

# DANIEL

Conservative Jews and Christians believe the book is named after its author, though the idea is \_\_\_\_\_ by critics. The events of the book unfold in Babylon. Daniel, along with three other men, possibly friends or acquaintances were taken captive during one of the invasions on Jerusalem. They, along with King Nebuchadnezzar and his son Belshazzar make up the main characters of the book. The focus of the book breaks down in a very balanced fashion. Chapters 1-6 are several \_\_\_\_\_ about Daniel and his friends. Chapters 7-12 are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel. An interesting nugget about the writing of Daniel is that it's written in 2 languages: Hebrew and Aramaic.

## Outline

As we examine the first 6 chapters, it's important to understand that as Daniel and his friends face the trials of living for God in a \_\_\_\_\_ society. Each victory is for the purpose of being a testimony to the godless for the God of the Hebrews!

## Chapter 1

Daniel, along with his friends: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego face their first \_\_\_\_\_ in Babylon. They are offered to eat of the finer things of the king's table. However, some of these things would doubtlessly violate their \_\_\_\_\_ laws. They refuse to compromise and God honored them for their faithfulness.

## Chapter 2

Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that he doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ and that he can't recall. He calls in the magicians, astrologers and sorcerers of Babylon to interpret the dream. Since he can't tell them what he dreamed, they can't interpret. This infuriates him and he orders all the wise men of Babylon to be destroyed. Daniel and his friends would be included in this group. Upon learning his fate, Daniel requests that the king give him some time and he would interpret the dream. He tells his friends, they pray and \_\_\_\_\_ gives Daniel the interpretation. When Daniel stands before the king, he makes sure the king understands that it was his God that gave him the interpretation.

**....So Each Element of the Statue Represents a Different Future Gentile Empire....**

**Because We Are So Far Removed From This, History Reveals Which Empires He Was Talking About:**

**The Babylonian Empire = Head of Gold**

**The Persian Empire = The Arms of Silver**

**The Grecian Empire = The Belly & Thigh of Bronze**

**The Roman Empire = Legs and Feet of Iron (Clay toes = the 10 Kingdoms of the Revived Roman Empire)**

## Chapter 3

Nebuchadnezzar sets up a golden image and demands everyone \_\_\_\_\_ it when they hear the music. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to engage in the idol worship. Their penalty for this act of \_\_\_\_\_ disobedience was to be cast into a furnace and burned alive. However, after being cast into the furnace, Nebuchadnezzar sees a \_\_\_\_\_ man in the fire, like the Son of God. This caused the king to make a decree that anyone who spoke against the God of the Hebrews, would be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 4

Nebuchadnezzar has a \_\_\_\_\_ dream. In this dream he sees a \_\_\_\_\_ of great stature. Then there was a visitation from a \_\_\_\_\_ messenger. The message was to destroy the tree, leaving only a stump. Daniel then \_\_\_\_\_ the dream. The greatness of the tree represented the \_\_\_\_\_ Of Nebuchadnezzar. His greatness had made him \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel told him to repent of this pride or else. He \_\_\_\_\_ Daniels message and responded in this manner. So God humbled him by making him to live like a \_\_\_\_\_. This caused him to have a change of heart and God \_\_\_\_\_ him.

## Chapter 5

This chapter opens with a major change. Nebuchadnezzar has \_\_\_\_\_ and his son Belshazzar is the new king. Like his father before, he struggles with \_\_\_\_\_. As this chapter unfolds, Belshazzar is hosting a party with drinking and debauchery. At the party something \_\_\_\_\_ happens. The King then calls for his men who should be able to interpret the message. They can't so he calls for Daniel. Before interpreting the message Daniel rehearses the events of \_\_\_\_\_ to Belshazzar. Before bringing him this message and interpreting what was written on the wall. Remember when Daniel interpreted the dream in Chapter 2, he saw the Babylonian kingdom being replaced by the Persian empire?

## Chapter 6

The kingdom was now under the rulership of Darius. Daniel maintained a very high \_\_\_\_\_ in the land. This caused him some envy from other leaders in the land who desired his demise. They looked over the life of Daniel and could find no fault in him at first. The only way to find something wrong with him was it had to be related to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his God. In other words, they knew Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ his God and \_\_\_\_\_ his laws so if they were going to find him in error, they would have to use the law of his God against him. They tried to do this by restricting Daniels \_\_\_\_\_. So Daniel was cast into the

den of lions. Evidently Daniel had a good relationship with this king as well because the king followed through with this reluctantly, even encouraging Daniel to \_\_\_\_\_ God, and the king \_\_\_\_\_ thru the night for him.

## Chapter 7

Daniel who has been the interpreter of dreams up to this point is now the \_\_\_\_\_. The timeframe is interesting because it's out of sequential order, reaching back into the kingship of Belshazzar.

So here's what bible scholars believe. Remember the 4 \_\_\_\_\_ from Nebuchadnezzar in Chapter 2. In that chapter they were represented by different portions of the image from Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Here they are the four great \_\_\_\_\_ from the sea.

<b>Empire</b>	<b>Image Portion</b>	<b>Beast</b>
<b>The Babylonian Empire</b>	<b>Head of Gold</b>	<b>(v4) Lion</b>
<b>The Persian Empire</b>	<b>The Arms of Silver</b>	<b>(v5) Bear</b>
<b>The Grecian Empire</b>	<b>The Belly &amp; Thigh of Bronze</b>	<b>(v6) Leopard</b>
<b>The Roman Empire</b>	<b>Legs and Feet of Iron</b>	<b>(v7-8) Great Lion</b>

The final beast had \_\_\_\_\_. This is supposed to represent the fact that the Roman empire would cease for a time and then be resurrected with 10 kings in successive reign. At last appears a little \_\_\_\_\_, which is the future head of the revived Roman empire, the Antichrist! After this appears the Ancient of Days (\_\_\_\_\_) who defeats the gentile empires, sets up his throne to rule and reign. The \_\_\_\_\_ then appears and sits down beside the Father to rule and reign.

## Chapter 8

Daniel has a second vision. Here is what bible scholars believe is symbolized in the dream.

\_\_\_\_\_ – Representing Persia with the two horns representing the kings of Media and Persia. The taller horn represents the Persian king, who would be more powerful. His conquest reaches in all directions.

**Dan 8:4** I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

\_\_\_\_\_ – Representing Greece comes from the west. Has one conspicuous horn between his eyes (Alexander the Great). The goat defeats the ram. Biblical historians believe that the four notable horns that come up represent the 4 parts the kingdom were divided after Alexander died.

\_\_\_\_\_ (very important) – represents Antiochus Epiphanes who rose from the third empire to rule the Syrian division. He prefigures the Antichrist. Matter of fact, both figures are weaved into end time prophecies under the title “little horn.” This is an obstacle in interpretation. In Daniel 11:21-35 are greater details about the exploits of Antiochus Epiphanes. However in 11:36 the subject shifts to the future activities of the Antichrist. The angel \_\_\_\_\_ is sent to interpret the vision for Daniel. The vision was so perplexing that Daniel was \_\_\_\_\_ for days.

## **Chapter 9**

By now Daniel is trying to piece together a timeline for when the Jews may be released from the Babylonian captivity. He references the book of \_\_\_\_\_ to do so and discovers that God had initially appointed them to seventy years captivity. Daniel moves into a time of prayer and confession (v3-23), knowing this time is almost fulfilled and ask God to keep his promise. When Gabriel appears again with bad news. Their time in captivity would be extended to \_\_\_\_\_ because of the depth of their iniquity.

**7 weeks** – The first span of “7 weeks” cover from the Issuing of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:1-8) by Artaxerxes UNTIL the Messiah the Prince (Specifically the death of Christ at his first advent)

**62 weeks** – From the Death of Christ until the “time of the Gentiles” is complete.

\*\*\*Important note – There is a time gap between the 69<sup>th</sup> & 70<sup>th</sup> week. It's the church age which starts at Pentacost and continues until the Rapture. This was concealed in the OT and is why Paul referred to it as a “\_\_\_\_\_.”

That brings us to the \_\_\_\_\_ and final week of Daniels prophesy.

**1 – week - Dan 9:27.**

### **Chapter 10-12**

Seems to be a retelling of the \_\_\_\_\_ from previous chapters with more intricate details.