



Daniel The Power and Plan of YHWH

Daniel and His Friends in Exile (1:1-21)
605 B.C.
(1:1-7)
(1:8-16)
(1:17-21)

- Daniel and his friends' deportation to Babylon
- Daniel and his friends' devotion to God
- Daniel and his friends' duties in the royal court

Daniel Interprets the King's Dream (2:1-49)
603-602 B.C.
(2:1-3)
(2:4-13)
(2:14-45)
(2:46-49)

- King Nebuchadnezzar's dream troubles the king.
- King Nebuchadnezzar's dream perplexes his aides.
- King Nebuchadnezzar's dream is interpreted by Daniel.
- King Nebuchadnezzar honors God, Daniel and his friends.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Fiery Furnace (3:1-30)
(3:1-7)
(3:8-18)
(3:19-27)
(3:28-30)

- King Nebuchadnezzar orders everyone to worship his image.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship the image.
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are delivered from death by God.
- King Nebuchadnezzar honors God and promotes the faithful Judeans.

God Humbles Nebuchadnezzar (4:1-37)
583-575 B.C.
(4:1-3)
(4:4-18)
(4:19-27)
(4:28-33)
(4:34-37)

- King Nebuchadnezzar recognizes the power of God.
- King Nebuchadnezzar reveals his dream.
- King Nebuchadnezzar's dream interpreted by Daniel: The king will fall.
- King Nebuchadnezzar's dream is fulfilled: The king goes insane.
- King Nebuchadnezzar's honors God and is restored.

The End Comes for Babylon (5:1-31)
539 B.C.
(5:1-9)
(5:10-28)
(5:29-30)

- King Belshazzar's party and the "writing on the wall."
- King Belshazzar's vision is interpreted by Daniel: The kingdom will end.
- King Belshazzar honors Daniel and dies, ending the Babylonian kingdom.

Daniel in the Lion's Den (6:1-28)
537 B.C.
(6:1-3)
(6:4-9)
(6:10-15)
(6:16-24)
(6:25-28)

- Darius (a Median) promotes Daniel.
- The officials in the court plot to discredit Daniel.
- Daniel continues to worship God in the face of death.
- Daniel is delivered from death by the power of God.
- Darius honors God and Daniel is honored by Persian Rulers.



Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts (7:1-28)
553 B.C.
(7:1-14)
(7:15-28)

- Vision: Four beasts, little horn, and the Ancient of Days
- Interpretation: Four kingdoms, a dominant kingdom, God's victory

Daniel's Vision of the Ram and the Goat (8:1-27)
550 B.C.
(8:1-14)
(8:15-27)

- Vision: Powerful ram, powerful goat, and a horn that ends sacrifices
- Interpretation: Media/Persia, Greece, Alexander and Successors

Daniel's Vision of the "Seventy Weeks" (9:1-27)
538 B.C.
(9:1-19)
(9:20-27)

- Prayer: Daniel confesses the sins of the nation and asks God to deliver.
- Vision: Seventy periods of seven [7+62+1] will conclude history. (49 years until Temple is rebuilt • 476 years until Messiah comes • 7 final years)

Daniel's Vision of the End of Times (10:1-12:13)
536 B.C.
(10:1-11:1)
(11:2-12:4)
(12:5-13)

- Preparation: A messenger is sent to give Daniel a message from God
- Vision: The history of the Greek period and tribulation
- Interpretation: The specific details of the 70th week

1:1 1:21 2:1

STORIES OF YHWH'S POWER
God Reveals His Power in Babylon

6:28 7:1 **VISIONS OF YHWH'S PLAN**
God Reveals His Plan for the Future 12:13

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Four Kingdoms Deliverance Judged Ruler Judged Ruler Deliverance Four Kingdoms

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Daniel, the ideal Judean captive during the Babylonian, Median, and Persian dominance (605-532 B.C.), interpreted dreams and visions which revealed the history of the world as it related to Gentile nations, culminating in the victory of God through Messiah's first and second coming, in order to demonstrate God's sovereign control of nations, to remind the returnees of their great future, and to encourage them to be faithful, like Daniel, during turbulent times.