

Daniel

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

DANIEL

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

27

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

12

TYPE

PROPHECY



OVERVIEW

Daniel was one of the victims of the exile, carried away into Babylon. In captivity, Daniel was trained for service in the king's household, and found favor there. The first part of the book contains Daniel's narratives wherein he chose to keep the Lord's law and was blessed in many ways, gaining favor and power in the kingdom. The second part contains Daniel's prophetic visions, which are like Ezekiel's in their depth and clarity, and covering especially the end times.



WRITTEN
536-530 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
530 BC to End of Time



AUTHOR
Daniel the Prophet

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Key Verse

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Daniel 2:47

Daniel the Man

Daniel was a man of _____. (Daniel 1:8)

Daniel was a man of _____. (Daniel 6:10)

Daniel was a man of _____.

Structure of the Book

Daniel 2:4-7:28 was written in Aramaic, the rest was written in Hebrew.

First six chapters focus on Daniel's life, the last six chapters focus on Daniel's visions.

Daniel focuses heavily on visions and dreams to communicate the message.

Outline of Ezekiel

The Historical Section (Chapters 1-6)

- Captivity and Training in Babylon (Daniel 1)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 2) *see illustration below
- The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream (Daniel 4)
- Belshazzar and the Handwriting on the Wall (Daniel 5)
- Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)

The Prophetic Section (Chapters 7-12)

- The Four Beasts (Daniel 7)
- The Ram and Goat (Daniel 8)
- Daniel's Prayer and the Seventy "Sevens" (Daniel 9)
 - Possible Interpretation of the Seventy "Sevens"
 - Because of sin, Israel's oppression will continue seven times longer.
 - Predicting the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 and its subsequent rebuilding.
 - Referring to Events surrounding the second coming of Christ.
- The Rise and Fall of Several Kingdoms (Daniel 10-11)
- Instructions Concerning the End Times (Daniel 12)

Lessons/Applications

Daniel's life story serves as an example of _____ in the midst of difficult times.

Daniel's prophecy reminds us of a pattern and a promise that applies to all generations.

Pattern: Human beings and their kingdoms become _____ when they refuse to acknowledge God as sovereign.

Promise: One day, God will _____ the beast and rescue his people.

