

Daniel-

Be Resolute

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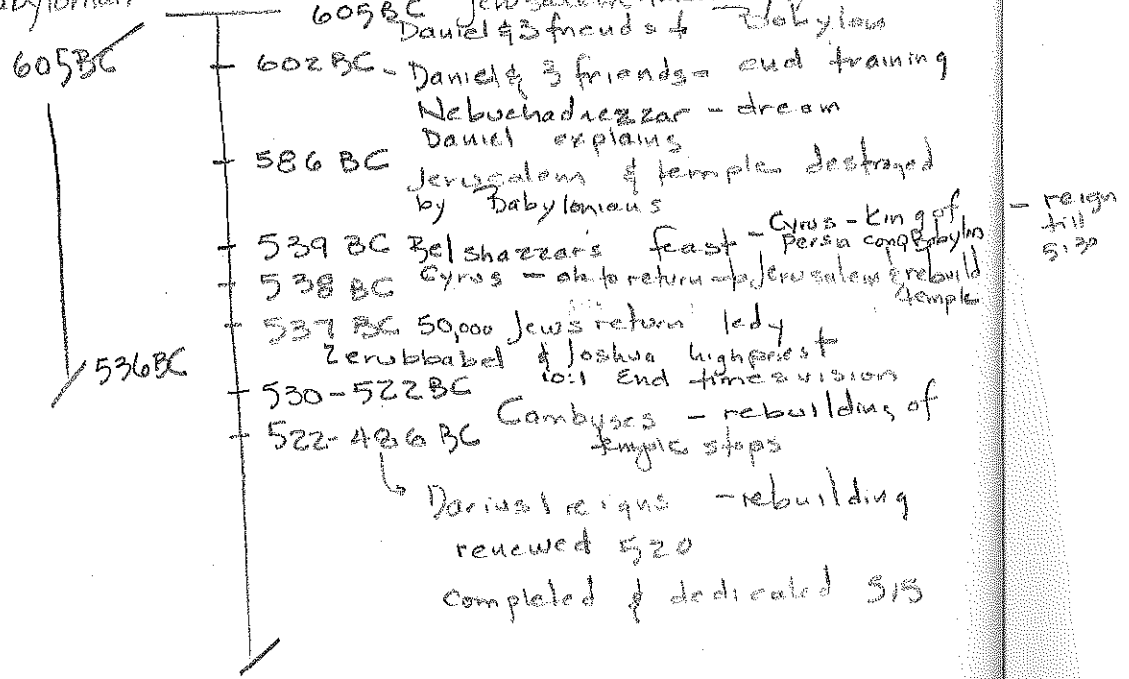
Doubt \longleftrightarrow Self Sufficiency

Daniel's work ethic & character were impeccable
so that had to somehow hurt his
credibility w/ the king \rightarrow trap to free
him into a moral dilemma w/ God

God is sovereign over all things!

2 DANIEL TIMELINE

Covers entire
70 yrs of Babylonian
captivity
(1:1, 9:1-3)



- 605 1st conquest depart to Babylon — Daniel
- 597 2nd — more Jews deported (including Ezekiel)
- 586 3rd — more Jews deported

Ezekiel, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, & Zephaniah
were contemporaries

Chronological Order of Book

- Chapter 1-4 Captivity & dreams & visions
- Chapter 7 Four beast vision
- Chapter 8 Vision of ram & he-goat
- Chapter 5 Belshazzar's feast - conquest of Babylon
- Chapter 9 Vision of 70 weeks
- Chapter 6 Daniel in the lion's den
- Chapter 10-12 Daniel's prayer & visions

2:4-7:28 written in Aramaic focus on Gentiles
international business language then

1:1-2:3 & 8:1-12:30 written in Hebrew

9 of 12 chapters — revelation through
dreams & visions

And at the end of the time
 I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted
 my eyes to heaven, and my understanding
 returned to me; and I blessed the
 Most High & praised and honored Him who
 lives forever; For His dominion is an
 everlasting dominion, and His
 Kingdom is from generation to generation.

All the inhabitants of the earth are
 reputed as nothing; He does according
 to His will in the army of heaven
 and among the inhabitants of the earth.
 No one can restrain His hand, or say to
 Him, what have you done?

Prisoner 1: 1-21

Interpreter 2: 1-6: 28

Int. image dream (Dan 2)

golden image (Daniel absent) Dan 3

Interpreting tree dream (Daniel 4)

Interpreting the handwriting on the wall (Dan 5)

David in the lion's den (Dan 6)

Seer 7: 1-12: 13

The vision of the four beasts (Dan 7)

vision of the ram & the goat (Dan 8)

seventy weeks appointed to Israel (Dan 9)

vision of Israel's future & the end (Dan 10-12)

Kingdoms

Babylon - head of gold - winged lion
 2:32, 36-38 7:4

Media-Persia - arms & chest of silver - bear
 2:32, 39 7:5

Greece - thighs of brass - leopard
 2:32, 39 7:6

Rome - legs of iron - dreadful
 2:33, 40 7:7
 beast

Kingdom of
 anti-Christ - knes - the little
 2:41-43 7:8
 horn

Kingdom
 of Christ - smiting stone - Ancient
 - that fills the earth of Days
 2:34-35, 44-45 7:9-14

Who is Daniel

- God's mouthpiece to the Gentile & Jewish world
- covered God's current & future plans

Daniel = OT

= Revelation = NT

Daniel means - God is my judge
 (8:15, 27; 9:2; 10:2, 7; 12:4-5)

7:2 Autobiographical -

Daniel was one of three other
 [Daniel's in OT (1 Chron 3:1, Ezra 8:12,
 Nehemiah 10:16)]

Noble family in Judah - kidnapped
 probably about 15 yrs old

He and other Jewish men were deported
 to Babylon to be brainwashed into
 Babylonian culture for the task of
 assisting in dealing w/ the imported
 Jews

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Who is Daniel

- became statesman by royal appointment
- confidante to kings
- profited in - Babylonian Empire 2:48
 - Medo-Persian Empire 6:1-2

Christ confirmed Daniel as the author of the book (Matt 24:15)

Mentioned Eze 14:14 } - righteous & wise
14:20 }
28:3 }

Hebrews 11:32-33 - one who stopped the mouths of lions

Why was Daniel written-

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1) to encourage the exiled Jews by revealing God's plan for them

" God's sovereign control over the affairs of all rulers & nations

10 Key verses

2:20-22

Daniel answered and said:

Blessed be the name of God forever
and ever,

For wisdom & might are His.

And He changes the times & the seasons;

He removes the kings & raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise

And knowledge to those who have
understanding.

He reveals deep & secret things;

He knows what is in the darkness
and light dwells with Him.

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No other book of the Bible has
been attacked as viciously by
theological liberals as Daniel

b/c of so many prophecies that
were fulfilled - no way could
have been written when written
Some say 100AD written → not BC

Empires

- Gen 11:1-4 Babylon - tower to challenge the sovereignty of God
(Tower of Babel)

- 3500 BC Egyptian Empire

- 1810 BC Assyrian Empire

(Bible has much info b/c of location of strategic Israel - land bridge that connected Africa, Asia & Europe) (battlefield for competing empires)

- 612 BC - 539 BC (73 Yrs) Babylonian Empire
(used by God to discipline Jews for their idolatry)

- 539 - BC Medo-Persian Empire

- 331 BC Greek Empire

Septuagint

285 - 270 BC

70 scholars assembled in Alexandria

to translate Hebrew Bible into Greek

Alexander conquered world
∴ main language was Greek

270 BC - whole bible translation done

So many things were prophesied and part of secular history by then
3 Centuries before Christ

whole OT

even if you don't believe Daniel was written 6 centuries before Christ

Septuagint: had to be written at least 3 centuries before Christ.

Alexander the Great

332 BC wanted to Conquer

Jerusalem -

High priest brought out scroll
of Daniel and showed Alexander
the Great how he was in there

Alexander so impressed that he
spared the city
∴ book of Daniel had to have
existed in 332 BC

Hebrew

1:1-2:3

2:4-7

Aramaic - national business
language

b/c prophecies ^{specific} to other
kingdoms - focus on Gentiles

end of 7 - changes back
to Hebrew

Clearly the ancient form of Aramaic
vto - subject - object

modern Aramaic not till 1st
Century AD

Jesus refer to Daniel

Matthew 24 -
Mark 13 -

Abomination
of Desolation

He gives credence to Daniel
(Jesus) as prophet

b/c Jesus as God's son
speaks truth all the time

Ezekiel (contemporary of Daniel) refers to Daniel
as one of the captives in Babylon
not much contested.

Daniel ↔ John

↓
Beloved

↓
Beloved Apostle

only Daniel and Joseph

NOT

not talk about their sin

Daniel - key to unlocking Revelation

JUDAH

Josiah → revival in Judah
621-622 BC

b/c found Book of Law
as they were making repairs
to the temple

Pharaoh Necco - Egypt? goes to war
against Assyria at Karshamesh

Josiah says what are you coming
here for? He goes out to fight him
& Pharaoh Necco says I have no
beef w/ you why are you doing
this — Josiah persists & dies
in battle

theory — m3 at that time Egypt had Arc of Covenant.
He defeats Syria —

Josiah his son rules for 3 months & then
↳ Jehoyaz

deposed by Pharaoh Necco — puts Jehoakim
on the throne & makes
him his vassal

↓
heavy tax burden on Judah

Other Side

by Arabian Peninsula
city/state called Babylon (Gen 10 - Rev 17)

↓
Nabal Pallazar king of Babylon

Assyria had been the main
empire

Babylon was a pawn of Assyrian
politics

→ He defeats Assyria at some
time Egypt Defeated them

∴ Babylon growing

He was a son named Nebododneczo
(Neb)

Neb — excellent general
goes out to do battles against Egypt

Pharaoh Necco
606
BC

defeats him at new battle of
Karshamesh

— He hears that
his father has died

on his way back he goes thru Jerusalem
to take a plunder 605 BC

3 Sieges of Neb against Jerusalem
1) 605 2) 604 3) 603 takes captives

God uses Evil empire of
Babylon to attack Jerusalem
b/c of sin of idolatry

God said He would raise up
others to attack Jerusalem
if they continued in idolatry

Jeremiah & Ezekiel were both telling King
Zedekiah to submit to God - so not attacked
- they were sacrificing infants on
shrine of Molech

- 490 yrs - no Sabbath rest on land
6yrs plow 7th yr - rest
they were not doing
God & Jeremiah (25:27) said you owe
me 70 yrs

- God means what He says
Just b/c He doesn't respond to
our sin doesn't mean He overlooks
it

Daniel's view when
exiled

Daniel looked around him & saw
foreign faces, heard foreign voices,
saw hordes of people worshipping pagan
gods. The holy and sacred vessels from
David's temple were being used to
hold oil and incense for false gods
of man's own creation. Did Daniel say -

God, I have been faithful to you & now I find
myself here in this forsaken place. God,
I thought you loved me. God, I thought you
would take care of me. What have I done to
deserve this? Why me, God?
Sin - prophets said

Hosea - Israel \Rightarrow adulterous
wife

Ezekiel - sins
portrayed in visions

God does not change

Ps 93:2

Ps 102:27

God in Daniel

God is the protector
of His people

He grants them favor
in the sight of their Babylonian
overlords (1:19) & gives them
intelligence & wisdom (1:17) so
that they can survive & ^{even} prosper
in a foreign land

Connection to other
OT books

Daniel & Joseph

- to foreign country
- punishment for loyalty to God
- servants & advisors to pagan kings
- interpret dreams
- promoted to high office

vocab similar as well

Daniel modeled his writings
after Genesis, \implies telling
readers that God is still in control

Daniel & Esther

believers can remain
faithful to their identity.

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Israel-

Northern kingdom
fell to Assyria 722 BC

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-Siege of Jerusalem

2 Kings 24:1-13