Acts 3:20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. 22 "Moses said, 'The Lord God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed in everything He says to you. 23'And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

How did Peter convince the people who saw the miracle of the healing of lame man at the temple gate called Beautiful?

Act 3:18 "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. At his conversion, Paul began preaching immediately

Acts 9:20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ... 22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

How did Paul do this? He didn't perform miracles at this point in his ministry.

They didn't have the New Testament in Damascus at that time.

Where would Paul have gone to prove to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ?

Rom 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

### Fulfilled Prophecy, the proof that Jesus is the Son of God.

### Daniel taken captive (1:1-6) in 605 BC

Daniel was held captive until the reign of Cyrus (10:1) 536 BC.

Daniel's prophecy covers a period of world history of 600 years.

This is equivalent to predicting the British Empire at the time of the battle of Hastings 1066 AD when the French conquered England Daniel's prophecy covers a period of world history of 600 years.

This is equivalent to predicting America would beome a "superpower" after WW II, 100 years before Columbus set sail for the New World.

## 604 BC

Dan 2:1 Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. ... 7 They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

Dan 2:30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind



31 "You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome. 32 "The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver. its belly and its thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

37 "You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory; 38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

#### Prophecy made about 603 BC

39 "And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth. 40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

44 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. 45 "Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."



Head of Gold – Babylonian kingdom

Breast arms of silver – MedoPersian empire

Belly/thighs of bronze – Greek empire

legs/feet iron/clay mixed – Roman empire In 603 Daniel prophesies concerning the fall of the Babylonian empire and its replacement by an inferior kingdom – this actually occurred in 539 BC

-- about 64 years before it occurred
- not bad but Daniel goes on.

He then speaks of the rise of a third kingdom which occurred in 356-323 BC – that's a time span of 247 years in the future! In 603, Daniel prophesies concerning the rise of a fourth world empire which finally occurs in 146 BC – a time span of 457 years!

# In 603 BC, Daniel prophesies concerning:

the establishment of the kingdom of God (heaven, Christ, the church) in 33 AD – about 630 years in the future Daniel prophesies about 603 BC concerning:

the fall of the Babylonian empire at the height of its power v. 37

Persia conquered Media 559 Persia conquered Lydia 546 <u>Persia conquered Babylon 539 BC</u>

## The Babylonian Empire 603 BC



547 BC Dan 8:20 "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. 21 "And the shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 "And the broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

In 547 BC Daniel specifically names the Medes and Persians will conquer Babylon as he also said in 603 BC

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## The Medo-Persian empire 539



Daniel prophesies 605-536 BC concerning: the rise of the Greek empire under Alexander the Great 356-323 BC who conquered Persia in 333 BC and died in 323 after which his kingdom was split between his 4 generals

# The empire of Alexander the Great 323 BC



#### Daniel prophesies in 547 BC

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the rise of the Greek empire under Alexander the Great takes place 356-323 BC. He conquered Persia in 333 BC, died in 323 and kingdom split between his 4 generals. Daniel prophesies in 547 BC the rise of a fourth world empire

Carthage finally defeated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Punic War 146 BC and Rome becomes the predominant world power.

The Roman Emperor Hadrian declared an end to Roman expansion in AD 122 at Hadrian's wall in northern England. Daniel prophesies the establishment of the church in 33 AD at the height of the Roman empire.

Hadrian declared an end to Roman expansion in AD 122



the rise of a fourth world empire -- Rome



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The Kingdom of God 33 AD

Daniel prophesies in 603 BC and 547 BC the establishment of the God's kingdom, the church, in 33 AD at the height of the Roman empire. Jesus was announced as king on the first Pentecost after His resurrection!

Acts 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

#### As King, Jesus is Lord and Christ!

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ– this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent," and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church and the kingdom on earth are one and the same!

Col 1:2 to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Col 1:13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, Those who wanted to be a part of that kingdom heard the message and obeyed!

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Lord adds the saved to His kingdom! Acts 2:47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Have you allowed the Lord to add you to His eternal Kingdom?