**DANIEL**

Daniel was an early exile of Judah. Like Ezekiel, his is living in captivity. There are two parts to the book of Daniel. Chapters one through six contain accounts that happen to Daniel and his friends, Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego. Chapter seven through twelve, are visions that Daniel has about the future. Some of happened already and others are yet to have occurred.

**Chapter 1**

Verse 6-7: Daniel and his three friends were given Babylonian names. Their new names are connected to Babylonian gods. You will see their Hebrew and Babylonian names throughout the book.

**Chapter 3**

Where was Daniel during the events of this chapter? Scripture does not say. It is possible that Daniel was sent away on business in Babylon. He was appointed over the whole province of Babylon at the end of chapter 2.

**Chapter 5**

King Belshazzar was not an immediate son of Nebuchadnezzar. If there was a blook connection it would be something like a grandson or nephew. Nebuchadnezzar could also be a father in the sense he was a powerful king of the past.

**Chapter 6**

King Darius was a Mede. A new nation controlled Babylon now. Daniel was once again going to be appointed to be over the whole kingdom.

Verse 23: This fourth beast is believed to be Rome. The lion is Babylon, the bear is Medo-Persia, the leopard is Greece (Alexander the Great) and the beast with horns is Rome.

**Chapter 8**

The Ram is the Medo-Persian empire and the goat is Greece.

Verse 16: This is the first mention in the bible of the Angel Gabriel. The same angel who appeared to Zechariah to pronounce the birth of John the Baptist and Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

**Chapter 9**

Verse 2: We read about this in Jeremiah. Jeremiah 29:1: These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Verse 18: This is why we pray. We don’t pray because of our righteousness but because of God’s great mercy.

**Chapter 10**

Verse 13: This is a glimpse at Spiritual warfare. ‘prince’ is a word that is also used to describe demons. What this particular battle was or why it took three weeks is unknown.

**Chapters 11-12**

Prophecy can be fulfilled in the near future and the distant future which is most often The Last Day- or both. Chapter 11 probably describes the Roman times and chapter 12 is probably the Last Day. Chapter 12 talks about the book of life (verse 1) and those raised to everlasting life and others to everlasting contempt- or hell.