

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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Daniel

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Introduction to Daniel

- Title: "Daniel"
- Date: 605 B.C. (1:1) to 536 B.C. (10:1)

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Historical/Theological Themes

- Sovereignty of God over the Kingdoms of Man (2-11)
- Israel as a Remnant Subject to the Gentiles (1, 9)
- Progression of Gentile Kingdoms (2, 7)
- Pride of Gentile Kings (2-5; 7-8; 11)
- Ultimate Establishment of God's Kingdom (2, 7, 12)

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Purpose/Structure

Purpose: The sweep of human history during Gentile domination until the establishment of God's Kingdom upon the earth is presented

Literary Structure

- I. Chpt 1–In Hebrew: The Godly Remnant of Israel
- II. 2:1–chpt 7–In Aramaic–The Prophetic Course of Gentile Dominion
- III. 8:1ff–In Hebrew–The Prophetic Course of Israel during Gentile Dominion

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Daniel 2, 7, 8

Chpt 2	Nations	Chpt 7	Chpt 8
Head of Gold	Babylon	Lion	---
Breast & Arms of Silver	Medo-Persia	Bear	Ram
Belly & Thighs of Bronze	Greece	Leopard	Goat
Legs of Iron	Rome	Dreadful beast with Iron Teeth	---
Feet of Iron & Clay	Revived Rome	Ten Horns	

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Interpretive Issues

- Was Nebuchadnezzar saved—converted to full worship of YHWH alone?
- Identity of the Little Horn (7:8, 20 - 26; 8:9 - 14; 23 - 26)
 - Antiochus Epiphanes only?
 - AntiChrist (chpt 7) prefigured by Antiochus Epiphanes (chpt 8)

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Interpretive Issues

- What are the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27?

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