



Daniel

In God I Trust

Lesson 01

Introduction

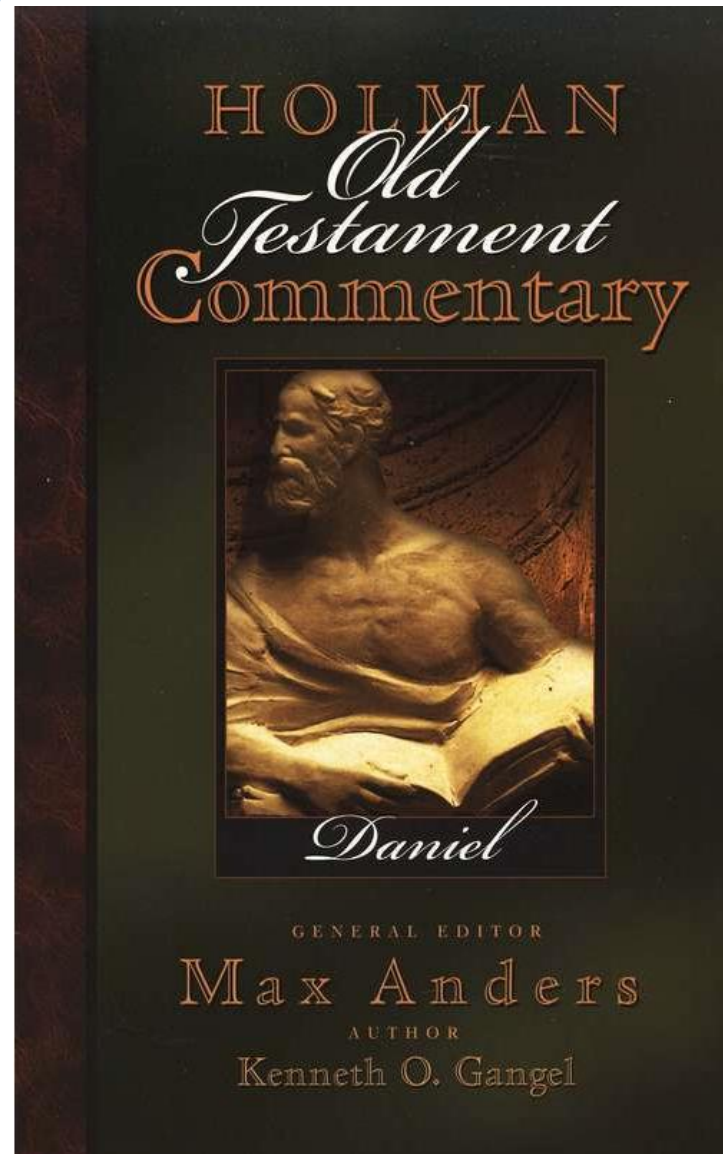
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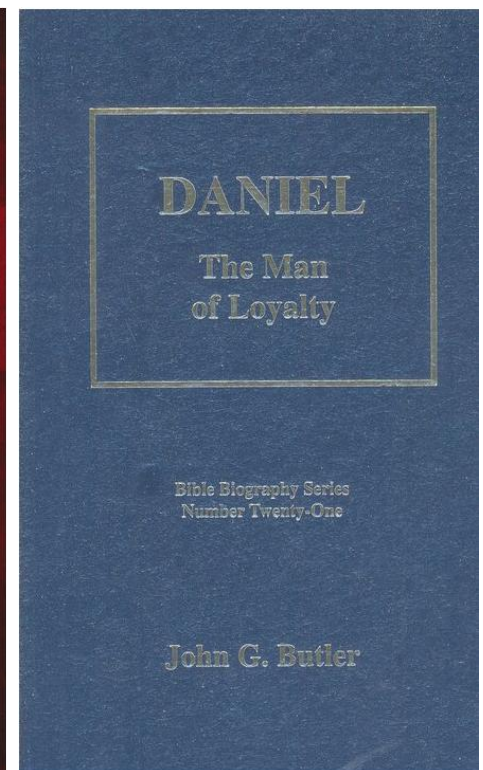
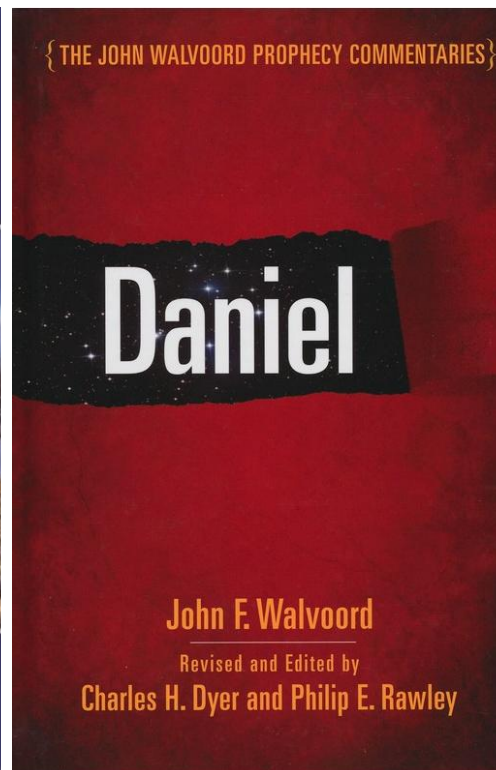
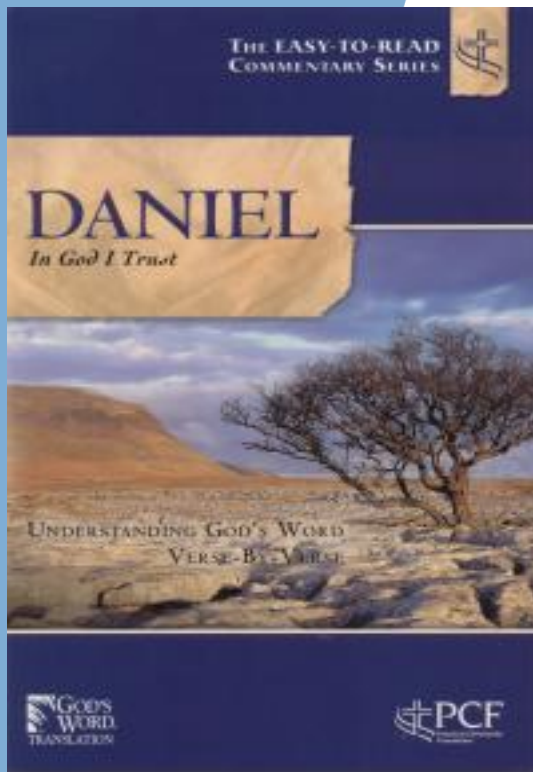


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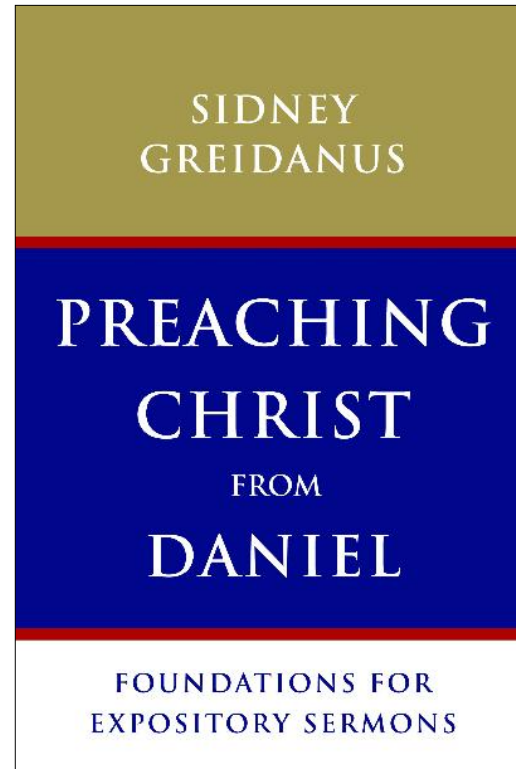
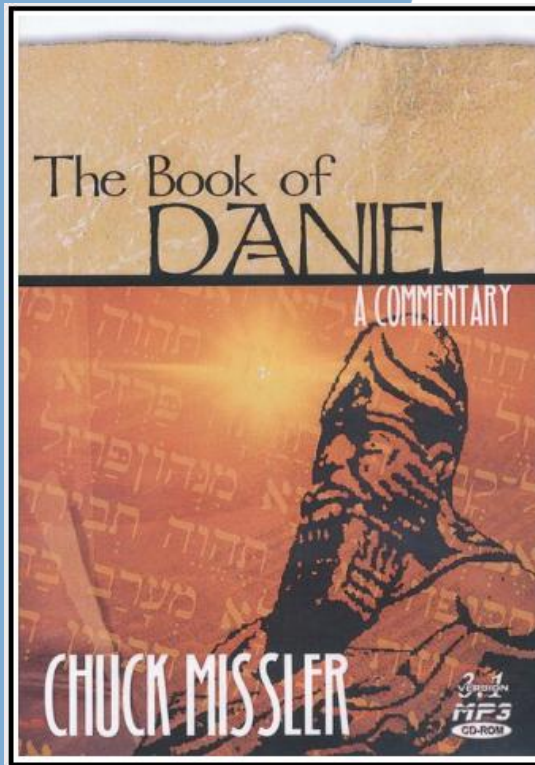


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This weeks lesson.



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Lesson 01 - Outline



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[Book of Daniel]

- **Book Overview...** [Daniel]
- **Historical Context...** [Daniel]
- **Approach ...** [Inductive Bible Study]

Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.



Introduction

Book Overview

Daniel



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Book Overview - Basics



BOOK OF DANIEL

AUTHOR: THE PROPHET DANIEL – *“GOD IS MY JUDGE”*

THEME: GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY IN HISTORY

DATE: APPROXIMATELY 536-530 B.C.

CONTENT: BLEND OF AUTOBIOGRAPHY, HISTORY, & PROPHECY

WORLD HISTORY
FORETOLD

Head of Gold
BABYLON
B.C. 605-539

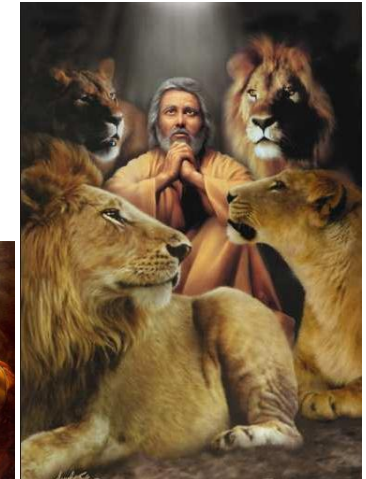
Breast of Silver
PERSIA
B.C. 539-331

Thighs of Brass
GREECE
B.C. 331-168

Legs of Iron
ROME
B.C. 168 - A.D. 476

Feet of Iron and Clay
REVIVED ROMAN
EMPIRE
A.D. 476 - 2nd Advent
The European Union

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
Daniel 2:31-45

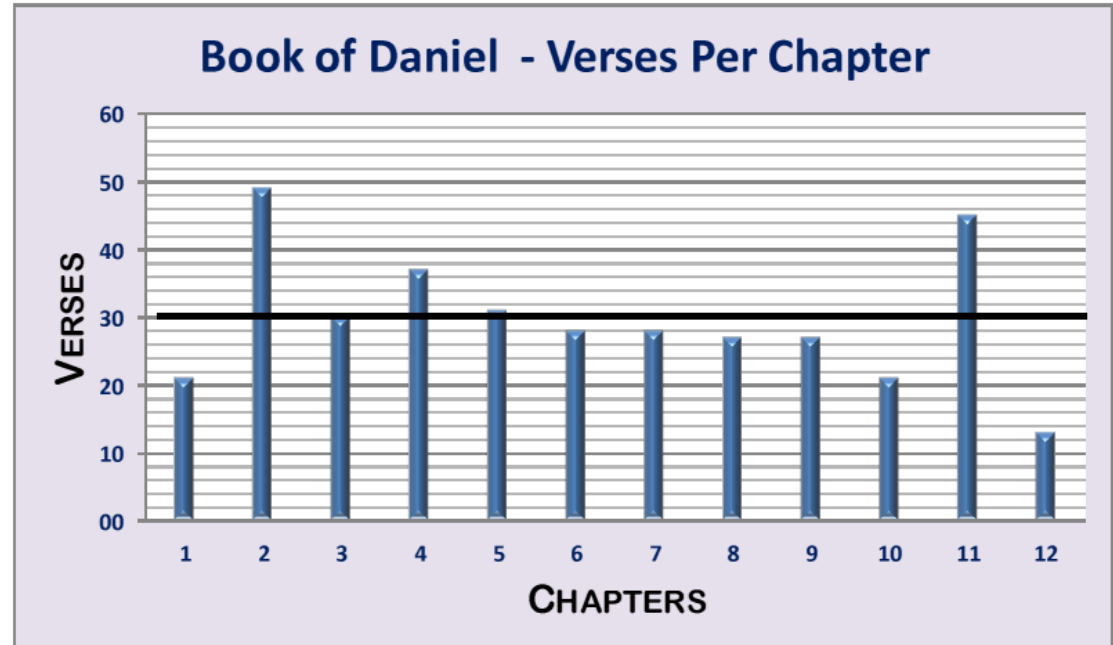


Book Overview - Metrics



■ By the Numbers

Book of Daniel Metrics		
Chapter	Verses	NKJV Sections
01	21	01
02	49	04
03	30	04
04	37	04
05	31	03
06	28	04
07	28	03
08	27	02
09	27	02
10	21	02
11	45	03
12	13	01
12	357	33
30	Average Verses per Chapter	

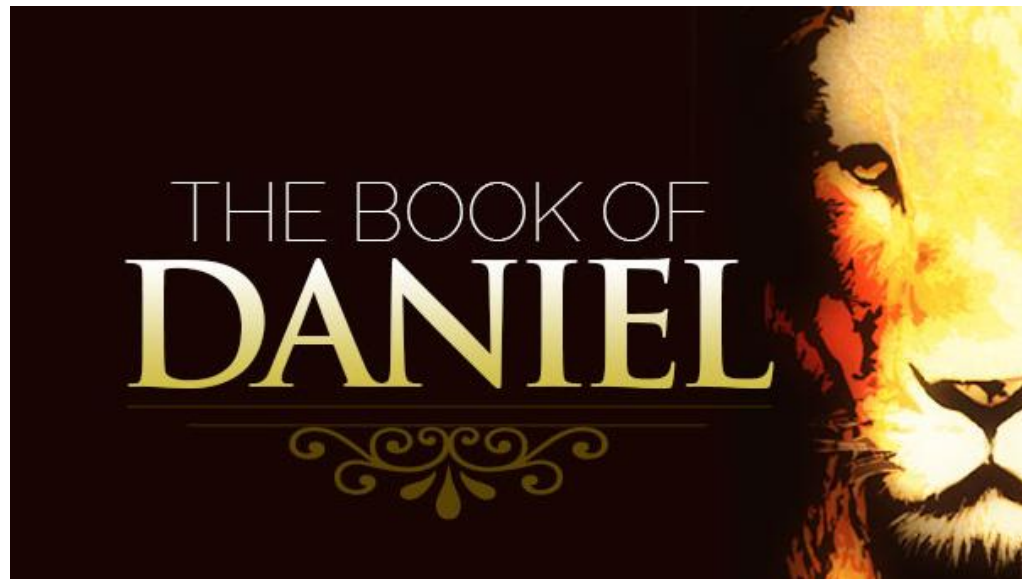


Book Overview - Structure



■ By Chapters

Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrews	Aramaic						Hebrews				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHETIC					



Book Overview - Structure



■ By Chapter Chronological Order

Book of Daniel									
01 606 BC	02 602 BC	03 580 BC	04 570 BC			05 539 BC	06 538 BC		
				07 556 BC	08 554 BC		09 538 BC	10 536 BC	11 534 BC
									12 534 BC

Book Overview - Chapter Focus



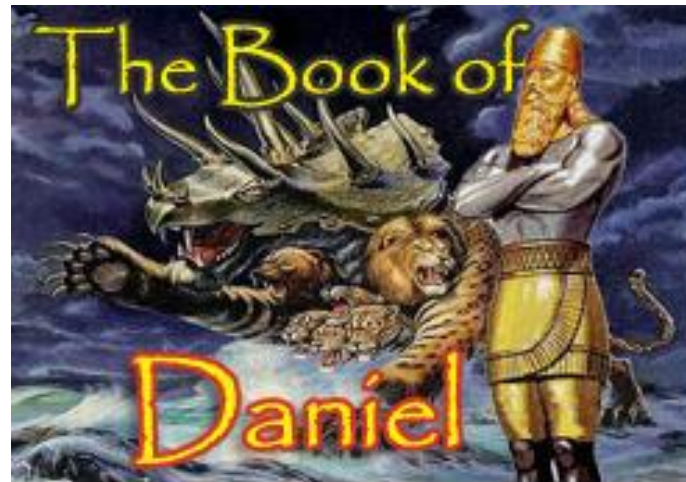
■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.

Book Overview - Daniel Facts



- Daniel
 - Name means “God is my Judge”
 - Referred to as “Greatly Beloved”
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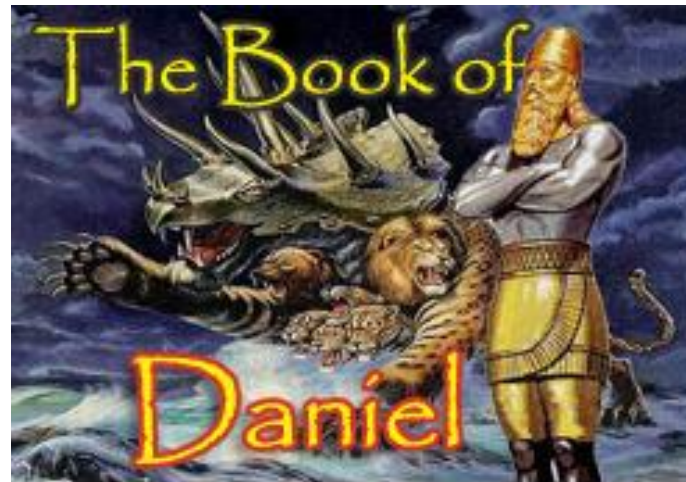
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²³ At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:



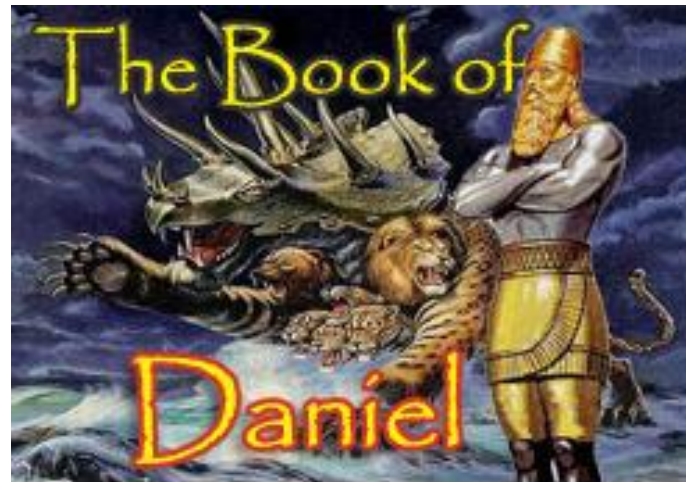
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11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.



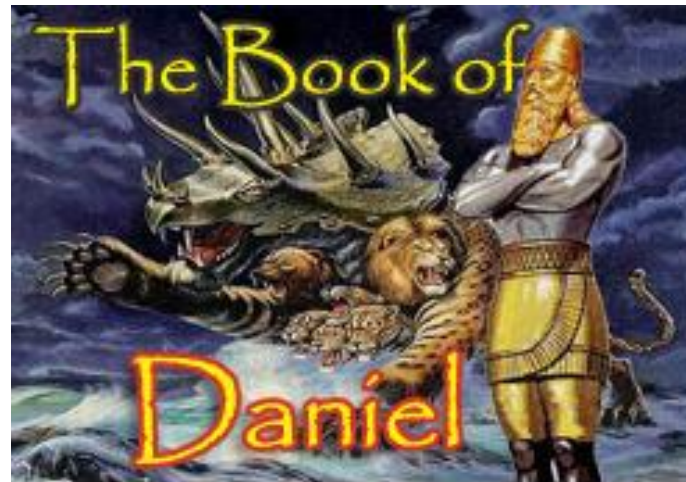
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19 And he said, “O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace *be* to you; be strong, yes, be strong!” So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”



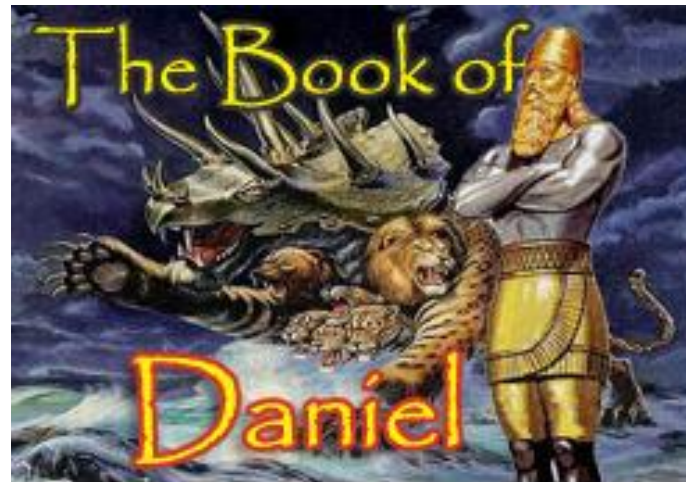
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33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

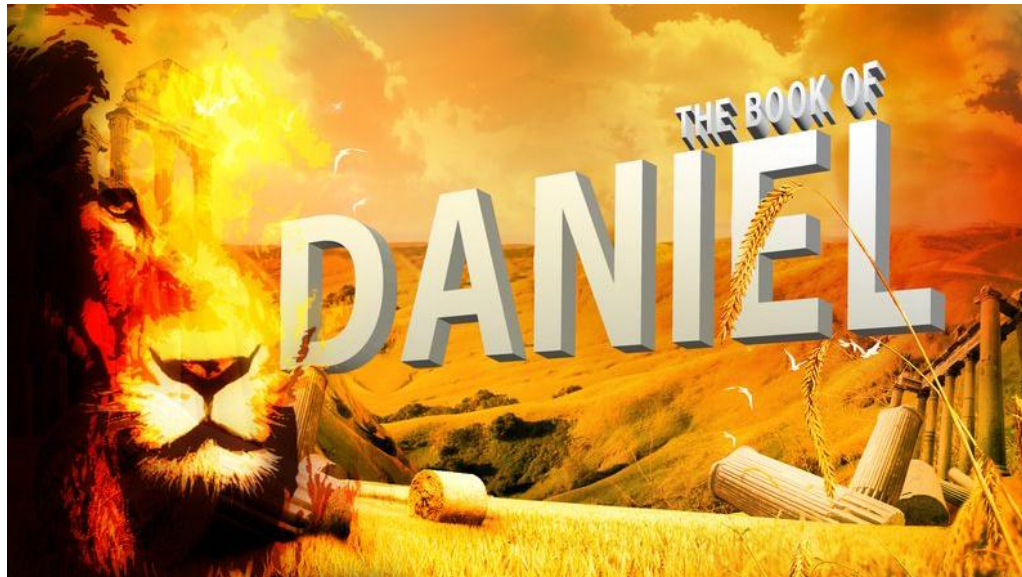


Book Overview - Daniel Facts



■ Daniel

- Book of Daniel Quoted Three Times by Jesus
 - ✓ “Daniel the Prophet”
- Book of Daniel Quoted Three Times by Ezekiel
 - ✓ Ezekiel 14:14, Ezekiel 14:20, Ezekiel 28:3



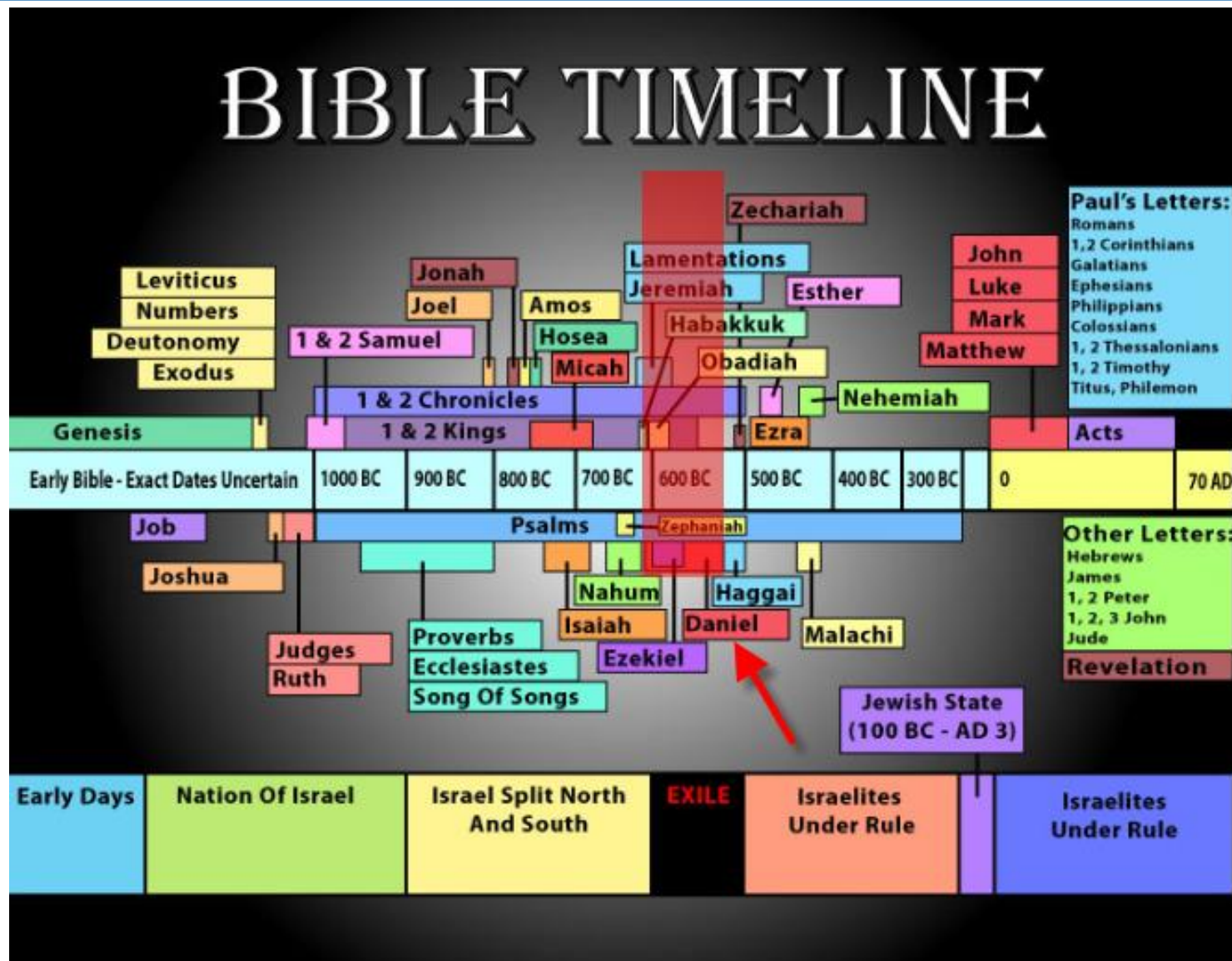
Book Overview - Book of Daniel



- Deal with Four Major World Empires
 - Babylonia ... 625-539 BC --- [86 years]
 - Media-Persia ... 539-331 BC --- [208 years]
 - Greece (*especially Egypt & Syria*) ... 331-63 BC [268 years]
 - Rome ... 63 BC-476 AD [539 years]



Bible Timeline - Book of Daniel





Introduction

Historical Context

Daniel

Lesson 01 - Outline



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Historical Context - Babylonian Empire



Historical Context - Media-Persia Empire



Historical Context - Greek Empire



Historical Context - Roman Empire



Historical Context - City of Babylon



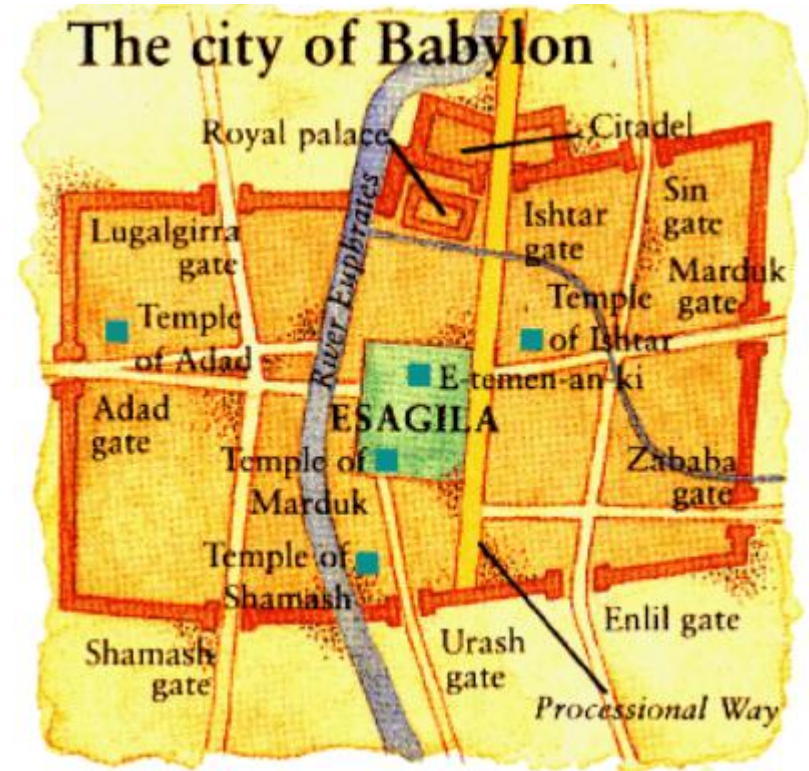
- In its Heyday, Babylon was the Greatest City in the World

- City's Wall

- Sixty Miles - Circumference
 - ✓ Fifteen Miles on Each Side
- Three Hundred Feet High
- Eighty Feet Thick
- Thirty-Five Feet Below the Ground
 - ✓ Prevent Enemies from Tunneling
- Over Two Hundred Towers
- Over One Hundred Brass Gates

- Waters of Euphrates

- Flowed through the City
- Provided Water for the City's Moat
 - ✓ Moat ran along the City Wall



Historical Context - City of Babylon



Historical Context - Nabopolassar & Necho II



- Nabopolassar - King of Babylon
 - Father of Nebuchadnezzar
 - Led Revolt against Assyrians
 - Established Babylonian Empire - 625 BC

- Necho II - Pharaoh of Egypt
 - Invades Palestine - 609 BC
 - Fought King Josiah (Israel) at Megiddo - 608 BC
 - ✓ King Josiah Killed (2 Chronicles 35:20-24)
 - ✓ Necho II returns to Egypt Victoriously
 - ✓ Egyptian Territory Extended to Euphrates River (2 Kings 23:29-30)

2 Chronicles 35:20-24 - King Josiah Killed



²⁰ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him. ²¹ But he sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? *I have not come* against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain *from meddling with God*, who *is* with me, lest He destroy you." ²² Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of God. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

²³ And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded." ²⁴ His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in *one of* the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.



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²⁹ In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went to the aid of the king of Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King Josiah went against him. And *Pharaoh Necho* killed him at Megiddo when he confronted him. ³⁰ Then his servants moved his body in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

Historical Context - Nebuchadnezzar



■ Nebuchadnezzar - General

- Oldest Son of Nabopolassar King of Babylon
- Nabopolassar Sent Son to Fight Necho II (Egyptian Army) - 605 BC
- Bloody Battle at Carchemish (Jeremiah 46:1-2)
 - ✓ Drove Egyptians back to Egypt

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations. ² Against Egypt.

Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

Battle of Carchemish



Background

When the [Assyrian](#) capital [Nineveh](#) was overrun by the Babylonians in 612 BC, the Assyrians moved their capital to [Harran](#). When Harran was captured by the Babylonians in 610 BC, the capital was once again moved, this time to Carchemish, on the [Euphrates](#) river. Egypt was allied with the Assyrian king [Ashur-uballit II](#), and marched in 609 BC to his aid against the Babylonians.

The Egyptian army of Pharaoh [Necho II](#) was delayed at [Megiddo](#) by the forces of King [Josiah](#) of [Judah](#). Josiah was killed and his army was defeated. The dead body of Josiah was delivered to Jerusalem immediately and buried according to the customs of Judah's kings, near the grave of King [David](#).

Battle

The Egyptians met the full might of the Babylonian army led by [Nebuchadrezzar II](#) at Carchemish where the combined Egyptian and Assyrian forces were soundly destroyed. Assyria ceased to exist as an independent power, and Egypt retreated and was no longer a significant force in the [Ancient Near East](#). Babylonia reached its economic peak after 605 BC.

Battle of Carchemish	
Part of the Egyptian-Babylonian wars	
Date	c. 605 BC
Location	Carchemish
Result	Decisive Babylonian victory. End of Egyptian intervention in near east
Belligerents	
Egypt part of the army of the former Assyria	Babylonia
Commanders and leaders	
Necho II	Nebuchadnezzar II

Historical Context - Nebuchadnezzar



- Nebuchadnezzar - King of Babylon ... 605 - 562 BC
 - Nabopolassar died August 605 BC
 - Nebuchadnezzar returns from Carchemish to ascend the throne
 - Judah Subjected
 - ✓ Judah rendered tribute to Nebuchadnezzar for Three Years
 - ✓ Then Revolts (2 Kings 24:1-2)

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his vassal *for three years*. Then he turned and rebelled against him.
² And the LORD sent against him *raiding* bands of Chaldeans, bands of Syrians, bands of Moabites, and bands of the people of Ammon; He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken by His servants the prophets.

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 - Nebuchadnezzar Suppresses the Revolt
 - ✓ Defeats Jehoiakim - King of Judah ... Son of Josiah
 - Nebuchadnezzar returns to Babylon
 - ✓ Disperses Jewish Captives to different parts of the Empire
 - ✓ Obtains slave labor to construct numerous projects
 - Great Wall of Babylon
 - Hanging Gardens - One of the Seven Wonders of the World
 - ✓ Teenager when Deported from Judah to Babylon - 1st Siege ... 605 BC

Hanging Gardens of Babylon





Siege #1

- 1st Siege of Jerusalem: Jehoikim released as a vassal; Temple plundered (for museum); hostages (Daniel et al.) taken. This begins 70-year “Servitude of the Nation” *to the day*.



Siege #2

- Jehoikim ignores Jeremiah's counsel and rebels. A 5-year battle; Jehoikim dies (Jer 22:17-19). His son, Jehiachin ("Jeconiah"), reigns until the siege is over (Jer 22:24-30). [Blood curse now on royal line? Jer 22:30.]
- Jeconiah is captured along with 10,000 captives, including Ezekiel (Ezek 1:1-3; 2 Kgs 24:8-20; 2 Chr 36:6-10), 1000 skilled artisans; etc. (2 Kgs 24:1-4). Zedekiah, his uncle, installed as vassal at Jerusalem.
- Jeremiah and Ezekiel warn against rebellion but false prophets again prevail...



Siege #3

- 587 B.C.: Zedekiah ignores Jeremiah's and Ezekiel's warnings and yields to false prophets and rebels (Jer 32:5, 39:6,7; Ezek 12:13; 2 Kgs 25:1-7).
- 3rd Siege results in the destruction of the Temple and the city: this begins 70-year "Desolations of Jerusalem" (2 Kgs 24:17-20; 25:1-21). Though also 70 years it is not coterminous with "Servitude."

Historical Context- Sieges of Jerusalem



My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

Ezekiel 12:13

Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

Jeremiah 39:6,7

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Approach - Inductive Study



16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

New King James Version (NKJV)



❖ OBSERVATION

- Read the text multiple times - aloud
- Examine the text - in Context, in Prayer
- ❖ Interrogate the text – ask questions
 - ❖ Who, What, Where, When, Why & How



❖ INTERPRETATION

- Research & Analysis - in context, in Prayer
- ❖ **Scripture, commentaries, others**
- “...rightly dividing the word of truth.”
...2Timothy2:15
- ❖ **“Test all things; hold fast what is good”**
...1Thessalonians5:21



❖ APPLICATION

- “Test all things; hold fast what is good”
... 1 Thessalonians 5:21
- Live what you Learn
 - ✓ Doers - Not Hearers Only ... James 1:21-25

