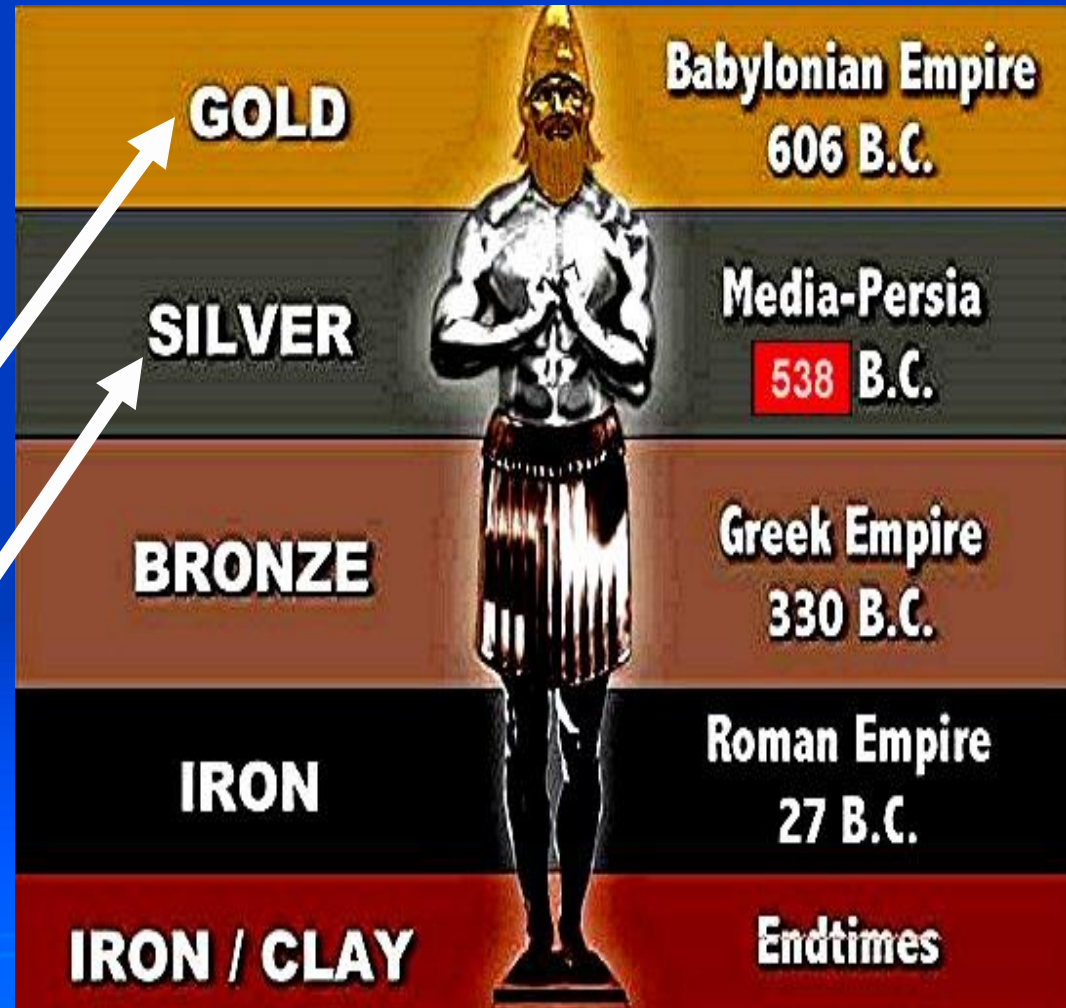


DANIEL 9

- Two parts to Daniel 9:
- 1) Prayer of confession
- 2) Prophecy of the 70 weeks
- 1st stage of prophetic fulfillment is Babylon
- 2nd stage of fulfillment is Media-Persia
- The 4 gentile world empires of the visions ONLY start with Daniel's time and go forward

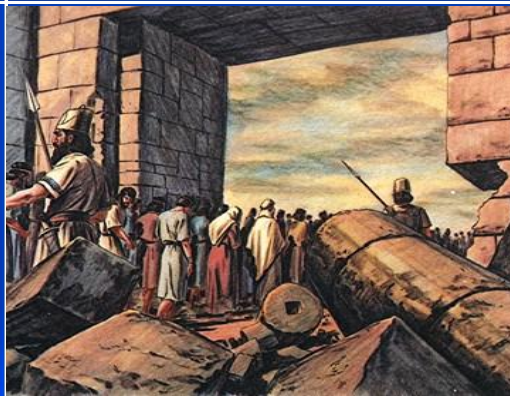


WHEN DOES THE 70 YEARS BEGIN?

1st ATTACK
606 B.C.



2ND ATTACK
597 B.C.



3RD ATTACK
586-7 B.C.



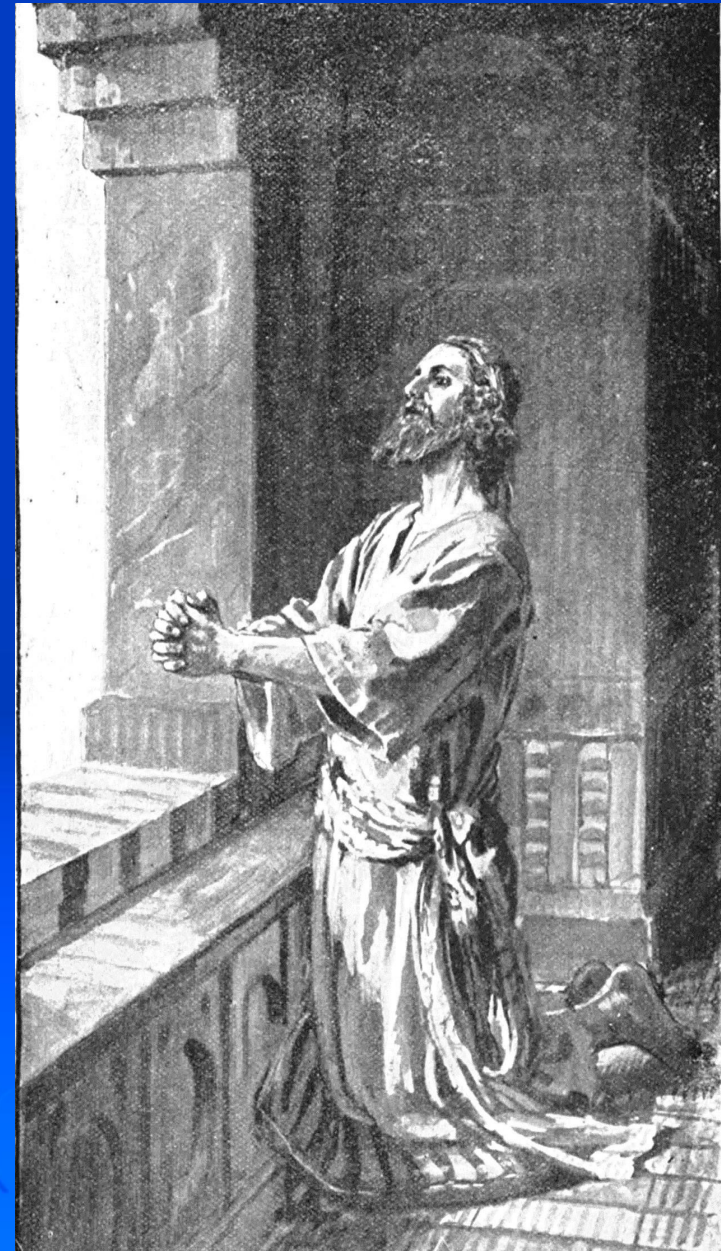
- Why doesn't Daniel see any signs of the end of the exile?
- Daniel an expert in calculating years
- Was the 70 years:
 - 1) a precise 70 years?
 - 2) an approximation?
 - 3) symbolic?
- When does God reckon the 70 years begins?



- **Seferim** = books Does NOT always mean Scripture
- Jeremiah's words were written down in a book, not handed down word of mouth by tradition
- Daniel prayed in the attitude of mourning
- Standard Hebrew mourning procedures: Sackcloth, ashes over the head, fasting
- Daniel 9 in Hebrew (chapter 2 – 7 in Aramaic) because focus is on the Jews
- Prayer is to Adonai Elohim (Lord God)

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

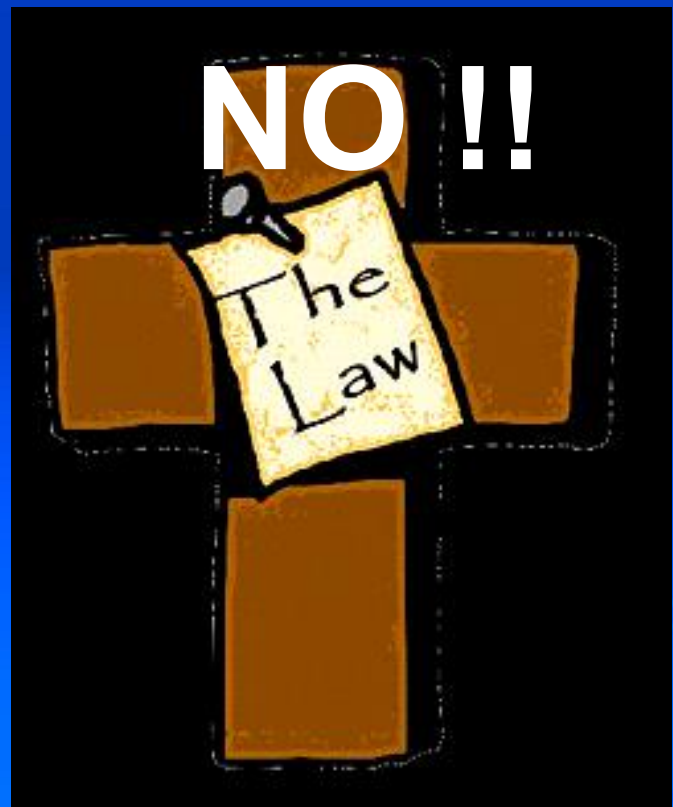
- Confession accompanied with a repentant attitude
- God as “Great and Dreadful”
- Great = all-powerful, unstoppable
- Dreadful = terrible, frightening
- Merism = the 2 extremes plus everything in between (A – Z)
- God as faithful to keep covenant and to show grace
- **Chesed** = grace, mercy, loving-kindness and more





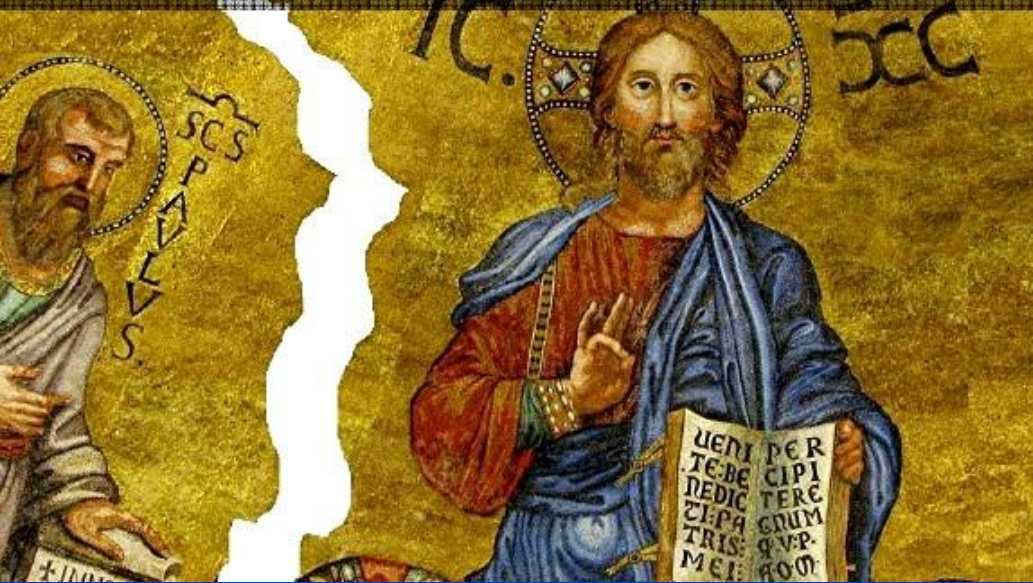
HOW TO RECEIVE *CHESED*

- MUST love AND obey God
- In OT and NT “obedience” means to obey God’s written commandments
- Modern Christianity says obedience is now subjective
- Matt.5:17 – 19 *“Don’t think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets.....until heaven and earth pass away..”*



Paul and Jesus:

An Unholy Divide?



- Christ said He did NOT abolish the Torah !
- Did Paul say that He did?
- **Hypothetical:** if so, whose word do we accept? The Master or his student?
- Paul did NOT say the Law was abolished by Christ
- Will the Torah ever be abolished? YES!!
- Rev. 21:1
- Heaven and earth did not pass away at the Cross
- Afterward, there will be no more need for a Torah, for there will be no more sin!!

**NEW HEAVEN
NEW EARTH**

NOAH'S COVENANT

1ST



ABRAHAM'S COVENANT

2ND



MOSES'S COVENANT

3RD



RE-NEWED COVENANT IN CHRIST

4TH



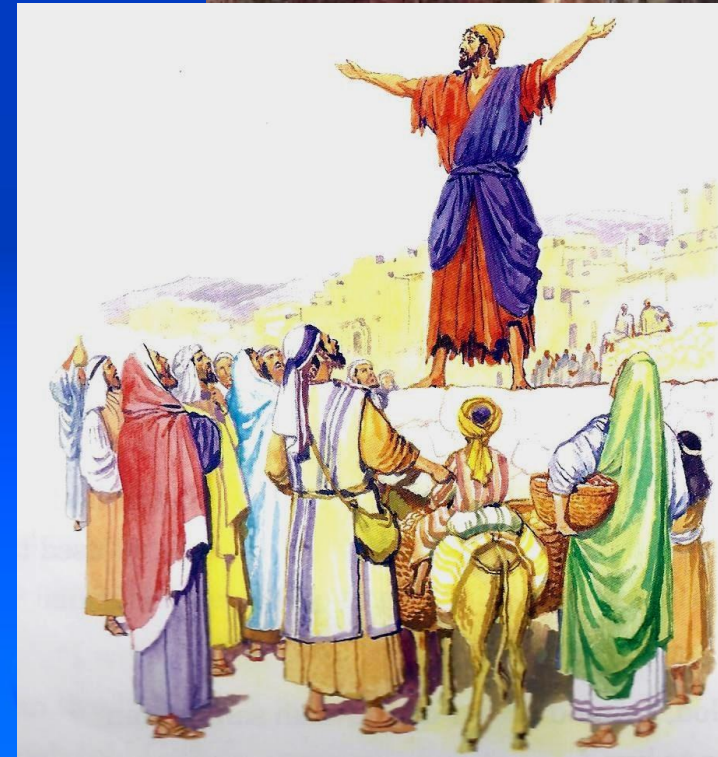
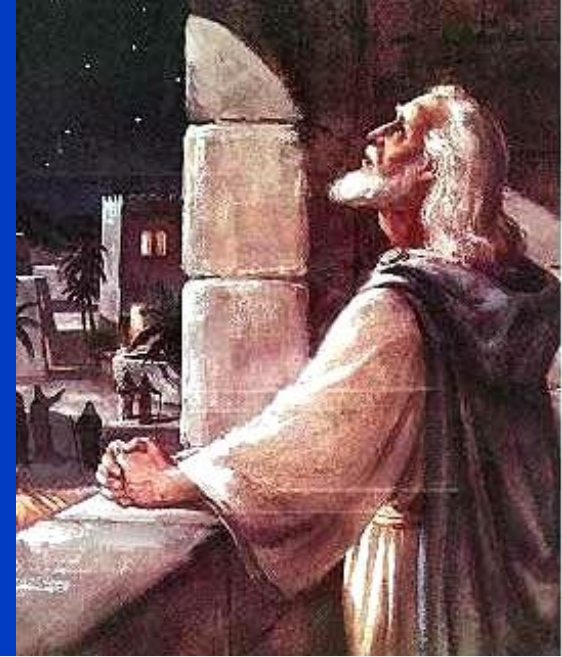
**COMPLIMENTARY
NOT
CONFLICTING**

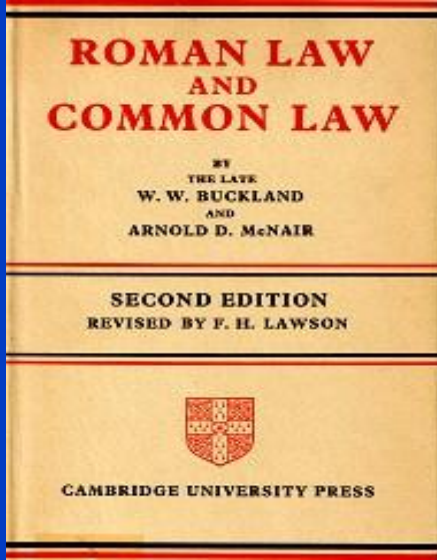
**EACH SUCCESSIVE
COVENANT DIDN'T
CANCEL THE ONE
BEFORE IT !**

**EACH OF THE 4
ARE ALIVE AND
WELL AND EACH
SERVE A UNIQUE
PURPOSE**

“..an exhaustive expression of a consciousness of sin and guilt”

- Daniel, despite his piety, does not separate himself from his people
- Daniel's definition of sin? Turning aside from God's commandments
- Prophets sent to warn Kings, tribal leaders, common folks
- God was fair and just; He reacted according to His people's rebellion
- Prayed and confessed on behalf of all 12 tribes
- The CURSE of the Law has fallen upon all Israel, they should have expected it





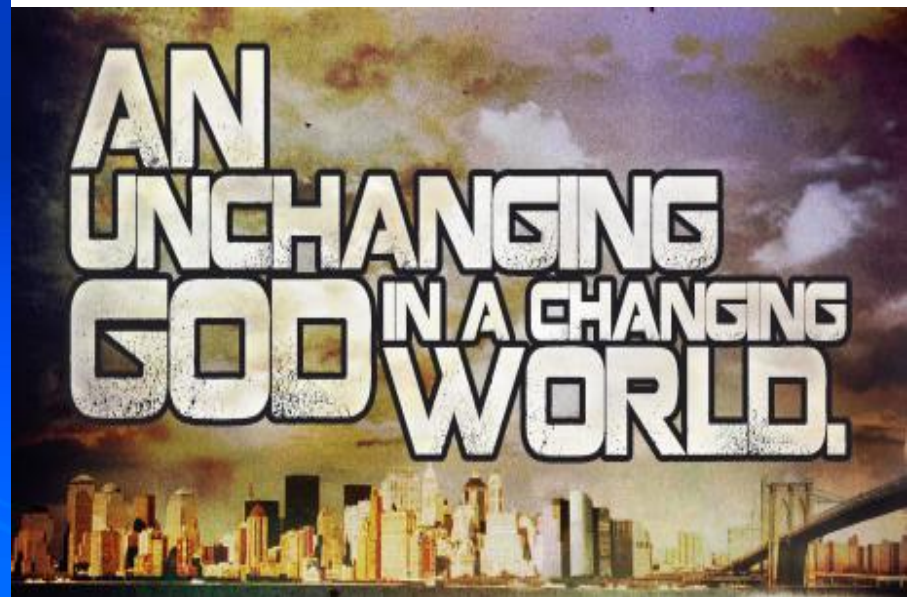
WHAT IS LAWLESSNESS?

- Is Salvation a limitless Get Out of Jail Free card?
- Matt.7:21 – 23
- What “law” is Christ talking about?
- Roman law? Governments and states laws? Rabbinical laws? Sharia laws?
- The lawlessness is speaking of the Laws of Moses
- Lawlessness = Torah-less-ness



A CHANCE TO CHANGE

- God warns us of our sin, and then provides an opportunity to change
- God is a God of unchanging patterns
- Because of Judah's sins, Jerusalem lay desolate, and the Jews are in exile
- The destroyed Temple is a monument to rebellion, tragedy, and disgrace



SHEMA, SALACH, QASHAB

- ***Shema*** = listen and actively respond
- Hear is only ½ of the meaning, must include DO
- ***Salach*** = pardon
- A divine pardon that can only flow from God to man
- The guilt of the sin remains, **ONLY** the consequence for the sin is set-aside and postponed
- ***Qashab*** = be attentive
- To “lean in” on a conversation, with acute interest
- Daniel is asking God: 1) Hear and act on his request
2) set-aside and postpone Judah’s punishment for sins
3) carefully listened and focus on Daniel’s confession and repentance

GABRIEL BRINGS AN ORACLE



- Angel Gabriel interrupts Daniel's praying
- *Ish* = man, male
- *Gibbor* = mighty man, a warrior leader
- Arrived at the time of the *Erev Minchah* (evening sacrifice) 3 – 4 p.m.
- Gabriel tells Daniel that he is loved and treasured
- The “vision” is Gabriel