

# HEAVENLY / EARTHLY CYCLE IN REVELATION 4—20

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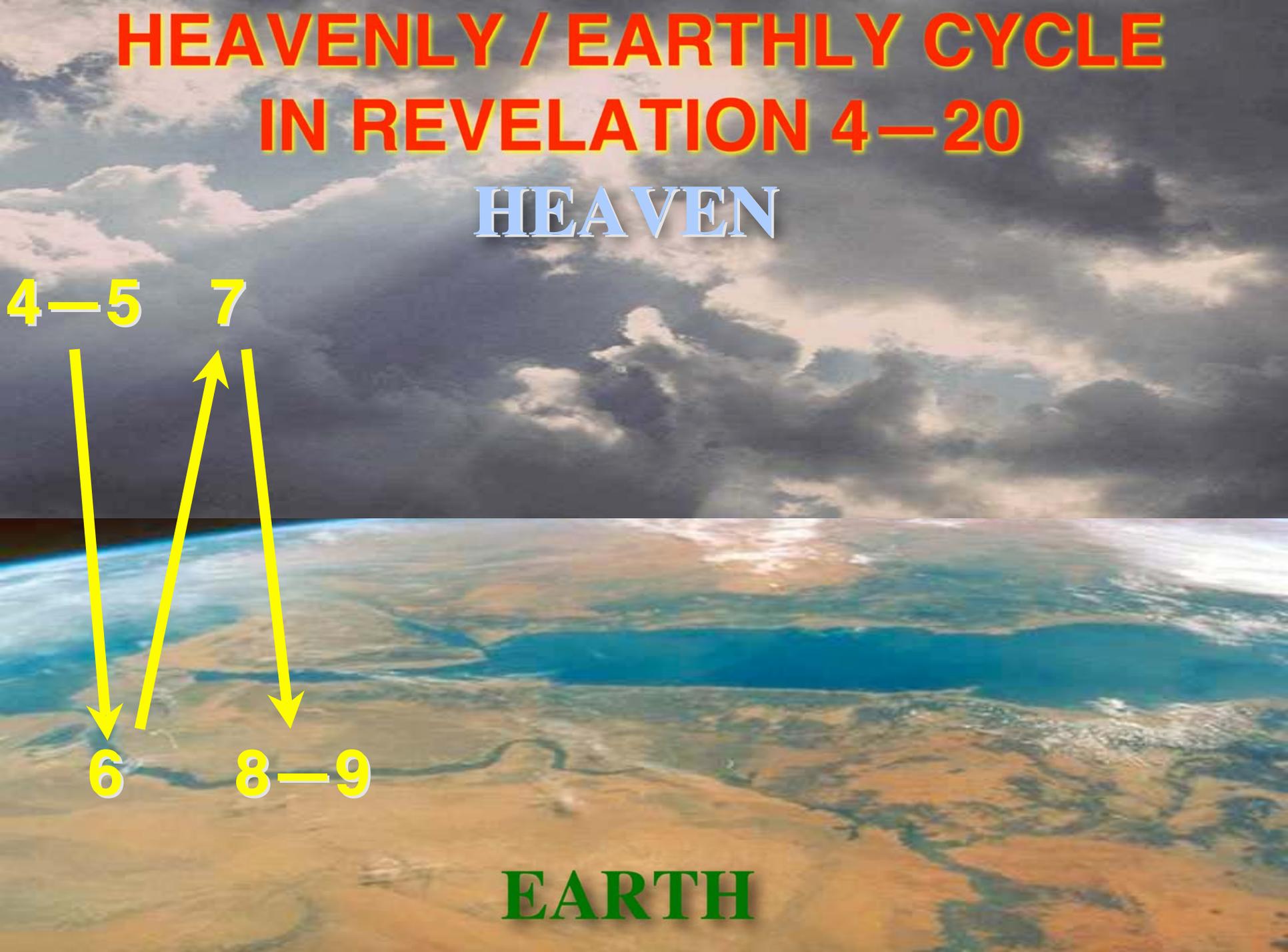
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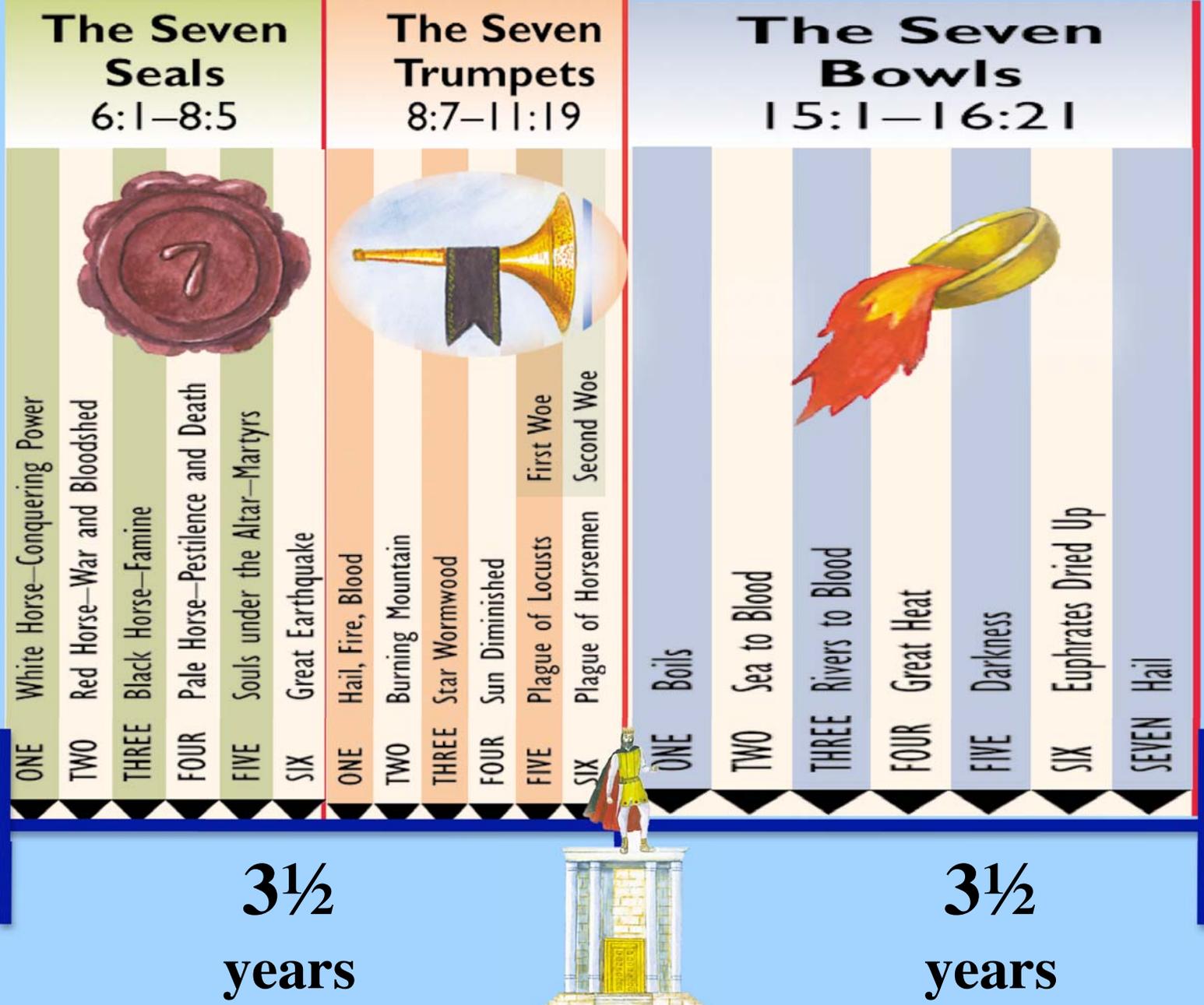
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EARTH



**RAPTURE**  
1 Ths 4:16-17

**The Heavenly Vision**  
4:1-5:14



**Rev. 8:1, “When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”**



**Zeph. 1:7, “Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is near,  
For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
He has consecrated His guests.”**

**Psa. 76:8, “You caused judgment to be heard  
from heaven;**

**The earth feared and was still**

**Psa. 76:9, “When God arose to judgment,  
To save all the humble of the earth.  
Selah.”**

**Hab. 2:20, “But the LORD is in His holy temple.  
Let all the earth be silent before Him.”**

# Why Study Prophecy?

**28% of the Bible was prophetic when revealed.**

**15% of the Bible is still unfulfilled prophecy.**

**18% of the New Testament epistles, 1 out of every 5 verses is unfulfilled prophecy.**

**1 in 12 verses in the New Testament refer to the Second Coming of Christ.**

**1 in 10 verses in the epistles refer to the Second Coming of Christ.**

**60% of verses in the NT are affected by eschatology issues to be properly understood.**

**Prophecy is not something given to satisfy human curiosity about the future, but to remind us of God's character.**

**1. His sovereignty**

**2. His faithfulness**

**3. His righteousness and justice**

**4. His love, goodness, and grace**

**The study of prophecy motivates us to prepare spiritually for eternity.**

**The study of prophecy challenges us  
to get our priorities straight.**

**The study of prophecy strengthens  
our confidence in the Scripture and in  
the Lord.**

# The Image of Daniel 2

605 – 539 B.C. Babylon

539 B. C. – 331 B. C. Medo-Persia

331 B. C. – 146 B. C. Greece

146 B. C. – A. D. 1453 Rome

Revived Roman Empire

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron/Clay



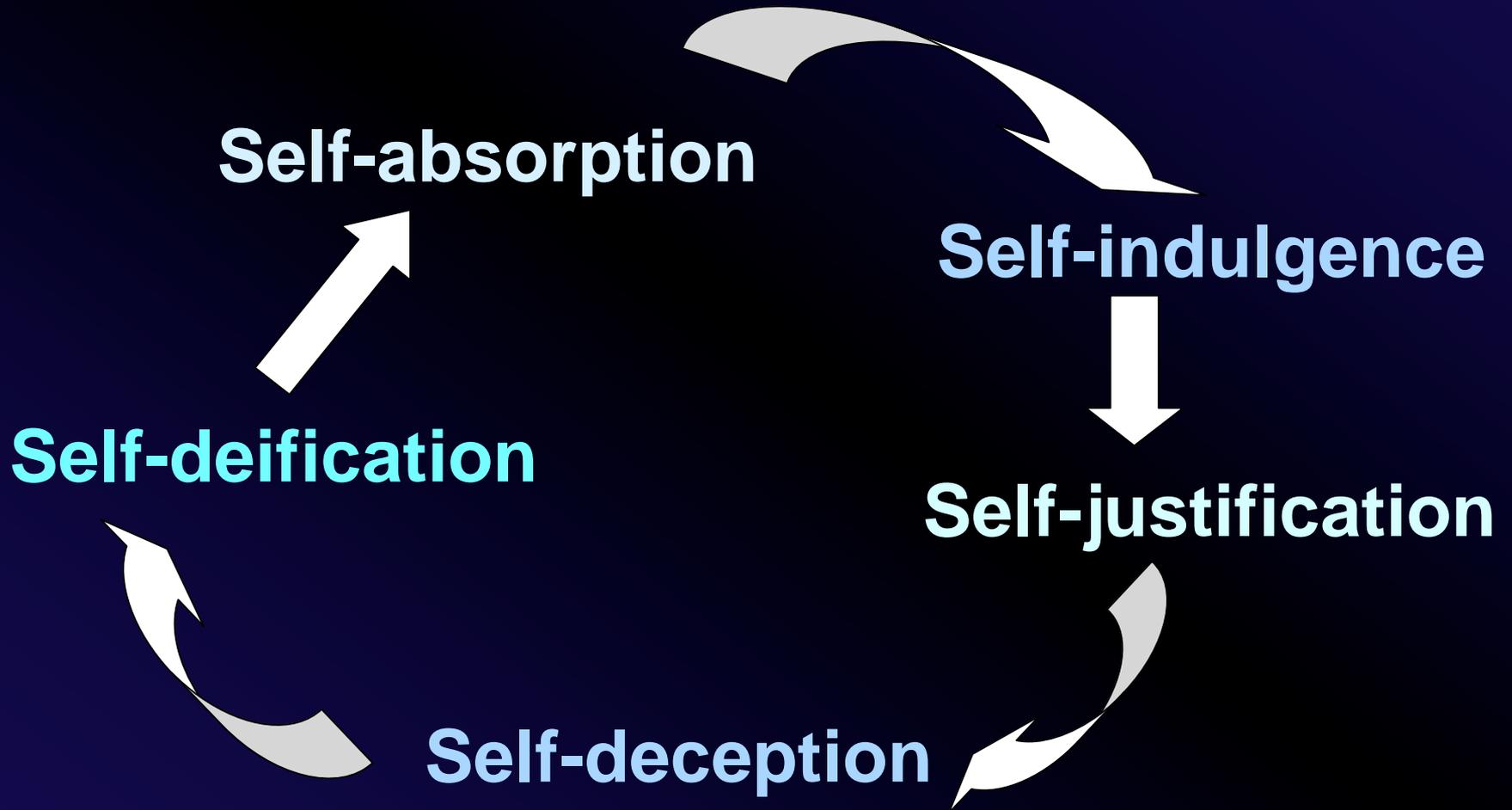
**Dan. 2:46, “Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense.**

**Dan. 2:47, “The king answered Daniel and said, ‘Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.’”**



**Dan. 2:48, “Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.”**

# Arrogance Skills



**Dan. 3:28, “Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, ‘Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.’**

**Dan. 3:29, “Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.’**

**Dan. 3:30, “Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.”**

**Dan. 4:37, “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”**

**Dan. 5:21, “He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts, and his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and that He sets over it whomever He wishes.”**

**Dan. 5:22, “Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this,**

**Dan. 5:23, “but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified.”**

**“Suddenly the fingers of a man’s hand (*the hand from the wrist to the tips of the fingers*) emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.”**



מִנָּה מִנָּה תֵּקֵל וּפְרָסִין

*M<sup>e</sup>ne', m<sup>e</sup>ne', tek<sup>e</sup>l, upharsin*

*Mina,*  
Numbered

*Mina,*  
Numbered

*shekel,*  
weighed

*Half-mina,*  
divided

***Mene, Mene***

**Numbered**

**Your Number is Up!**

***Tekel***

**Weighed**

**You Don't Measure Up!**

***Upharsin/Peres* Divided**

**You Will Be Divided Up!**

**Dan. 5:28, “‘PERES’ — your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.”**

**PERES** consonants = P R S

The same consonants as **PERSIA**

God is not just saying, “your kingdom will be divided up,” but “your kingdom will be **PERSIANIZED.**”

**Dan. 5:29, “Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.”**

**Dan. 5:30, “That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.”**

**Dan. 7:28, “At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”**

**Dan. 4:19, “Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’ Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!’”**

**Dan. 8:27, “Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.”**

**Dan. 10:18, “Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.**

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„ חֲזַק (ḥāzaq) be(come) strong, strengthen, prevail, harden, be courageous

**Phil 4:13, “I can do all things (I am strengthened to do all things) through Christ who strengthens, i.e., empowers me.”**

**Eph. 6:10, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”**