

## Outline of Daniel

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### Author

Although Daniel does not speak of himself in the first person until chapter 7, there is little question the book presents Daniel as the author. The use of the first person with the name Daniel is found repeatedly in the last half of the book (7:2, 15, 28; 8:1, 27; 9:2, 22; 10:2, 7, 11, 12; 12:5). The book of Daniel records events from the first deportation of Judah (605BC) to the third year of Cyrus (536BC). It covers a span of about 70 years. It was probably completed in the last decade of his life. Daniel may have lived to about 530BC. He rose to a position of great power in this world system, but never compromised essential Biblical principles. Negative critics try to place the author of the book centuries later after many events prophesied in the book had already taken place.

### Summary

This was the first of three defeats Judah suffered from King Nebuchadnezzar. He simply established Babylonian authority over Judah, and then left. Nebuchadnezzar setup Zedekiah to be king over Judah. To Babylon, the event was so insignificant that it was not even worth

## DANIEL

*Daniel reveals God's continuing work for His people even in their time of chastening. God unfolds His program for Israel using the framework of the "times of the Gentiles" culminating with the "Stone" at Christ's Second Coming.*

mentioning in their official chronicles. There were three deportations of Judah. In 605 BC the Jews had been treated fairly well. Only a few young men were taken (which included Daniel). The nation was left relatively undisturbed. In 597BC the treatment was much harsher. More people were deported including the king Jehoiachin and the prophet Ezekiel. In 586 BC the Babylonians patience had been exalted. The Temple of God, as well as the city walls were burned. The people were virtually all killed or deported to Babylon.

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Setting and Education of Daniel	Nebuchadnezzar Period			Belshazzar to Cyrus Period		Daniel's Visions			Angel's Message of Last Days
1 Daniel enters Babylon	2 N.'s dream interpreted by Daniel	3 Deliverance of Daniel's friends from fiery furnace	4 N.'s second dream interpreted and fulfilled	5 B.'s banquet and fall of Babylon	6 Daniel delivered from lion's den	7 Prophecy of 4 mystical beasts and the little horn	8 Prophecy of the ram, goat, and the 2,300 days	9 Prophecy of the 70 weeks followed by prayer	10-12 Prophecy of the warring North and South. Preview of Israel's future
HISTORICAL SECTION — Judgment Upon the Gentiles					PROPHETIC SECTION — Hope for the Jews				

This "chosen nation" had become the victim of a disaster from which no other nation had ever recovered. Daniel shows the exiles in Babylon what their future holds. They would be permitted to return home, but would never again rise to power as a prominent nation. They would always be at the mercy of other more powerful nations until the coming of the Messiah.

In many respects, the book of Daniel is the most comprehensive prophetic book of the

Old Testament. It gives a total view of world history spanning from Babylon to the Second Coming of Christ all while interrelating Gentile history and prophecy as it concerns Israel.

### The "Times of the Gentiles"

This is that period of time in which the land covenanted by God to Abraham and his descendants is occupied by Gentile powers. The period begins with the invasion of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (605BC) until Messiah's returns. Christ will then subdue all nations and deliver the

promised land, to the covenanted nation of Israel and the Davidic throne, back to the rightful heir.



### CHRIST IN DANIEL

- The stone that will crush earth's kingdoms (2:34-35, 44).
- The Son of Man (7:13-14).
- Coming Messiah who will be "cut off" (Da.9:25-26).