

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: *Daniel* – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: Daniel 1:1-4 – Introduction and Context of the Book of Daniel

Today's Message:

"The Political Prophet"



INTRODUCTION

Today, we begin one of the most exciting books of the Bible – Daniel! We will start with an overview and introduction of the book. Daniel is known as the **POLITICAL** prophet; he deals with governments, government officials, nations, rulers, kings, and kingdoms. His prophecies concern the world's governments. As a result, he is the father of **GENTILE** history. Because he is a prophet of the God of the universe, he sets dates and events in advance. The book of Daniel is the "Revelation" of the Old Testament. This book demonstrates that our God is the God of **HISTORY**. And He is Lord of both Jew and Gentile... He is Lord of both the saved and the unsaved people of the world... He is Lord of all!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. Overview of Daniel * FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION *

Title Means: God is my **JUDGE**.

The Numbers: Chapters: **12** | Verses: **357** | Words: **11,606** **Ps 12:6-7; Prov 30:5**

Author: Daniel **7:1, 28; 8:2; 9:2; 10:12; 12:4-5** * The Jews believed this (**Rom 3:2**).
* Jesus Christ believed this (**Mt 24:15**).

Historical Time: **607 BC to 534 BC** (Daniel prophesied for 73 years during the captivity in Babylon)

Theme: **The Day of the Lord – Epic world events leading up to the end times.**

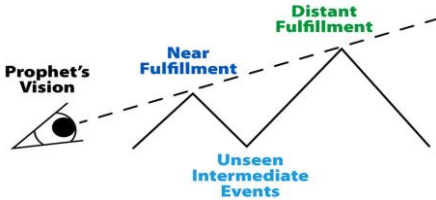
Keynote: *The book of Daniel deals with "the times of the Gentiles" (**Lk 21:24; Rom 11:25**). This is the time period when God gives the world authority to the Gentile nations UNTIL He restores the Nation of Israel to her rightful position over the earth. This book is the key to understanding, "The Times of the Gentiles."*

Key Chapter: **9** *This chapter deals with Daniel's prophecy of 70 weeks (**9:24-27**) and provides the chronological framework for the messianic prophecies starting with the time of Daniel and leading up to establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth.*

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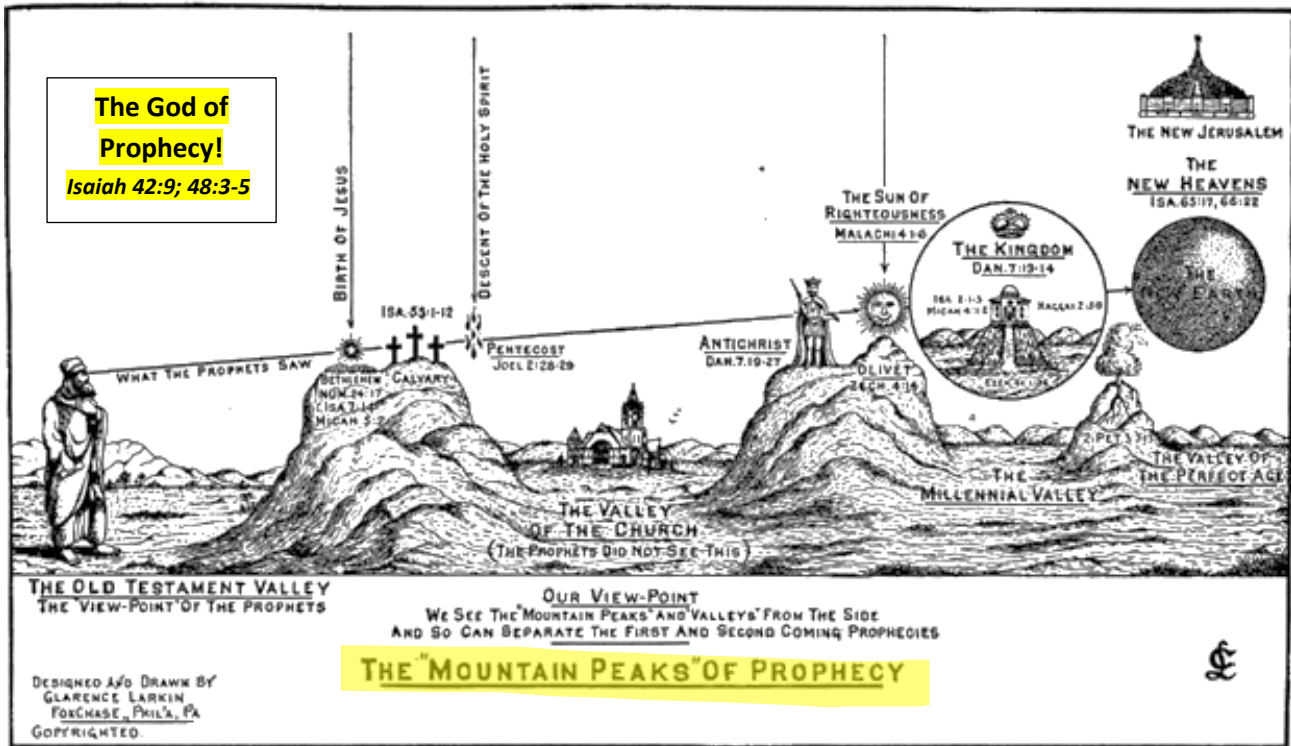
THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

1. **Historical** The testimony and prophecy of Daniel during the exile (captivity) in Babylon.
2. **Doctrinal** The **future** of Gentile history from the captivity to Second Coming of Christ.
Babylon is a prophetic TYPE of the one-world religion/political system of the Anti-Christ and a TYPE of ALL false religions throughout human history.
3. **Devotional** Our God plays an **active** in His creation. A man or woman who lives for God's Kingdom is **NOT** motivated by current events... nations rise and nations fall!



OUTLINE STRUCTURE – Basic Outline

- CH 1-6 *Historic Section (Personal history and Gentile history)*
- CH 7-12 *Prophetic Section (Visions and Interpretations)*



B. The Lesson Daniel 1:1-4 (The Context of Daniel 1)

➤ **Judgment must come – God's prophets were mocked, despised, and misused.**

1. God was faithful to send **MESSENGERS**. *2 Chr 36:1-14, 15-16; Ezek 18:20-32; 33:1-11*
2. God has a point when His judgment **MUST** come. *2 Chr 36:17-21; Rom 2:4; 1Pet 4:17*

NOTE Even in the midst of God's judgment upon Israel, Daniel represented future hope! There is no better time to repent than now. *Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways.*

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