

Session 23: Daniel

Video:

- Overview: Daniel

Recommended Readings from the ESV Study Bible:

- Introduction to Daniel (pp. 1581–85)
- Hebrew and Aramaic, and How They Work (pp. 2595–98)

Handouts from The Bible Project:

- Daniel Overview Poster

Handouts from Dr. Parke:

- Book of Daniel - Slides from Dr. Parke's Teaching
- Apocalyptic Literature

Handouts from ESV Study Bible:

- Chart: Rulers During the Time of Daniel
- Chart: Explicit References to Dates in Daniel
- Diagram: The 70 Weeks of Daniel 9



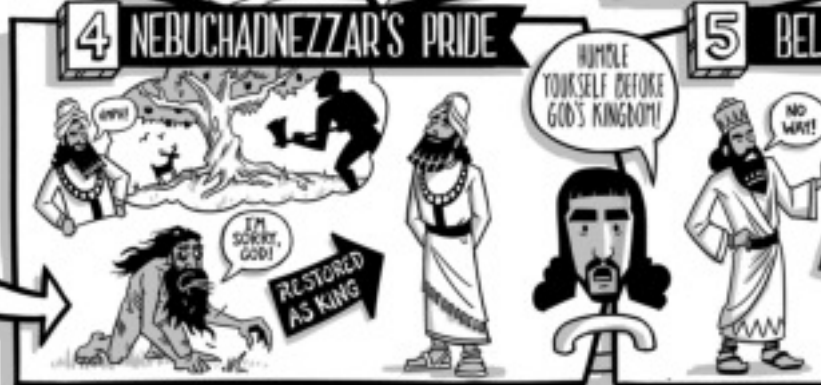
ch. 1-6
STORIES ABOUT DANIEL & HIS FRIENDS
VISIONS OF DANIEL
ch. 7-12

DAN

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES



IMAGERY FROM GENESIS 1-2 & PSALM 8
HUMANS:
THE ~~CREATED~~ IMAGE OF GOD
to rule on God's behalf
..... but
WHEN HUMANS REBEL & MAKE
THEMSELVES GOD, THEY BECOME
BEASTS



HEBREW

ARAMAIC

DANIEL

TESTS FAITHFULNESS

THE POINT OF DANIEL:
a Pattern & a Promise
 FOR ALL GENERATIONS

HUMAN BEINGS BECOME
BEASTS
 WHEN THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S KINGDOM.

GOD WILL ONE DAY CONFRONT THE
BEAST
 AND RESCUE HIS WORLD.

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DANIEL'S DREAM

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

A KING WHO EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD & PERSECUTES GOD'S PEOPLE

THE SON OF MAN
 AN ANGEL OF GODS
 GOVERNMENT PEOPLE & THEIR KING

8 DANIEL'S 2ND VISION

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

GREEK EMPIRE

THE EVIL KING:
 - ATTEMPTS JURISDICTION
 - EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD
 - DESTROYED BY GOD

9 DANIEL'S PRAYER

HOW LONG, O LORD?!

JEREMIAH 25:
 ISRAEL'S EXILE WILL LAST 70 YEARS

ISRAEL'S SIN HAS CONTINUED
 - EXILE & OPPRESSION WILL LAST SEVEN TIMES LONGER (490 YEARS??)

THE LION'S DEN

REFUSAL TO WORSHIP THE KING AS A GOD

DANIEL EXALTED

WHY DOES ALL THIS REFER TO?

1 EXPLOITS OF THE SYRIAN KING ANTIOCHUS IN THE 160s B.C.

2 ROMAN EMPIRE'S DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 70 A.D.

3 EVENTS YET TO HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS

IN A SENSE, THEY'RE ALL RIGHT

- THE BOOK OFFERS HOPE TO ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
- JESUS USED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE JERUSALEM'S LEADERS
- JOHN (AUTHOR OF REVELATION) ADAPTED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE ROME & ALL FUTURE EMPIRES

SHAZZAR'S PRIDE

MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN

ASSASSINATED

10-12 DANIEL'S 3RD VISION

GREECE

PERSIA

THE KING OF THE NORTH

...COULD BE TO RUIN

HEBREW

Book of Daniel

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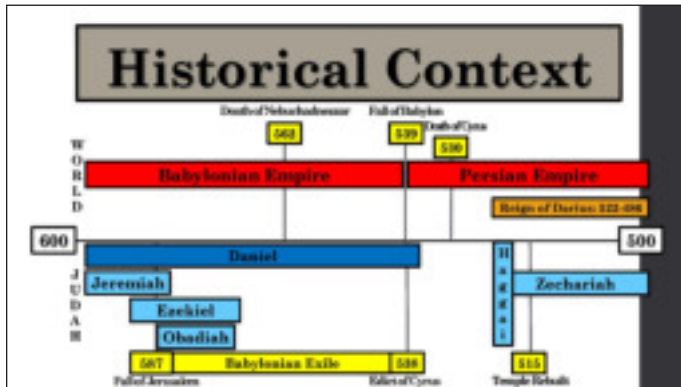
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Book of Daniel

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Biographical Data

? Family of Orientation
? Family of Procreation

"Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. . . . Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Michael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego." (1:3-4, 6-7)

According to Josephus, Daniel became a eunuch in Babylon. He was a member of King Zedekiah's family (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 10.10.1).

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Daniel's Ministry

	YEAR	RULER	ETHNICITY	DANIEL'S LIFE
1:1	606 BC	Nebuchadnezzar	Babylonian	taken to Babylon
2:1	563 BC	Nebuchadnezzar	Babylonian	interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream
5:1	553 BC	Belshazzar	Babylonian	receives a vision
8:1	548 BC	Belshazzar	Babylonian	receives a vision
5:1-30	539 BC	Belshazzar	Babylonian	interprets handwriting on the wall
5:31	539 BC	Darius	Mede	
9:1	539 BC	Darius	Mede	prays for his people
11:4	539 BC	Darius	Mede	discusses future conflicts
10:1	534 BC	Cyrus	Persian	receives a vision

 **Darius the Mede** is an interpretive dilemma. NO known historical record mentions a king named Darius who was a Mede. Three kings named Darius were Persians.


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Overview of the Book

Hebrew Bible
Daniel is not one of the Prophets (21). It is a Writing (13), the third division of the Old Testament canon, inserted between **Esther** and **Exra**.

Septuagint
Daniel is one of the prophetic books, inserted between two apocryphal works, **Susanna** and **Bel and the Dragon**, both of which are additions to Daniel.


Chapters 1-12	Daniel
Chapter 13	Susanna
Chapter 14	Bel and the Dragon



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Overview of the Book

Prophet?
The Hebrew noun נָבִיא, translated "prophesy," occurs once in the Book of Daniel (9:24).
Jesus referred to Daniel as a prophet (Mt. 24:15).

 Unlike the prophets, however, Daniel had NO hearers. We the readers are his audience.

The Hebrew noun עֲמֻנָה, translated "oracle" (i.e. "prophetic message"), occurs in every prophetic book except Jonah and Habakkuk. It NEVER occurs in the Book of Daniel.

Like the Apostle John (**Revelation**), Daniel received and interpreted visions.

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Overview of the Book

Chapters 1-6	Chapters 7-12
NARRATIVE	VISIONS
Point of View: 3rd Person	Point of View: 1st Person

Chapters 7-12 is **apocalyptic literature**, therefore compares to the Book of Revelation.

- *Elaborate Symbolism*
 - (a) numbers, (b) colors, and (c) animals
- *Two Ages*
 - (a) "this age" and (b) "age to come"
- *Expectation of an Imminent End of History*



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Scholarly Debate

Tradition	Modern Scholarship
Daniel, a Jewish exile in Babylon (6 th century BC), wrote the book. SEE 7:1 and 12:4. SEE Early Church Fathers (e.g. Jerome). According to the Talmud, the Men of the Great Assembly wrote the book. <i>Roba Retha Ale</i>	An unknown Jew (2 nd century BC), assuming the identity of Daniel (pseudonym), wrote the book. The book encourages its readers, but it predicts nothing, being written AFTER the fact. Chapters 1-6 are much older than chapters 7-12. Porphyry, a 3 rd century AD pagan philosopher, was the first person to question Daniel's authorship. <i>Against the Christians</i>

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Contents of the Book

First Half: Six Stories

- Chapter 1 Daniel's Moral Stance in a Pagan Land
- Chapter 2 Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's forgotten dream.
☺ * READ verses 1-12.
"striking" historical portrayal of God's Kingdom
- Chapter 3 Daniel's friends do NOT bow to Nebuchadnezzar's idol.
Where was Daniel?
- Chapter 4 Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
The king loses his sanity for "seven periods of time."
After which, he glorifies God. * READ verses 24-34.
- Chapter 5 Daniel interprets the handwriting on the wall.
- Chapter 6 Daniel in the Lion's Den



Apocalyptic Literature

The distinction between prophecy and apocalyptic is not “black and white” because apocalyptic derived from prophecy. Its message is a re-adaptation of the old prophetic message within a new situation.¹

Prophecy

not exclusively predictive or futuristic;
Prophecy is more forth telling (speaking God’s word) than foretelling. The prophets assessed the present and reflected upon the past; their predictions were based upon this assessment and reflection.

Prophets spoke openly.

Prophetic eschatology is rooted in history.
“Day of the Lord” was an event within time.

oral phenomena

Apocalyptic

exclusively predictive or futuristic

Apocalyptic is veiled/symbolic.
highly imaginative language
use of numbers

eschatological dualism--two aeons

1. present
2. age to come

Eschatological events were an in-breaking of God into history and an end of history.

literary phenomena

Additional Characteristics of Apocalyptic

1. secrets revealed long ago to certain chosen men
2. pseudepigraphical
3. heavens and earth destroyed and replaced
4. elect would reign in the new age
5. teachings were in the form of visions
6. pessimistic view of the present

¹D. S. Russell, The Jews from Alexander to Herod, 219ff. “Apocalyptic is the ‘child’ of prophecy.”

Rulers During the Time of Daniel

From the ESV Study Bible

Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar	605–562 B.C.
	Nabonidus	556–539
	Co-regent Belshazzar	550–539
Persia	Cyrus	539–530
	Darius I	522–486

Explicit References to Dates in Daniel

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Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar's 1st year	605 B.C.	ch. 1
	Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd year	604	ch. 2
	Nebuchadnezzar's reign	605–562	chs. 3–4
	Belshazzar's 1st year	550	ch. 7
	Belshazzar's 3rd year	548	ch. 8
	Belshazzar's last year	539	ch. 5
Persia	Cyrus's 3rd year	536	chs. 10–12
	Darius's 1st year	522	ch. 9
	Darius's reign	522–486	ch. 6

The 70 Weeks of Daniel 9

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