

Daniel- God's Plan for the World and Especially His Own

The integrity of book of Daniel is second in controversy only to Genesis 1-11. Why? Mainly it is due to extremely accurate prophecy of events. What is known about the origin of this book?

	Conservative	Liberal
Date	6 th century BC- Babylonian captivity	2 nd century BC (after specific prophecies)
Author	Daniel in Babylon 605-535 BC	Someone using his name
Content	God's plan for nations until 2 nd coming	Events have already happened
Language	Aramaic (Ch 2-7) Heb (Ch 1, 8-12), Some Greek words (3).	Doubt Jews knew Greek in 600BC
Book Type	"Writings" as opposed to "Prophets" in Jewish canon (500 AD) but Daniel was called a prophet by Dead Sea Scrolls (150 BC) and Josephus in 90 AD. Words wise/wisdom are used 26 times.	

Dan 2:48

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men.

Jewish Name	Meaning	Babylonian Name	Meaning
Daniel	My Judge is El	Beltshazzar	May (a god) protect his life
Hananiah	Yahweh has shown Grace	Shadrach	The Command of Aku
Mishael	Who is What El is?	Meshach	Who is What Aku is?
Azariah	Yahweh has Helped	Abednego	Servant of Nego

Section 1	Common Themes	Section 2
<p>Chapter 1</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar places God's vessels in his idol's temple.</p> <p>Daniel and others refuse in pagan impurities.</p> <p>Court officials sympathetic.</p> <p>Daniel and his colleagues physical and mental powers vindicated.</p> <p>They are promoted to high office.</p>	<p>The end of one kingdom and the beginnings of another</p>	<p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Darius bans prayer to God for thirty days.</p> <p>Daniel refuses to cease practising the Jewish religion.</p> <p>Court officials intrigue against him.</p> <p>Daniel's political loyalty to the king vindicated.</p> <p>He is restored to high office.</p>
<p>Chapters 2-3</p> <p>A survey of the whole course of Gentile imperial power.</p> <p>Four empires in the form of a man.</p> <p>The fatal weakness: an incoherent mixture of iron and clay in the feet.</p> <p>The whole man destroyed by the stone cut out by divine power. The universal Messianic kingdom is set up.</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar thinks that "no</p>	<p>An overview of human history and the establishment of God's Kingdom</p>	<p>Chapter 7-8</p> <p>A survey of the whole course of Gentile imperial power.</p> <p>Four empires in the form of wild beasts.</p> <p>The hideous strength: a frightening mixture of animal destructiveness with human intelligence.</p> <p>The final beast destroyed and universal dominion given to the Son of Man.</p> <p>The little horn: "none can deliver out of his</p>
<p>god can deliver (the Jews) out of his hand".</p> <p>He commands them to worship his god.</p> <p>The Jews defy him.</p> <p>They are preserved in the fiery furnace.</p> <p>God's ability to deliver is thereby vindicated.</p>		<p>hand".</p> <p>He stops the Jews worship of their God, and defies God himself.</p> <p>God's sanctuary and truth are finally vindicated.</p>
<p>Chapter 4</p> <p>The glory of Babylon.</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar is warned that he deserves discipline.</p> <p>He persists in pride, is chastised, and his chastisement lasts for seven times.</p> <p>He is then restored.</p>	<p>God's Discipline and Human Pride</p>	<p>Chapter 9</p> <p>The desolations of Jerusalem: Israel's sins have brought on them the curse warned of in the OT.</p> <p>Jerusalem will be restored, but Israel's persistence in sin will bring on further desolations lasting to the end of 70 x 7 years.</p> <p>Then Jerusalem will be finally restored.</p>
<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Belshazzar makes a god of his pleasures, but still recognises the god of stone, etc.</p> <p>Belshazzar sacrilegiously drinks from the Temple vessels</p> <p>The writing on the wall.</p> <p>The end of Belshazzar and the end of the Babylonian empire.</p>	<p>The last and most evil king of the human kingdom</p>	<p>Chapter 10-12</p> <p>The king exalts himself above every god, and regards no god.</p> <p>Antiochus sets up the abomination of desolation in the sanctuary (11:31)</p> <p>The Writing of Truth.</p> <p>The series of apparent "ends" leading up to "the time of the end" and eventually to The End itself.</p>

Ezek 28:3 Are you wiser than Daniel? Is no secret hidden from you?

Ezek 14:12-14

12 The word of the LORD came to me: 13 "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals, 14 even if these three men-Noah, Daniel and Job-were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Matt 24:15

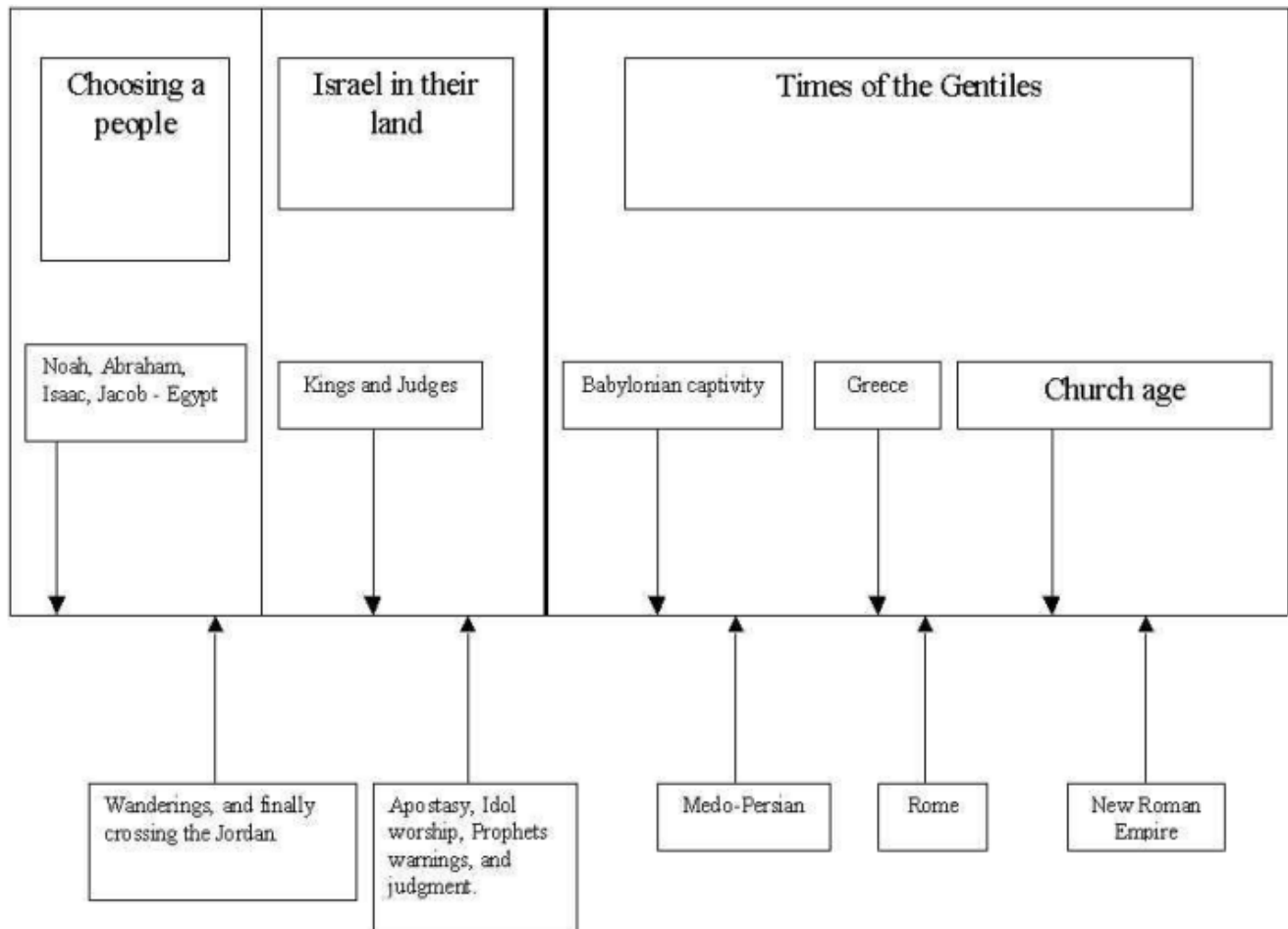
15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel-let the reader understand

Dan 7:13-14










13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Matt 26:64

64 "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."



Prophetic Overview of the Book of Daniel

Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Daniel 9	Daniel 11,12	
GOLD NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S BABYLON 626 B.C.	 Lion			626 B.C. BABYLON	
	 Bear	 Ram	DANIEL 9:24-27 49 years* 7 years 396 B.C. plus 62 weeks equals plus 434 years equals	445 B.C. DECREE OF ARTAXERXES 539 B.C. MEDO-PERSIA Daniel 11:2 4 Persian Kings	
	 Leopard	 Goat 1 Horn, 4 Horns, Small horn		plus 434 years equals plus 62 weeks equals 396 B.C.	331 B.C. GREECE Daniel 11:3 Alexander the Great Daniel 11:5-20 Kings of South/North Daniel 11:21-35 Small Horn (Antiochus Epiphanes)
	 Beast			MESSIAH THE PRINCE ENTERS JERUSALEM ON DONKEY LIKE 19:28-38 69 weeks 483 years	63 B.C. ROME Daniel 11:36-45 The opposing king Daniel 12:1-11 1290 days
	A.D.30(?) A.D.476	G A P O F T I M E			A.D.(?) IRON + CLAY
10 TOES REVIVED ROME CONFEDERACY	 10 Horns Little Horn Time, Times and a half a time		483 years + 7 years = 490 years 70th seven 9:27 3 1/2 years 3 1/2 years PRINCE MAKES COVENANT	A.D.(?) Daniel 11:36-45 The opposing king Daniel 12:1-11 1290 days	
Ancient of Days Comes KINGDOM OF GOD Daniel 2:44, 45 	Son and saints rule kingdom Daniel 7:22, 26, 27		*ONE WEEK EQUALS SEVEN YEARS	KINGDOM OF GOD Daniel 12:12, 13	