

Daniel's References to Christ

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On the basis of the parallel between Dan 10:5-6 and Rev 1:12-16, we could possibly add the references in both Dan 10 and 12 to the "man clothed in linen." What we have in just the following verses is 18 references or allusions to Christ in the book of Daniel. Each could be, and in some cases already has been, made the topic of further discussion. In the case of three expressions – "the Anointed One, the ruler" (Dan 9:25), "Michael, your prince" (Dan 11:1), and "Michael, the great prince" (Dan 12:1) – two terms are involved, so our count at this point should really be 21.

While you were watching, **a rock** was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But **the rock** that struck the statue became **a huge mountain** and filled the whole earth. (Dan 2:34-35)¹

This is the meaning of the vision of **the rock** cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands– a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy." (Dan 2:45)

He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks **like a son of the gods**." (Dan 3:25)

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent **his angel** and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. (Dan 3:28)

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. (Dan 7:13)

It set itself up to be as great as **the Prince of the host**; it took away the daily sacrifice from **him**, and the place of **his** sanctuary was brought low. (Dan 8:11)

He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against **the Prince of princes**. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power. (Dan 8:25)

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"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until **the Anointed One, the ruler**, comes, there will be seven weeks,' and sixty-two weeks.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble." (Dan 9:25, margin)

"After the sixty-two weeks,' **the Anointed One** will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed." (Dan 9:26, margin)

But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. (Dan 10:13)

[B]ut first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except **Michael, your prince**). (Dan 11:1)

Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and **a prince of the covenant** will be destroyed. (Dan 11:22)

He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for **the one desired by women**, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. (Dan 11:37)

"At that time **Michael, the great prince** who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people— everyone whose name is found written in the book— will be delivered. (Dan 12:1)