

Daniel

Introduction and Chapter 1



Daniel Introduction

- **Bible introductions and footnotes**
 - **Written by scholars**
 - **Not inspired by God**
 - **Not inerrant and infallible**
- **Introduction says author is unknown**
 - **Author is God**
 - **Writer of earliest manuscript is unknown**



Daniel Introduction

– CCC105 **God is the author of Sacred Scripture.**
"The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been **written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**"

- He stretches out Zaphon [heavens] over the void, and suspends the earth over nothing at all. He has marked out a circle on the surface of the deep as the boundary of light and darkness.

(Job 26:7, 10)



Daniel Introduction

– CCC105 cont. "For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."

- Including Deuterocanonical Books

- Not apocryphal

- Apocryphal means hidden

- Deuterocanonical Books reveal

Type of literature

- Says Daniel does not belong to prophetic writings
 - Contains major Messianic prophecies-
 - Ch 7 **Son of Man** presented to Ancient of Days
 - Source of Jesus' most common self-title
 - Universally recognized as Messianic prophecy
 - Ch 9 Specific timeline of Messianic events
 - Listed among prophetic books

Prophetic Books

Isaiah

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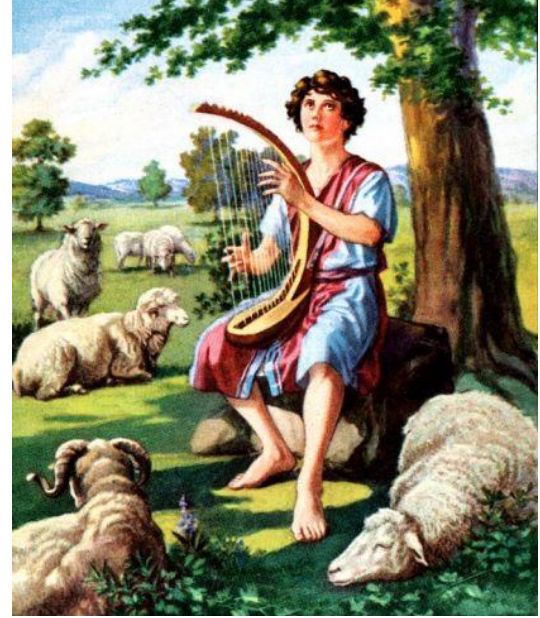
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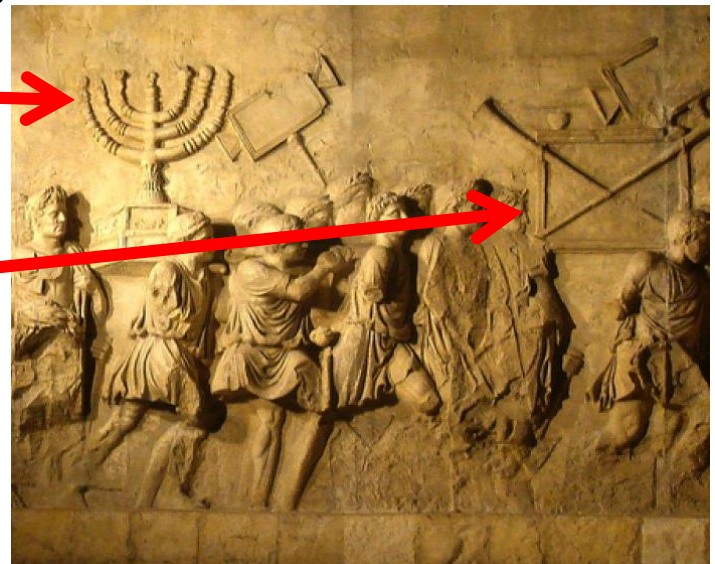
Bible sources



- Except for Epistles, most other books existed initially as oral tradition
 - Pentateuch existed as oral tradition
 - Written by Moses 500 years before Hebrew writing invented
 - **Write out this song, then, for yourselves. Teach it to the Israelites and have them recite it, so that this song may be a witness for me against the Israelites. (Deuteronomy 31:19)**
 - Psalms
 - Many “written” by David pre-Hebrew writing
 - Not all
 - David was a shepherd
 - Composed while keeping sheep

Temple Utensils

- The Lord handed over to him Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and **some of the vessels** of the temple of God, which he carried off to the land of Shinar and placed in the temple treasury of his god. (Dan 1:2)
- Typical action of ancient conqueror
 - Showed his god more powerful
- Note most Temple furnishings not mentioned
 - No Menorah
 - No Alter of Incense
 - No Ark of the Covenant
 - No Table of Bread
the of Presence



Removed by the Prophet Jeremiah

- **Prior to conquest of Jerusalem**

- The prophet, [Jeremiah] following a divine revelation, ordered that **the tent and the ark** should accompany him and how he went off to the mountain which Moses climbed to see God's inheritance. (2 Maccabees 2:4)



Safeguarding Holy Symbols

Before destruction of Jerusalem

- When Jeremiah arrived there, he found a room in a cave in which he put the tent, the ark, and the altar of incense; then he blocked up the entrance. Some of those who followed him came up intending to mark the path, but they could not find it.



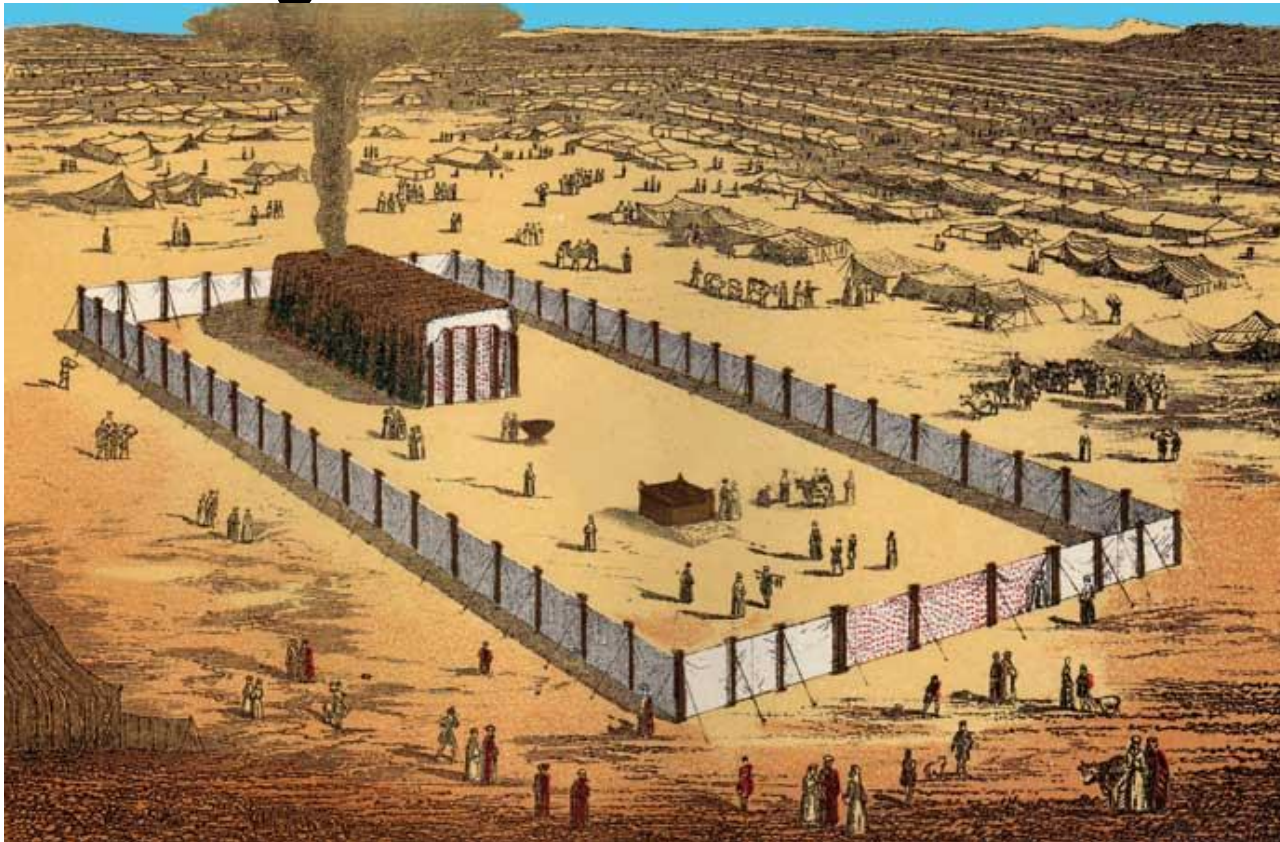
When Jeremiah heard of this, he reproved them:
"The place is to remain unknown until God gathers his people together again and shows them mercy."
(2 Maccabees 2:5-7)

Day of Atonement



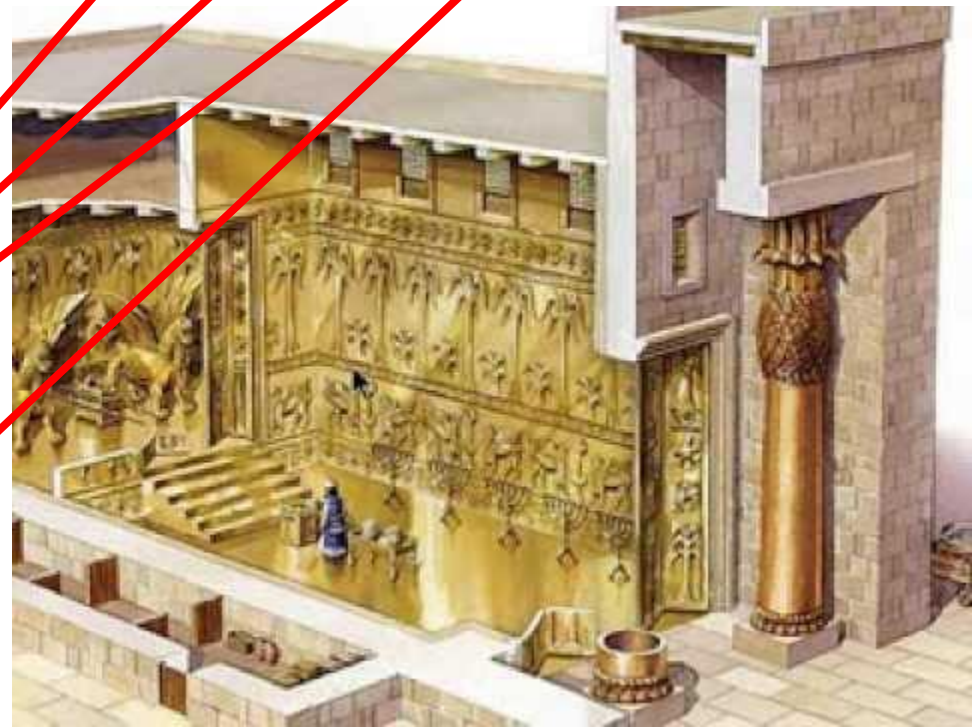
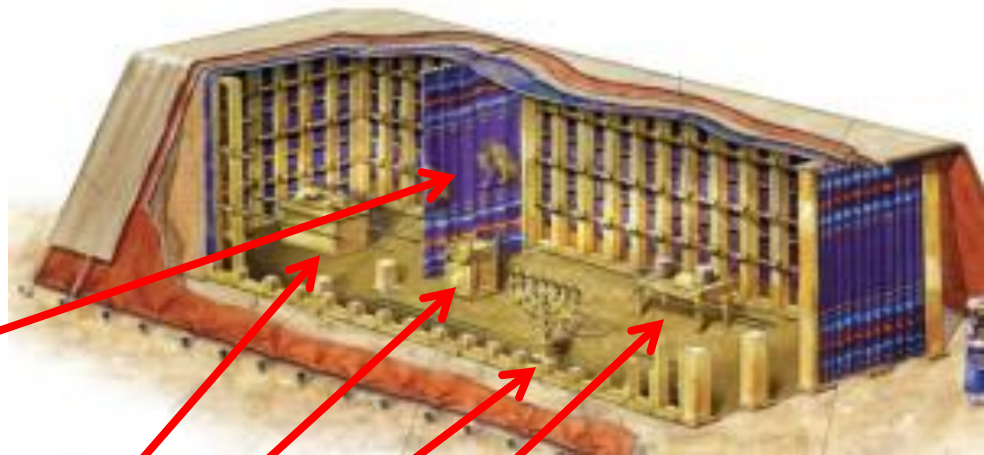
Tabernacle

- Literally “tent”
 - Portable Temple
 - Carried throughout forty years wandering in the wilderness



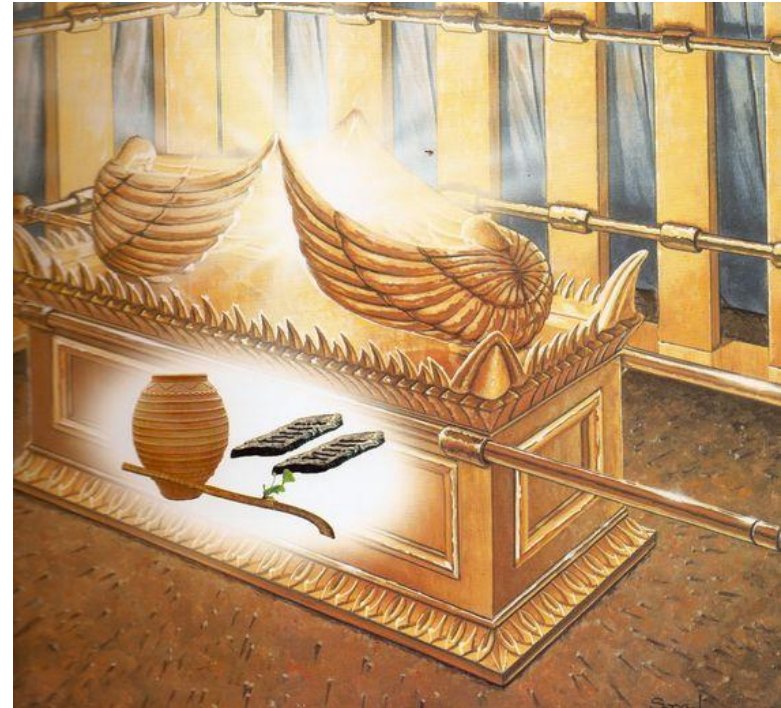
Holy Place

- Temple was permanent structure for worship
- Holy place separated from Holy of Holies
 - By a veil
- In the Holy of Holies
 - Ark of the Covenant
- In Holy Place
 - Altar of Incense
 - Table of Show Bread
 - Menorah



Ark of the Covenant

- **Gold covered box contained**
 - **Urn of Manna**
 - **Bread from Heaven**
 - **Tablets of Decalogue**
 - **Word of God**
 - **Staff of Aaron that had sprouted**
 - **Symbol of the High Priest**
- **All symbols of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**
- **Ark of the Covenant symbolizes**
 - **Our Blessed Mother**



Ark a symbol of Mary

- Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. (Revelation Chapter and verse numbering added in 14th Century
 - Ark of the Covenant
 - Title of Mary in Litany of Blessed Virgin Mary+



Shekinah Glory



- **Presence of God
In the Holy of Holies**
 - The **cloud overshadowed** their camp (Wisdom 19:7)
 - There I will meet you and there, from **above the propitiatory**, between the two cherubim on the ark of the commandments, I will tell you all the commands that I wish you to give the Israelites. (Exodus 25:22)
 - And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the **Most High will overshadow you**. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

Table of Show Bread

- **Table covered with Gold**
 - Offering of twelve wafers of bread
 - Offered with two flagons of wine
- **Bread of the Presence**
 - Hebrew word for presence has another meaning
 - Face
 - Rabbis called it **Bread of the Face of God**



Show us the Father

- If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
(John 14:8-9)



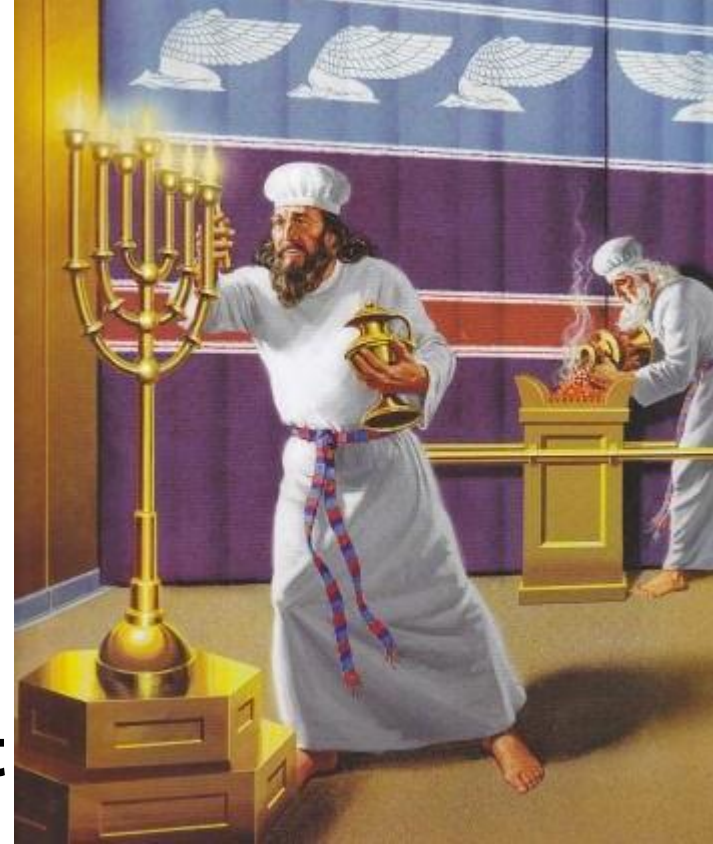
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- In the show bread
 - We see the face of Jesus
 - We see the face of the Father
- In Eucharist we see Jesus
 - We see God
 - We see the Father



Menorah

- **Seven lamps on lamp stand**
 - **Must be kept burning when Show Bread was present**
- **Seen today as Tabernacle Lamp**
 - **When Holy Eucharist present**
- **Tongues of fire**
 - **Symbolic of Holy Spirit**
- **Symbols of Holy Trinity**
 - **In Tabernacle and Temple**
 - **And in our Church today**



Day of Atonement

- One day a year, High priest entered Holy of Holies

- To make atonement for sins of the people



- Then he shall slaughter the goat of the people's purification offering, and bringing its blood inside the veil, he shall do with it as he did with the bull's blood, sprinkling it on the ark's cover and in front of it. 16 Thus he shall purge the inner sanctuary of all the Israelites' impurities and trespasses, including all their sins. (Leviticus 16:15-16)

New Testament fulfills Old

- At Calvary Jesus was lifted up on the cross
 - When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw everyone to myself.“ (John 12:32)
- Jesus atoned for the sins of world
 - Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.“ (Luke 23:34)
- Blood of the Lamb sprinkled on Ark of the Covenant and pooled at its foot



Food test

- But Daniel was resolved not to defile himself with the king's food or wine; so he begged the chief chamberlain to spare him this defilement.

(Daniel 8:1)

– Food from pagan tables was defiled

- Blood had not been drained



Jews prohibited from drinking blood

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- Since the **life of every living body is its blood**, I have told the Israelites: You shall not partake of the blood of any meat. Since the life of every living body is its blood, anyone who partakes of it shall be cut off.

(Leviticus 17:14)

- Animal life would be in them



Jesus' Eucharistic Discourse

- Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, unless you eat the flesh of the **Son of Man** and **drink his blood**, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.** (John 6:53-56)

– Jesus requires drinking His blood

- Life of Christ is in us when we partake of the Eucharist.



**Many will say to me on that day,
'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy
in your name? Did we not drive
out demons in your name? Did we
not do mighty deeds in your
name?' Then I will
declare to them
solemnly, 'I never
knew you.
(Matthew 7:22-23)**

