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Lesson 1

“Introduction”





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“Daniel and Revelation both reveal the great cosmic conflict as the curtain is drawn aside and readers are shown the struggle between God and the powers of evil.... The message of both books is that God has triumphed and is working His will to make these devilish deceptions plain to all, at which time He will no longer allow them to continue.”

Daniel & Revelation Bible Study Journal, p. 1



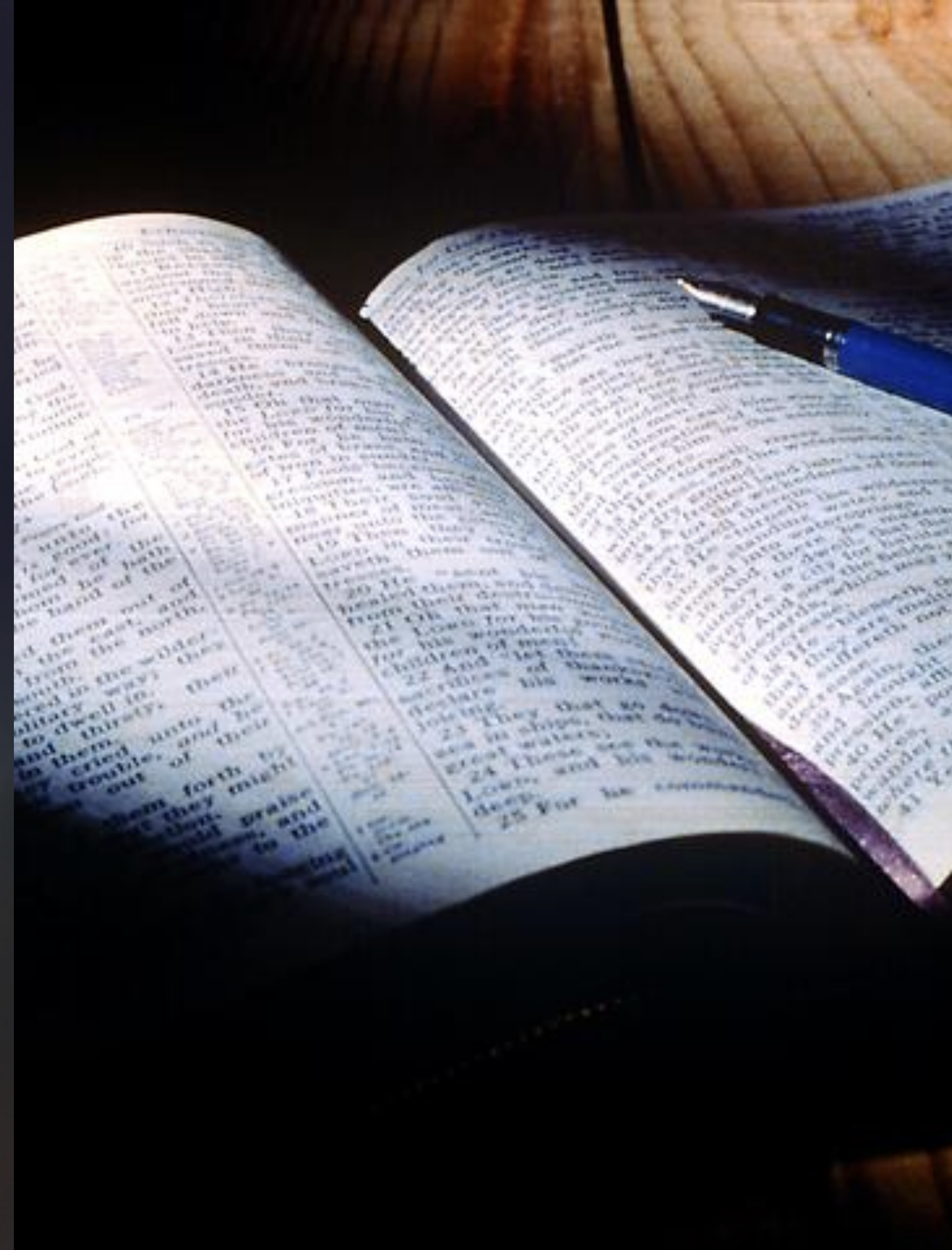
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...In this introduction to the study of this book, we will consider the stage, the backdrop - the historical context of this great prophetic message.

Focus Text

2 Kings 20:16–18 (NKJV)

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁷ ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the Lord. ¹⁸ ‘And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’ ”





The Beginning

According to the Bible, what took place that put the Hebrew nation in its unique relationship with God?

Genesis 15:1-7

Genesis 15:1–4 (NKJV)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” ² But Abram said, “Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!” ⁴ And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.”



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Genesis 15:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. ⁷ Then He said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.”



What were the blessings of obedience and curses of disobedience regarding this covenant with God?

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Deuteronomy 28

Jeremiah 25:8-12

II Chronicles 36:5-8



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Deuteronomy 11:26–28 (NKJV)

“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

Deuteronomy 28

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Jeremiah 25:8–9 (NKJV)

“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Because you have not heard My words, ⁹ behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ says the Lord, ‘and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.’



Jeremiah 25:10–12 (NKJV)

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. ¹¹ And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ¹² ‘Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the Lord; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.

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2 Chronicles 36:5–8 (NKJV) (2 Kings 23:36-37)

Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did evil in the sight of the Lord his God. ⁶ Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon. ⁷ Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the articles from the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. ⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

A muscular man with a long golden beard and a golden crown stands in the center. He is wearing a blue suit with a golden sword at his waist. The background features a cityscape on the left and a large fire on the right.

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CONCLUSION!



As you considered the passages in the previous sections, how does the book of Daniel relate to what you have read?