

# Daniel

## 1 – Daniel 1—Four Jewish Captives

Why was Judah exiled to Babylon? How did God prepare these 4 Jewish captives for the accomplishment His plan? (What was / is His plan?) How would Daniel and the others “defile” themselves? (They were prisoners of war!) From the start, how do we see God’s hand in all of this? Why don’t we see God’s hand in our lives sometimes?

## 2 – Daniel 2:1-13—Troubling Dream

(Note how many dreams there will be as we read this book...) Why didn’t Nebuchadnezzar tell his dream? How can you know if a dream has been interpreted correctly? (Note v.10-11) What if Daniel and his friends were killed?

## 3 – Daniel 2:14-23—Mystery Revealed

What wisdom did Daniel show? (Note when the Jewish names are used and when the Babylonian names are used!) How was the “mystery revealed” to Daniel? How did Daniel know this? Who heard Daniel’s “hymn” of praise (v.20-23)?

## 4 – Daniel 2:24-35—The Dream Revealed

What bold confession did Daniel pronounce to the king? Who is “the revealer of mysteries”? (v.29 and v.19!) What “mysteries” has God revealed to us? How has He revealed them to us? How does v.35 point to / and fulfilled in Jesus? (see also [Matthew 21:44](#))

## 5 – Daniel 2:36-45—The Interpretation

Who are the “we will interpret”? Again, what is Daniel’s bold confession? (v.37-38) What does Daniel tell about the final kingdom? What is that “final kingdom” the “endures forever”? When would it “come”?

## 6 – Daniel 2:46-49—Promotions

What is the irony of these verses? What kind of confession did Nebuchadnezzar make? Why would Daniel be placed in charge of all the wise men? How grateful do you think these wise men were for Daniel having saved their lives? Note the similarities with the story of Joseph ([Genesis 41:41-43](#))

## 7 – Daniel 3:1-7—Image Of Gold

Why did Nebuchadnezzar make this image of gold? Was it partly because of the dream? Why the seven classifications of government officials? What was the purpose of the threat of the fiery furnace?

## 8 – Daniel 3:8-15—Open Rebellion

Why did some of the astrologers “tattle” on the Jews? Did Nebuchadnezzar remember the interpretation of his dream and Daniel’s request? What significant challenge did Nebuchadnezzar set before them? (What a short memory!)

## 9 – Daniel 3:16-27—Our God Is Able

What powerful confession did the 3 Jews boldly deliver? How did they know that God was able to save them and rescue them from Nebuchadnezzar’s hand? Did they know they would not die in the furnace? If so, how would they have known this? Why DID die from the furnace? What was the only thing that burned on the 3 men? Who was the 4th man? Once again, was confession did Nebuchadnezzar make? (v.26)

## 10 – Daniel 3:28-30—A 2nd Proclamation

What is so “telling” again in Nebuchadnezzar’s response? (Whose “God”?) How is this still true today as people make public confessions?

## 11 – Daniel 4:1-18—A 2nd Troubling Dream

What kind of confession does Nebuchadnezzar make in these verses? Does he finally believe? Why did he tell his dream this time? Who was “a messenger, a holy one, coming down from heaven”? What was the message?

## **12 – Daniel 4:19-27—A Troubling Interpretation**

How did Daniel know the interpretation of this dream? Why was Daniel troubled? What hope did Daniel give in the interpretation? What advice did he also give to the king?

## **13 – Daniel 4:28-37—The Fulfillment**

How long before the fulfillment? How did “pride come before a fall”? Most importantly - who has the “final word”? Nebuchadnezzar was insane for “7 times” and then restored - for what reason? What confession did Nebuchadnezzar make this time? Was it the same as before or different?

## **14 – Daniel 5:1-12—Writing On The Wall!**

Who was Belshazzar? How was he “like father, like son”? Not a dream this time - why not? How was this similar to Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams? How was it different? Why was it the queen that pointed out Daniel? What does this tell us about Daniel’s relationship with Belshazzar?

## **15 – Daniel 5:13-31—Daniel Summoned**

What confession did Daniel make? Why did Daniel start with the history of Nebuchadnezzar? What warning was also involved? “Be not deceived, God is not mocked!” ([Galatians 6:7](#)) What is the meaning of the writing on the wall? (What should be written on our walls? - [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#))

## **16 – Daniel 6:1-12—Another Open Rebellion**

How was God working through Daniel? Why does evil always seek to silence the good? What was the only way that Daniel could be “accused”? (see [1 Peter 2:11-12](#)) Why didn’t Daniel change his public habit when he knew the consequences? What does this teach us?

## **17 – Daniel 6:13-24—The Rescue**

How was the accusation right? Wrong? The king couldn’t save him - only God! ([Psalms 118:9](#)) What did the king know about Daniel? What do people know about us today? Was Darius a believer?

## **18 – Daniel 6:25-28—Darius’ Proclamation**

What is the irony of this decree? (compare to v.12) Note the difference between knowing about the true God and calling Him, “my God”!

## **19 – Daniel 7:1-7—Four Beasts**

[Note, these chapters are not chronological, this probably preceded Ch. 5] The Biblical number 4 is about the earth (North, South, East, West)? This was a nightmare! The Biblical number 10 is often about completeness (see [Daniel 1:12](#))

## **20 – Daniel 7:8-14—Another Horn / Symbol Of Power!**

How does this “little horn” compare to the others? Who is “the Ancient of Days”? Who is “one like a son of man”? What happened to the beasts? What great contrast is in v.14?

## **21 – Daniel 7:15-28—The Interpretation**

What are the two groups being represented in Daniel’s dream? What can be expected? (Note: “a time, times and half a time” is half of 7 - the number of completeness - so what is the good news about this “time, times and 1/2”?)

## **22 – Daniel 8:1-8—Vision Of Ram And Goat**

2 years after Ch. 7 - Remember the symbolism of “horns” / power. The ram represented the Medo-Persian empire (longer horn - Persia) and the goat represented Greece and Alexander the Great! What does God reveal to Daniel?

## **23 – Daniel 8:9-14—Another Horn!**

How powerful does this horn become? What happened to the sanctuary? What was the importance of the sanctuary and the sacrifices? What is the promise?

## **24 – Daniel 8:15-27—The Interpretation**

Note: Gabriel - also [Daniel 9:21](#) and then [Luke 1:19](#)... What is Gabriel’s role? What does Gabriel call Daniel? Why? (remember reading Ezekiel?) With v.25 note: Antiochus died through illness or accident, not killed by another man. Yes, “the vision was beyond understanding”!

## **25 – Daniel 9:1-19—Daniel’s Prayer**

What Scriptures did Daniel have access to? What is the message of Daniel’s prayer? How does this compare to our prayers? What requests did he make? Why did he dare to make these requests?

## **26 – Daniel 9:20-27—The 70 Sevens**

How soon does God answer prayer? How is this an unusual answer to prayer? How does God give us “insight and understanding”? Who is “the Anointed One Who will be cut off and will have nothing”? How do you know? How did He “put an end to sacrifice and offering”?

## **27 – Daniel 10:1-11:1—Daniel’s Troubling Vision**

What caused Daniel such terror? Why “a man dressed in linen with a belt of the finest gold around his waist”? (see [Leviticus 16:3-4](#)) How was Daniel “highly esteemed”? What do we learn about heavenly warfare?

## **28 – Daniel 11:2-35—Kings Of The South & North**

See footnotes for historic fulfillment of these prophecies that God gave to Daniel. Why is God revealing this to Daniel? Note the repetition of “at the appointed time” - how are these words comforting?

## **29 – Daniel 11:36-45—The King Who Exalts Himself**

How is this “king” described? Some have suggested this is a description of “Anti-Christ”. Would you agree or disagree? Why?

## **30 – Daniel 12:1-13—The End Times**

(2 angels in Daniel, Gabriel and Michael) What are the duties of each of them? What does this teach us about “the end times”? How are these verses an encouragement to remain faithful until the end?

## **31 – Daniel 9:4-19—Prayer For All Time**

Finish up this month by reading Daniel again with His mighty prayer.