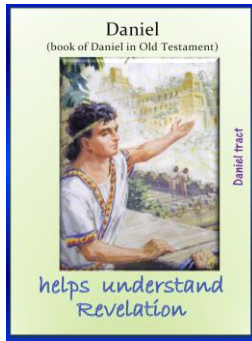


~ Daniel ~



The book of Daniel in the Old Testament is amazing (and well-worth studying), and is also essential for understanding the book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible. Daniel is like a “stepping stone” or preparation for Revelation, as Revelation has many symbols and Old Testament references (i.e. Rev. 2:20, 13:1-2, 20:8, for example)

(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

People who are ‘New Testament’ Christians only, will stumble at the book of Revelation and come up with bad interpretations as they have not been prepared for Revelation with Daniel and the Old Testament. This should be a good introduction to Daniel and point out some key things. ☺

- Lots of resources for Daniel including Bible text, audio & videos: www.1844paper.org/daniel
- Bible study for Daniel, *Focus on Daniel*: www.bibleschools.com/en

Daniel chapter 1

Daniel gives his heart to God and dedicates himself to God’s rules and principles:

(Daniel 1:8) But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Daniel and his friends took a vegetarian diet (and water only for beverage) which gave huge benefits with God & man (1:12-20).

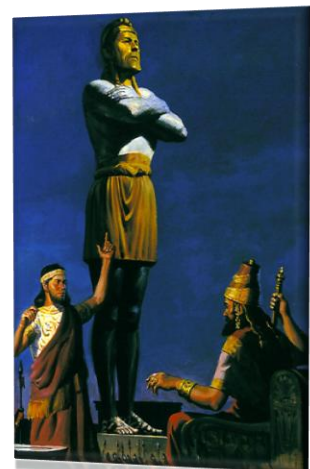
Daniel 2

The king of the world, the most powerful ruler at the time, Nebuchadnezzar, was given a dream but his ‘wise men’—the astrologers, pagans, and counselors of the realm—could not interpret it, but Daniel could after he prayed to the true God (2:1-19).

Daniel 2 shows the rise and fall of major world empires from Daniel’s time!

“you [Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylon] *are* this head of gold.”

(Daniel 2:38)



It's an amazing prediction of world rulers—history in advance—YOU MUST CHECK OUT DANIEL 2! ☺
What is the surprise ending in verse 44?

video (2 parts): <https://tinyurl.com/yylnr566>

Daniel 3

Is quite remarkable as this chapter is a large symbol of things that can happen in political systems—even worldwide. This Nebuchadnezzar sets up his own image—an idol and makes people worship it! ☹

(Daniel 3:6) “whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

Nebuchadnezzar the ruler is angry and manipulative and is using religion to influence politics or himself (his own power)! ☹ [Don't think this is too crazy as Roman Emperor Constantine may have done similarly with his “Sunday Law” of 321A.D. where politics and religion are blended. This is the non-separation of Church & State, which is when Religious powers use the government to influence any type of worship....] Yes, Nebuchadnezzar creates or supports a false religion. **(False or erroneous religion is any that violates the first 4 of the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20:2-11).** He makes “all people” (Dan. 3:4) do it via penalties or laws. There is so much symbolism or parallels in Daniel 3, it really is worth checking out and is a major chapter.

video (5 parts): <https://tinyurl.com/yxh7rtfq>



Daniel 4

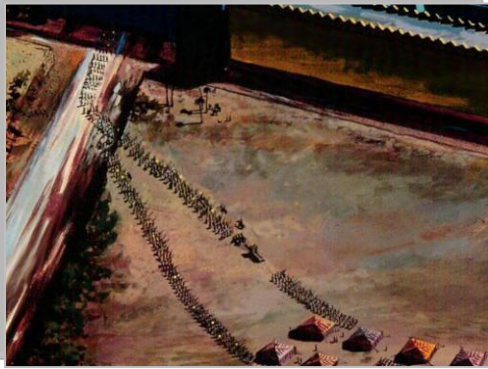
Stubborn king Nebuchadnezzar is still prideful and trying to do things “himself” without cooperating with God. He gets another dream, and again Daniel comes to help (Dan. 4:5,8)



(Daniel 4:27) Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by *being* righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to *the* poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

Nebuchadnezzar gets a ‘rude awakening’ in his selfishness—we all have it. But sometimes we get off-course in life. God loves us, even Nebuchadnezzar, and is trying to save us.

Daniel 5



Is fascinating as it deals with the fall of the literal, mighty Babylon empire—it's not around anymore today and the Bible gives insights. This is the chapter with the famous expression the "Writing on the Wall".

(Daniel 5:22) "But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this."

Disobeying the Lord doesn't always have good consequences--Check it out!

video (2 parts): <https://tinyurl.com/yyzzunr4>

Daniel 6

One of the more famous stories in Daniel—Daniel in the lion's den.

(Daniel 6:5) Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God."



It was another trick, a *setup* like Daniel 3. Daniel had enemies because they were haters or jealous—could that ever happen? But Daniel had a wonderful relationship with God (i.e. Dan. 6:10). Daniel is such a good example (6:22); we can learn much from him.

Daniel 7

Daniel now gets visions, prophecies, and here's a big clue to help us with Revelation:



(Daniel 7:17) 'Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth.' [also v.23]

The beasts are identified as nations—ruling powers on earth, but God comes in and 'saves the day':

(Daniel 7:22) until the Ancient of Days came, and a

judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Also in this chapter is the bad-boy, mischievous, blasphemous “little horn” power (sometimes known as the anti-Christ), which, closely reading the descriptions, causes a lot of trouble:

(Daniel 7:25) He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

Even trying to change laws, but God wins! (shocker!, 7:26-27)

video (3 parts): <https://tinyurl.com/y4afhm7e>

Daniel 8

Gets more complicated, but we can tackle it a piece at a time. Ultimately:

(Daniel 8:14) And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed."

The **cleansing of the sanctuary!** This is a **KEY TEXT**. Lots to study here.

Hint: you'll need the **day-for-a-year principle** (the *historicist* method of interpretation used by many Protestants, <https://amazingdiscoveries.org/read/articles/the-day-for-a-year-principle>) which converts 1 day into 1 year in Bible prophecy (as suggested by Numbers 14:34 & Ezekiel 4:5-6). Here is a much more thorough study on the day-for-a-year principle by Pastor Stephen Bohr called *20 Reasons for day-year principle* (Mediafire.com download at <https://tinyurl.com/yfxmud9s>). This technique is proven when the next chapter of Daniel 9's 70-week prophecy lands exactly on Jesus Christ (during His ministry). ☺

study:

www.amazingfacts.org/study/bible-study-guides/right-on-time-prophetic-appointments-revealed

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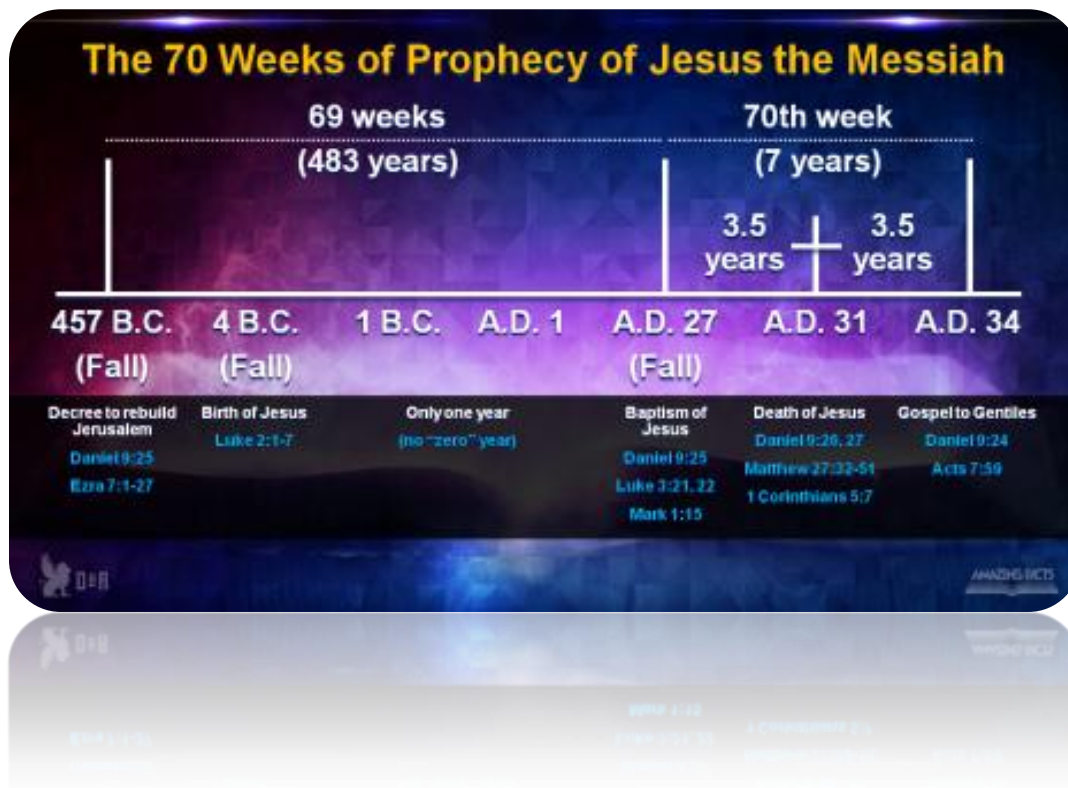
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Daniel 9

A famous or major prophecy here, the **70 Weeks** includes the Messiah Himself (Dan. 9:25-26). The previous study at Amazing Facts for Daniel 8 [previous page] will help explain this.

(Daniel 9:24) "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy."



Daniel 10

Daniel sees another vision (10:6) and coming up on a major prophecy (the next chapter).

Daniel 11

The hardest or most-detailed prophecy—not for beginners! Takes lots of practice, study, and experience with the Bible to try to grapple this.

(Daniel 11:3) Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. [It all starts from here....]

Daniel 12 (final chapter)

(Daniel 12:1) "At that time Michael shall stand up"

Jesus is Savior. Jesus is Lord. And He won't forget His people in their time of need, during crisis, in "time of trouble"—when the King rises from His throne, you bet He is going to do something! ☺

(Psalms 27:5) For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

(Psalms 37:39) But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the LORD; *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.

Another proof that we need the book of Daniel, which has prophecies, is that it is for the "time of the end":

(Daniel 12:9) And he said, "Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

This is just to get started with some key points, **please get into and study the book of Daniel!**

Again, look at the **Focus on Daniel** study (listed at top) or try the **Focus on Prophecy** [same link] which looks at both Daniel and Revelation. You won't be disappointed—you'll be blessed and informed! ☺

2 Peter 1:19-21 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; (20) knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, (21) for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

this Daniel tract free at www.1844paper.org/resources

This is the 'tip of the iceberg'—just getting started. There's so much more in Daniel!