

# ANGELS “Their Existence”

Daniel 6:1 – 12:13

## In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon: 549 BC

What did Daniel see? 7:1-14

How did this affect Daniel? v.15

What was the **angel's** explanation? vv.17-27

“Daniel first sees four beasts who kill and supplant each other, with God appearing to put an end to the last beast. An angel explains that the beasts represent successive kingdoms. A ruler will arise from the last kingdom to oppose God and the saints, after which God will appear to establish His eternal kingdom.” “The Bible Reader’s Commentary” Lawrence O. Richards p.519

How did this affect Daniel? v.28

## In the third year of Belshazzar king of Babylon: 547 BC

What did Daniel see? 8:1-14

What was **Gabriel** told to tell him? v.16

“The name Gabriel means “Strength of God”. Gabriel was employed on several important missions. He seems to be the angelic prophet, an interpreter of the prophetic Word, and a revealer of the purposes of God. He expounded to Daniel the whole course of Gentile history.”

“All the Angels of the Bible” Herbert Lockyer p.29

“In his second vision Daniel sees a ram and he-goat struggling. The Angel Gabriel explains this vision, which gives a general summary of the rise of Medo-Persia and Greece and the four-part division of the empire after the death of Alexander the Great. Verses 23-25 seem to describe Antiochus Epiphanes, who persecuted the Jews in the 160s BC but who here serves as a type of the Antichrist destined to appear at history’s end.”

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How did this affect Daniel? vv.17,18,27

## In the first year of Darius the Mede: 539 BC

What did Daniel understand and do? 9:1-19

Why does **Gabriel** swiftly come? vv.22,23

What is Daniel told? vv.24-27

“Daniel learns from Scripture that God intends to restore His people and goes to prayer to beg God to keep His promise of restoration soon. God sends Gabriel, who explains that God has decreed “seventy sevens’ for the Jews and the Holy City. At the end of that time He will complete His plan for

the world. Gabriel goes on to explain when to begin counting, and how the time period is divided, focusing on events in the 70th week, which is separated from the other 69 by the ‘cutting off’ of the Messiah.”

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## During the reign of Darius:

What charge is brought against Daniel? 6:13

With what result? v.16

What does an **angel** do? v.21

## In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia: 537 BC

What was revealed to Daniel in a vision? 10:1,4-6

How did this affect Daniel? v.2,7-9

Why was **Gabriel** sent? v.11,21

Why was **Michael** sent when he was detained? v.13

“Michael is the only angel to be named ‘The Archangel’, and his name ‘means ‘who is like unto God’. Daniel calls Michael one of the chief or capital princes of the people of Israel. Michael overcame the evil Satanic prince of Persia, who hindered Gabriel’s visit to Daniel, and it will be Michael and his great celestial, militant host who will successfully war against the devil and his angels.”

“All the Angels of the Bible” Herbert Lockyer p.30

How did this affect Daniel? vv.16,17

“Daniel is so disturbed by his vision that he fasts, mourns, and prays for three weeks. An angel appears and after explaining the delay, strengthens Daniel before giving God’s answer to Daniel’s prayer. This chapter is one of the most important in Scripture for angelology, and suggests that an invisible war is constantly fought in the spiritual world which has great impact on the course of nations and the experience of individuals.”

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What detailed information of the future is given? 11:2-12:12

“. . .this passage begins with a description of the Persian Empire to the death of Alexander the Great, whose empire was divided up between four of his generals. . . .and one of them, Antiochus Epiphanes, institutes a great persecution of the Jews. Many of Antiochus’ characteristics serve as a type of the Antichrist, his latter-day counterpart, who is then introduced. Though the Antichrist initially succeeds, he soon falls, although the Jews experience great tribulation before his defeat. At that time the dead will be raised and judged and the prophecy is “sealed’ to indicate it is an official and binding statement of God’s intent. Chapter 12 ends with the prediction of a 3½ year period, focusing these events in the last half of Daniel’s earlier prophecy of the 70<sup>th</sup> week.”

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What encouragement is Daniel given? 12:13

