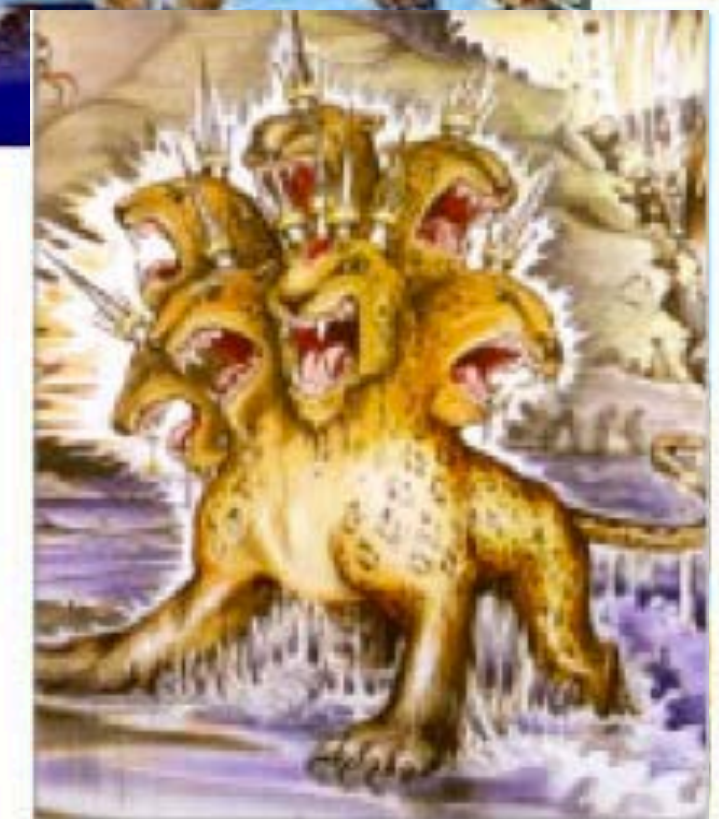
Daniel 2



Language and Literary Style

- Aramaic Chiasm (Chapters 2-7).
- **1. Gentile History (Chapter 2)**
 - 2. Protection (Chapter 3)
 - 3. Revelation to a gentile king (Chapter 4)
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 - 2. Protection (Chapter 6)
- **1. Gentile History (Chapter 7)**

Daniel 7



Daniel 2



Babylonian Empire

606BC

Medo-Persian Empire

536BC

Greek Empire

330BC

Roman Empire

27BC

END TIMES

Daniel 7



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1. Gentile History (Chapter 7)



Be Subject to Government

- *Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil. Romans 13:1-4 NASB*

**When is it ok to disobey
Government?**

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- **I. The Setting (3:1-7)**
- II. The Accusation (3:8-12)
- III. The Test (3:13-18)
- IV. The Deliverance (3:19-27)
- V. The Decree (3:28-30)

I. The Setting (3:1-7)

- A. The Image (3:1)
- B. The Summons (3:2-3)
- C. The Command (3:4-6)
- D. The People's Response (3:7)

A. The Image (3:1)

- 90 feet high and 9 feet wide
- 8 stories
- Plain of Dura: a detail that authenticates authorship



I. The Setting (3:1-7)

- Why? Why would Nebuchadnezzar build this image and demand that all bow to it?

God's Purpose for Government

- Pre-flood unrestrained evil; *Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence Genesis 6:11 NASB*
- Post-flood to restrain evil; *Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man. Genesis 9:6 NASB*
- Respect and pray for Government Authority; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 1 Pet 2:15-20

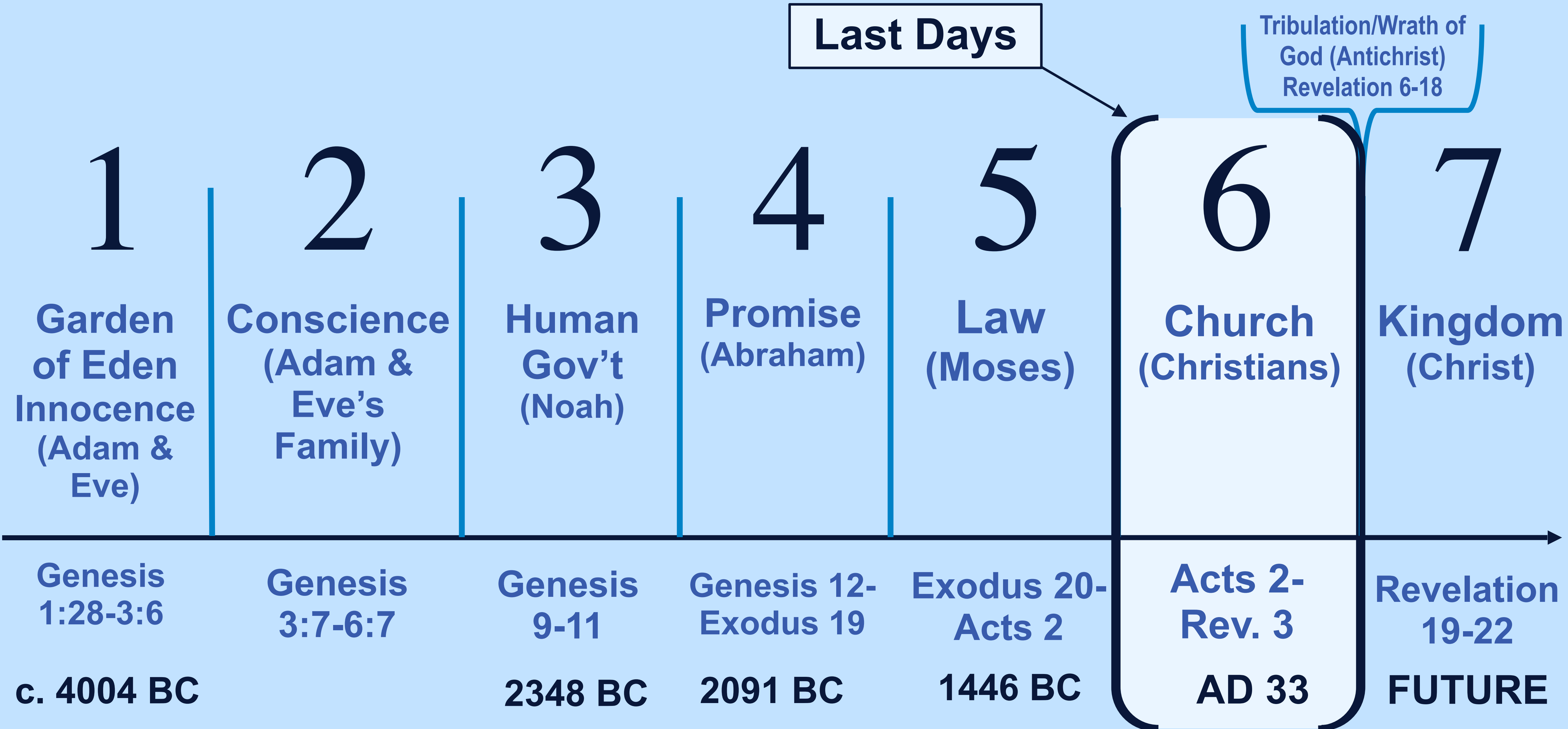
Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Noahic Covenant</u>	<u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>Mosaic Covenant</u>
<u>Human agent</u>	Noah	Abraham	Moses
<u>Scripture</u>	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
<u>Covenant (<i>Berith</i>)</u>	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
<u>Party</u>	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
<u>Israel</u>	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel

Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

	<u>Noahic Covenant</u>	<u>Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>Mosaic Covenant</u>
<u>Conditional or unconditional</u>	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
<u>Promises</u>	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
<u>Sign</u>	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
<u>Purpose</u>	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
<u>Directly binding today?</u>	Yes	No	No

God's Plan of the Ages



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II. The Accusation (3:8-12)

- Jealousy (2:29; 3:8; 6:3-4; Acts 5:17)

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The Test (3:13-18)

- Nebuchadnezzar's ultimatum (3:13-15)
- Battle over sovereignty (3:15b)
- The response (3:16-18)
 - Principles of civil disobedience (Exodus 20:1-6)
 - Willingness to pay the consequences for honoring God
 - Maintain respect for the king

Changing of the Names

Jewish names (Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 22:6)

- Hebrew names (Gen 2:19)
 - Daniel-God is my judge
 - Hananiah-Yahweh is gracious
 - Mishael- Who is what God is?
 - Azariah-Yahweh has helped

Babylonian names (Rom 12:2)

- Beltshazzar-Lady protect the king
- Shadrach-I am fearful of a god
- Meshach-I am of little account
- Abed-nego-Servant of Nebo

Principles of Civil Disobedience

- 1. Clear conflict between laws of man and God
- 2. Exhaustion of all creative legal remedies
- 3. A willingness to pay the consequences
- 4. Maintaining of respect for governing authorities

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Conclusion



What is the Gospel?