

DANIEL

FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 1:1-2 - THE INTRO



**To know Daniel is to learn how to
live today and look at the future
with confidence.**

Daniel's Theme

The theme is not his greatness, but
God's greatness

Daniel 4:25c, *that the Most High rules
in the kingdom of men, and gives it to
whomever He chooses.*

What Daniel will teach us, if we allow him, is that the kingdoms of this world are passing away and the Kingdom of Heaven is coming to pass.

In Daniel we see the Providence of God. He rules overall, and he overrules overall.

Daniel provides us instruction on how to live for God in dark places and times.

Daniel

Daniel is one of only two people where there was no record of any wrong doing said about them.

Joseph in Ancient Egypt
And Daniel here

Daniel

Written in two languages, Hebrew
and Aramaic

Daniel

Daniel chapter 12 is one of the most direct references to resurrection in all of the Bible

Daniel

Daniel lays out the history of the world, culminating in the return of Jesus Christ

Daniel

Daniel predicts the exact time
Messiah would arrive on the scene

It was Palm Sunday

Daniel

Daniel 9:27 - It's the backbone of prophecy. You cannot understand the Book of Revelation without understanding the book of Daniel.

Fables and myths according to the world

#1 - Adam and Eve

#2 The Flood

#3 Jonah

#4 Matthew 24

Daniel

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope

That word, *patience*, means to stand up under pressure

Daniel's Contemporaries

Ezekiel and Jeremiah

Ezekiel was very sure of Daniel's existence. They were neighbors in Babylon.

If you have a problem with Daniel, then you also have a problem with Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 14:12-14

Ezekiel 14:12-14 - 12 The word of the Lord came again to me, saying: 13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. 14 Even if these three men, Noah, **Daniel**, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God.

Ezekiel 28:3

Ezekiel 28:3 - Behold, you are wiser than **Daniel**! There is no secret that can be hidden from you!

Matthew 24:15

“When you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.”

Daniel

He is one of only two in the Bible that God specifically says is greatly beloved.

John the apostle was called the beloved of the Lord, and he wrote Revelation. Daniel is kind of the Old Testament version of that, and he was called greatly beloved by God.

The book of Daniel goes hand in hand with the book of Revelation.

Background Facts

Daniel lived approximately 400 years
after David

600 years before Jesus

Background Facts

The book covers the period 605 BC to about 530 BC.

Background Facts

From being an imported hostage, he becomes a trusted prime minister and counselor to some of the mightiest rulers in world history

The Main Players

#1 Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians

#2 Daniel and his three friends

#3 Sovereign Lord who leaves his children in the world and yet purposes to bring them safely to glory in the end.

Two Viewpoints

#1 The viewpoint of secular history

#2 The viewpoint of biblical theology

Daniel 1:1

In the third year of the reign of
Jehoiakim the king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

Daniel 1:2

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim the king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

2 Perspectives

VS 1, Nebuchadnezzar besieged it.

VS 2, God gave into his hand.

Battle of Carcamish - 605 BC

Fought about 605 BC between the armies of Egypt allied with the remnants of the army of the former Assyrian Empire against the armies of Babylonia, allied with the Medes, Persians, and Scythians. This was while **Nebuchadnezzar** was commander-in-chief and **Nabopolassar** was still king of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar became king right after this battle.

3 Sieges

605 BC - Daniel and friends taken

597 BC - Ezekiel and 10,000 people

586 BC - Babylonians burned the city of Jerusalem with fire. Burned down the temple and the walls of Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy 28:49-50

49 The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.

Deuteronomy 28:51-52

51 And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.

52 "They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the Lord your God has given you.

Isaiah 39:5-7

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: 6 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the Lord. 7 'And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

"God's ways are behind the scenes,
but he moves all the scenes he is
behind."

Divided Kingdom

Northern 10 tribes called Israel

Southern 2 tribes, Benjamin and Judah, which were called Judah

Why was Judah taken captive by Babylon?

The simple answer is because they had turned away from the Lord and fallen into idolatry, and were worshipping pagan gods.

Jeremiah 2:13

For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water

Leviticus 25:3-4

3 Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; 4 but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

For 490 years they didn't let the land rest. Every 7th year they continued to plant and sow. They didn't trust God. They didn't take a year off.

**Sowing to the world may appear to
enhance you, but it will only enslave
you**

Galatians 6:7-9

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for **whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Proverbs 29:18 - NJKV

18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18 - ESV

18 Where there is no prophetic vision
the people cast off restraint, but
blessed is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29:18 - CSB

18 Without revelation people run wild, but one who listens to instruction will be happy.

Proverbs 29:18 - NLT

18 When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

Proverbs 29:18 - AMP

18 Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God].

When In Rome...

Do as the Romans do...

No! When in Rome do Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**It is possible to live in Babylon
without Babylon living in you!**

**We are called to be in the
world, but not of the world!**

It is possible to work in ungodly environments around abrasive critical people and not be influenced by it!

**It is possible to be in prison and
not let prison get inside of you!**

This is done by insulation, not isolation.

You cannot remove yourself from the world and be a monk on a mountain.

2 Kings 25:36-37

36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Zebudah the daughter of Pedaiiah of Rumah.

37 And **he did evil in the sight of the Lord,** according to all that his fathers had done.

Jeremiah 29:11

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:10

10 For thus says the Lord: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon,** I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

**There is retribution or judgment
before there is redemption!**

God says "Once you own your consequences, then you give Me permission to redeem your circumstances."

Jeremiah 25:8-9

8 Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the Lord, 'and **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant,** and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations.'

Jeremiah 27:6

6 And now I have given all these lands into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant;** and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him.

Don't use "God's will be done" as an excuse not to do God's will. We will be held accountable for complacency and apathy.

**Man's autonomy cannot
circumvent God's sovereignty!**

**God's sovereignty does not negate
man's autonomy!**

May 14th, 1948

Israel became a nation once again!

**Last Sunday was the 75th anniversary,
and God said all this in advance.**

Trump / Cyrus Coin



Amos 9:15

15 "I will plant them in their land, And
no longer shall they be pulled up
From the land I have given them,"
Says the Lord your God.

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36 - talks about the return of Israel into the land

Ezekiel 37 - Is a prophecy of a valley of dry bones and Ezekiel was to preach. And breath came in. This was a prediction of getting their country back.

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 38 - Israel is in a position of peace on all sides for the stage to be set for the end times.

Are We In The End Times?

**Yes, we are in the end times,
because your time can end anytime!**

Land of Shinar

Genesis 10 - Nimrod

Genesis 11 - Tower of Babel

Babel is not finished

Genesis 10 -11

Revelation 14, 16, 17, 18

Why study the book of Daniel?

- 1. Daniel's situation parallels our own.**
- 2. Daniel's prophecies may soon be fulfilled.**
- 3. Daniel's God is our God too—and he is still on the throne.**

A Book Every Teenager Should Read

**Here we discover the difference
godly teenagers can make in the
world.**

Daniel provides a positive model for how to live for God when no one else shares your faith.

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