

Background

- Daniel is approximately 88 90 years old
- The Jews that would return have gone (42,360) (Ezra 2:64)
- Daniel has not returned

The Book of Daniel 2 Vertical Life Church

Daniel is Faithful (1-3; 12-14)

- Daniel is most probably retired from service of the king
- Daniel is not retired from God's service
- Daniel has been fasting in mourning for 3 weeks
- Is this because so few went back to Israel?
- Is this because of the troubled reports from Jerusalem (Ezra 4)?

The Vision (4-11;15-17)

- Is this a vision of the pre-incarnate Messiah?
- Compare with Rev 1:12-15
- Are there 1 or more heavenly participants?
- Reasons for concluding the man in linen is Jesus
 - Man in linen and the one-touching him are distinct from one another (10)
 - Man in linen is a vision. Man speaking with him is real
 - Man in linen is floating above the river (12:7)

Turmoil in the Heavenly Places (13; 20-21)

- Constant interaction between the physical and spiritual world
- Satanic forces attempting to bring about chaos
- Numerous passages discuss this battle
 - Rev 18:1-3 Final fall of Babylon
 - Mark 13:24-26 Conquering by the Messiah
 - Eph 6:12 Our struggle
 - Rev 12:7-12 Michael defeats Satan's forces

