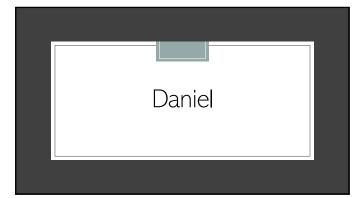


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Introduction to Daniel

Title

- ✓ Hebrew = Daniēl (דְּנֵיאל; "Daniel: God is my judge")
- ✓ Greek = Daniel (ΔΑΝΙΗΛ; "Daniel")

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Introduction to Daniel	
WHO—Authorship ✓ Daniel	
WHO—Audience	
✓ Israel in exile and the nations around them	
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Introduction to Daniel	
WHEN	-
✓ Daniel was taken to Babylon in 605 BC	
 ✓ Latest date mentioned is 536 BC (10:1). ✓ Daniel's age was probably mid-80's or early 90's of age during his 	
last days of prophecy. ✓ Spans from Babylon's first exile of Israel (605 BC) through the reign	
of the Medo-Persian empire	
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Introduction to Daniel	
WHEN—Chronology Chapter 5—Writing on the Wall	
✓ Chapter 1—Daniel Taken into Exile ✓ Chapter 9—Daniel's Prayer and 70 Weeks	
(Rock destroys it) Chapter 10—Angel explains battle with Prince of Persia Chapter 3—Fiery Furnace Chapter 11 Northern and	
(Nebuchadnezzar is humbled) (Nebuchadnezzar is humbled) Southern Kings Battle, leading to Antiochus IV Epiphanes	
and the Son of Man ✓ Chapter 8—Vision of Ram and	
Goat	

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WHERE

- ✓ Babylonian Province (cf. 2:48), the citadel of Susa, one of the capitals
 of Medo-Persia (8:2), and the Tigris River (10:4).
- \checkmark Israel is in exile wondering if Babylon is in control now
- ✓ Unique focus on God's authority over nations

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WHY

To instruct Israel and all nations that though Israel resides in exile now, their God, Yahweh, reigns, not only over Israel, but over all nations and kings, and one day His Kingdom will be given to a Man who is equal with God and will subdue every nation, every person, and all creation under His authority.

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HOW—Terminology

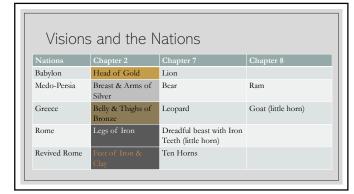
- ✓ Authority (Dominion, Rule; 2:38, 39, 48; 3:27; 4:3, 22, 34; 5:7, 16; 6:24, 26; 7:6, 12, 14, 26, 27; 11:5)
- King (Kingdom; 1:1 (2x), 2, 3, 4, 5 (3x), 8, 10 (2x), 13, 15, 18, 19 (2x), 20 (2x), 21; 2:1, 2 (3x), 3, 4 (2x), 5, 7, 8, 10 (3x), 11 (2x), 12, 14, 15 (2x), 16 (2x), 21 (2x), 23, 24 (3x), 25 (2x), 26, 27 (3x), 28, 29, 30, 31, 36, 37 (4x), 39 (2x), 40, 41, 42, 44 (4x), 45, 46, 47 (2x), 48, 49 (2x); 3:1; etc.)
- ✓ Gold (2:32, 35, 38, 45; 3:1, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 18; 5:2, 3, 4, 7, 16, 23, 29; 11:8, 38, 43)

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HOW—Themes

- ✓ Sovereignty of God over the Kingdoms of Man (chapters 2–11)
- ✓ Israel as a Remnant Subject to the Gentiles (chapters 1, 9)
- ✓ Progression of Gentile Kingdoms (chapters 2, 7)
- ✓ Pride of Gentile Kings (chapters 2–5; 7–8; 11)
- ✓ Ultimate Establishment of God's Kingdom (2, 7, 12)
- ✓ Son of God (3:25) and Son of Man (7:13)
- ✓ Hebrew-Aramaic Interplay

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HOW—Themes

- ✓ The Little Horn (7:8, 20–26; 8:9–14, 23–26)
- ✓ Daniel's 70 Weeks

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HOW—Literary Structure	
✓ God's Authority Portrayed (1:1 – 6:28) ❖ God Protects and Rules—Statuc Dream (1:1 – 2:49) ❖ Nebuchadruczzar Defies God (3:1–30) ❖ Nebuchadruczzar's Prayer of Repentance (4:1–37)	
◆ Belshazzar Defies God (5:1–30) ◆ God Protects and Overrules—Lion's Den (5:31 – 6:28)	
✓ God's Authority Promised (7:1 – 12:13) ❖ God's Authority over All Nations (7:1–28) ❖ International Opposition to God's Authority—Persia & Greece (8:1–27) ❖ Daniel's Prayer of Repentance (9:1–27)	
♦ International Opposition to God's Authority—North & South (10:1 – 11:45) ♦ God's Authority over His People (12:1–13)	
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