## Thy Kingdom Come



## The ABC's of Prophecy

Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18, 23-28 &

Daniel 8:1-14, 19-27

## What is Prophecy?

*Prophecy* is the noun, and *prophesy* is the verb. To Prophesy at its most basic definition is to give "a message from God." revealing the future is not a necessary element of Bible prophecy; however, since only God knows the future, any authoritative word about the future must of necessity be a prophecy, that is, a message from God.



# Why would Satan want to confuse Prophecy?

## Benefits of Bible Prophecy

#### 1 Cor 15:58 Controlling Effect

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,

#### John 14:3 Calming or Comforting

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you.

#### 1 Thess. 4:13 Comforting or Encouraging

Therefore encourage each other with these words

#### 1 John 3:3 Cleansing

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself

#### Heb 10:24 Community

but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

#### 2 Peter 3:1,11 Careful People

I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking..... Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

2 Thess. 1

Daniel 9

Zechariah 12

Ezekiel 37 Revelation

1 Cor. 15

1 John 3

2 Peter 3

Matt. 24

John 14

Hebrews 10

Job 19

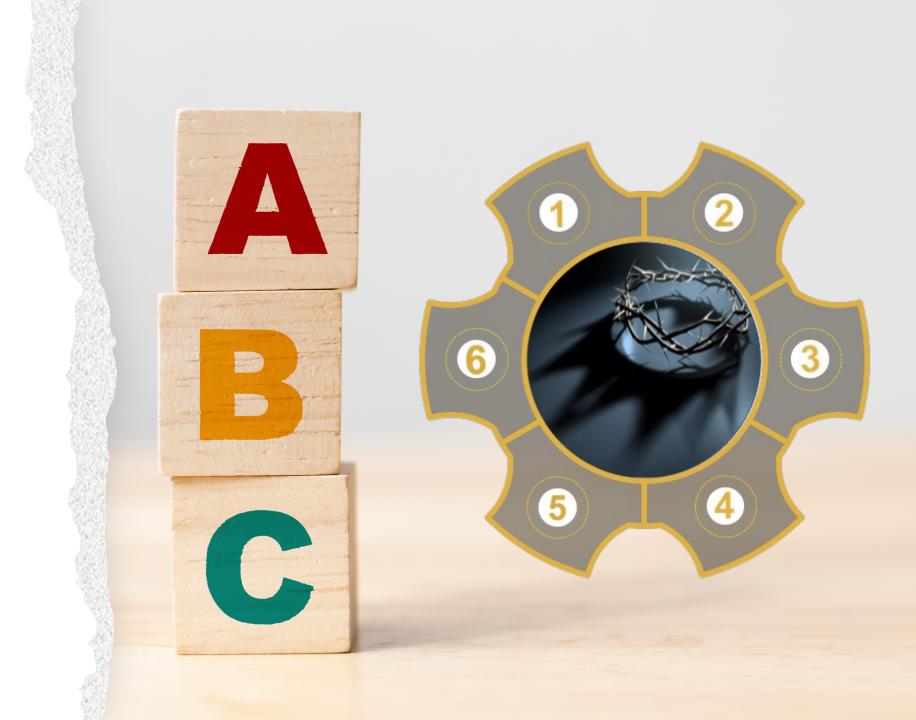
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## Six Keys to interpreting Bible Prophecy





The interpretation is found in the text.

#### Interpretations don't come from those who have visions



## Daniel 2:1

In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep.

#### Interpretations don't come from wise men



## Daniel 2:27

Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about

#### Interpretations don't come from a prophet



## Daniel 2:17,18

Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

#### Interpretations come from God



## Daniel 2:30

As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than other living men, but so that you, O king, may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- 1 Peter 1:20,21

#### Interpretations come from God alone



"We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

- Gen 40:8

Daniel 2



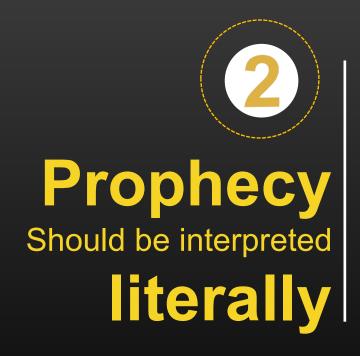
- ✓ Daniel 2:38 Babylon was the head of Gold
- ✓ Daniel 2:39-43 The following metals represent various kingdoms
- ✓ Daniel 2:44 The vision is about Jesus' Kingdom (The rock and mountain) not about Nebuchadnezzars kingdom, that God will establish an eternal kingdom
- ✓ Daniel 2:44 the Statue is Chronological from Nebuchadnezzar all the way until the establishing of Jesus's Kingdom
- ✓ Daniel 2:44 Jesus Kingdom will crush all the other kingdoms in direct opposition. there will be no trace of them (Not assimilated but replaced and destroyed!)





Daniel 8

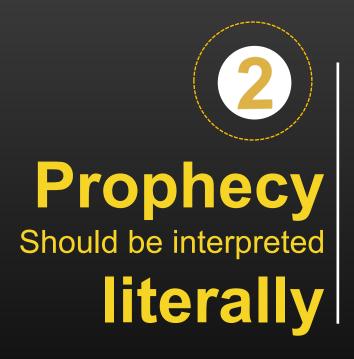




Prophecy uses symbols that represent things in the real world. These symbols are often repeated.

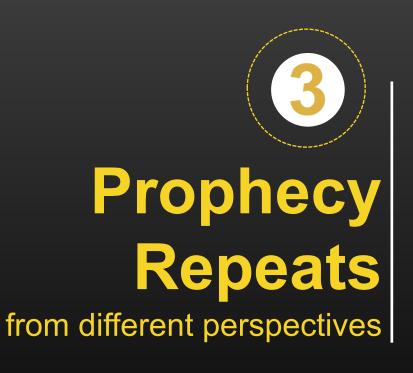
#### "You are that head of gold"

- Daniel 2:38



"The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat is the the king of Greece"

- Daniel 8:20,21



God reveals motive and perspective through prophecy



### Prophecy

Is complimentary never contradictory

Prophecy builds on itself and must be harmonized with the whole Bible. It is a unified story designed to make God's point. It is not a series of individual predictions.

## But Why did God speak to Nebuchadnezzar?

#### Daniel 2

For God does speak—now one way, now another though no one perceives it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword.

- Job 33:14-18

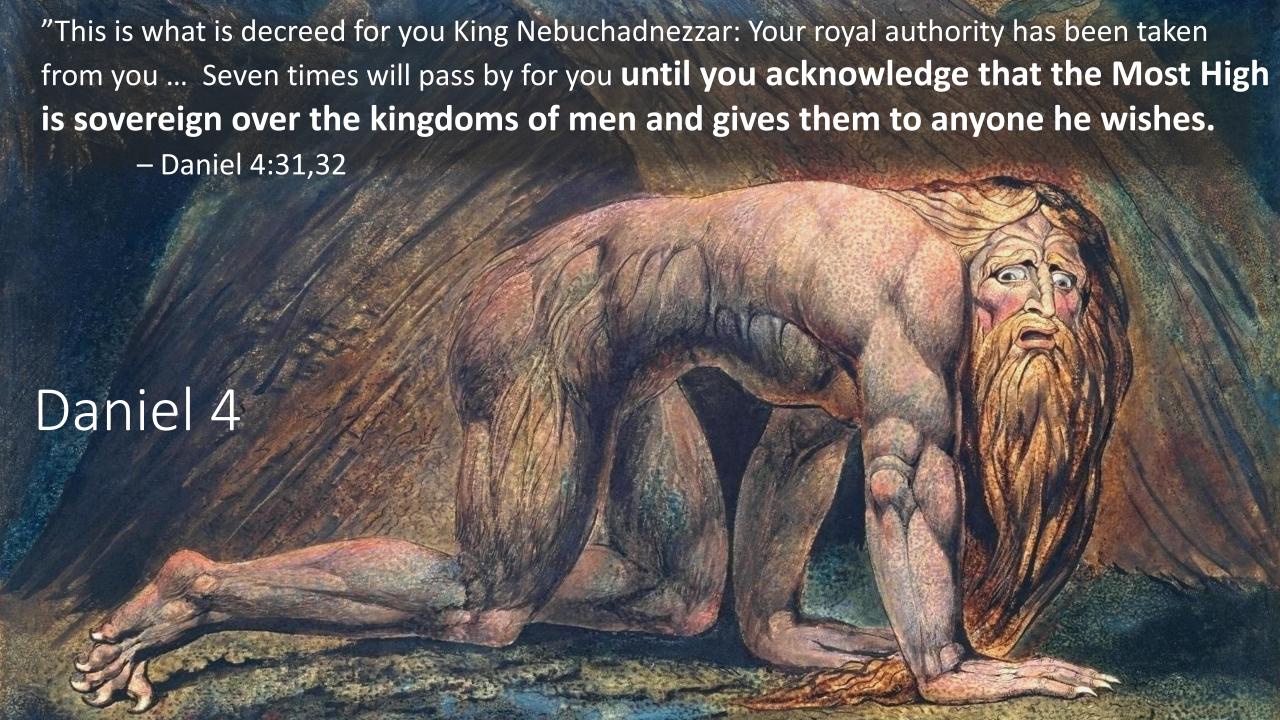


## He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come"

- Daniel 2:28

# Nebuchadnezzar heard the interpretation of God's message but he did not humble himself.



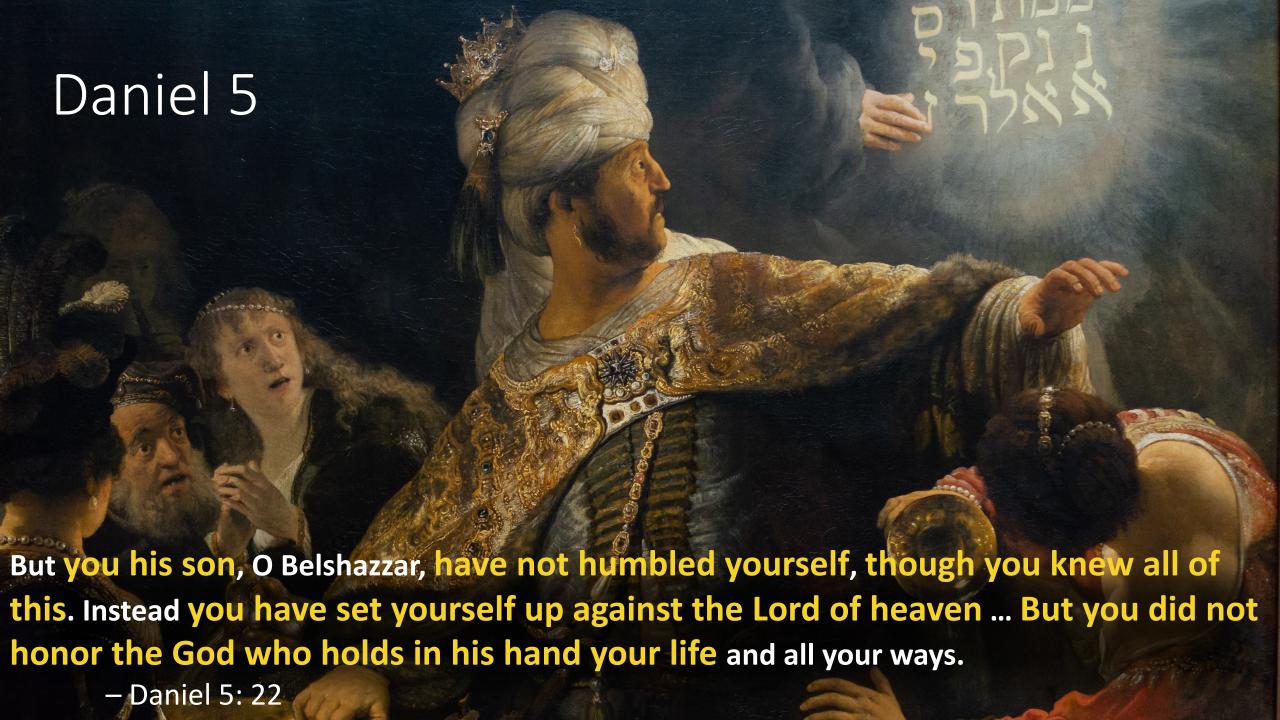


Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, and exalt, and glorify, the King of heaven, because everything he does is right, and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

- Daniel 4:37

"He does as he pleases with the with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth"...

- Daniel 4:35



#### Daniel 6

"Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians..."

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That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom...

- Daniel 5:28-30

"Now, O king, issue a decree and put it into writing so that it cannot be altered – in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.

- Daniel 6:8



### Prophecy

uses Typology to illustrate future literal fulfillment

"The evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision *for it*concerns the distant
future."

-Daniel 8: 26



Antiochus Epiphanes (Daniel 8, 11, Daniel 11:31 "Abomination of Desolation)

### Ok you lost me what is a Type?

### A Type is the original duplicated in advance.



A biblical type is when God uses events in the lives of *real people in history* to *pre-foreshadow* the lives and events of **real people in the future**.

A biblical type is **not** an allegory because **both the Type** and the reality of **the Type (antitype)** are **real people** in **history** that do real things

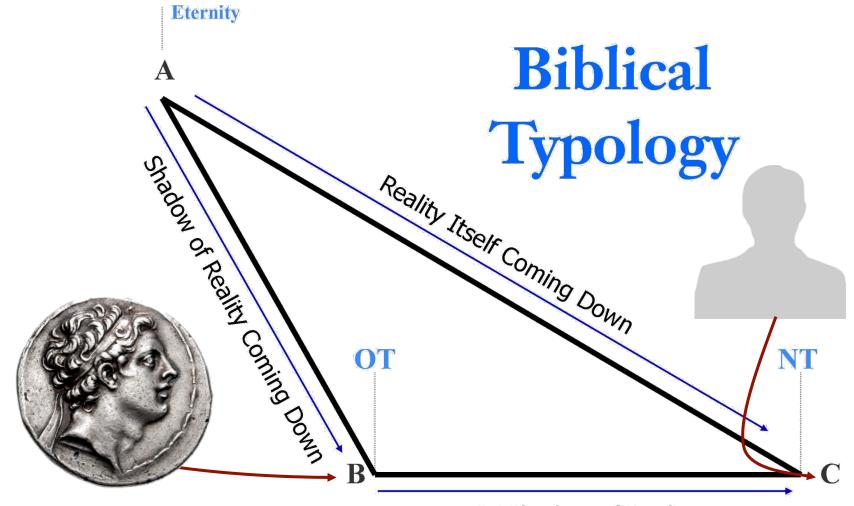
#### To say it another way...



A type is a focused **real event** that took place in the life **of real people in history**, which God ordained ahead of time to be a prophetic picture **of the good things** which he purposed to bring **to fruition in Christ Jesus in the fullness of time**.

# Example Joseph

Antiochus a Type of the Antichrist

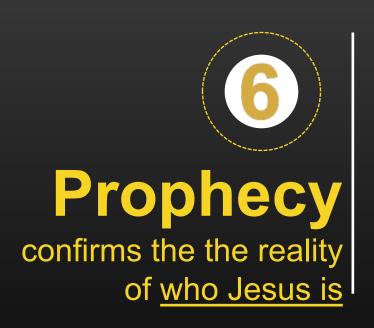


OT Shadow of Reality Prefigures NT Substance of Reality

Only GOD who Knows the End from the Beginning could orchestrate such a thing across generations and writers and languages!



Daniel 8 – The evenings and mornings are true but the vision concerns the *distant* future.



#### For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- Revelation 19:10

## Today God speaks prophetically to His Church to not only reveal His plans for the future but to reveal His Son Jesus Christ

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John

- Revelation 1:1

"...beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." - Luke 24:27b



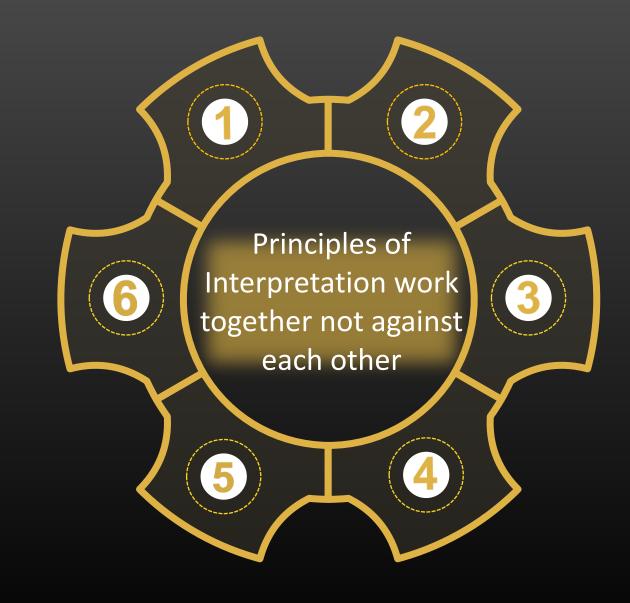
Prophecy should be interpreted literally

Prophecy repeats from different perspectives

Prophecy Builds on itself

Prophecy uses typology

6 Prophecy is about Jesus



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