



Introduction
to the *Book of*
Daniel

WHEN?

- 2ND Century
 - Ketuvim
 - TNK
 - T: Torah (Moses' writings)
 - N: Nevi'im (Prophets)
 - K: Ketuvim (Writings)
- 6th Century
 - Ezekiel (14:14, 20; 28:3)

Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Luke 24:44 (ESV)

“even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness,” declares the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 14:14 (ESV)

WHO?

- 2ND century: Maccabean Pseudepigraph
- 6th century: Daniel

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Daniel 12:4 (ESV)

So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by
the prophet Daniel...

Matthew 24:15 (ESV)

WHY?

- Covenant *making* God is a covenant *keeping* God
 - Land (Deut. 29—30)
 - Seed/David (2 Sam. 7)
 - New (Jer. 31)
- **Abrahamic covenant:** unconditional & unfulfilled
- **Mosaic covenant:** conditional; explains judgments, discipline, captivity
 - Suzerain-Vassal treaty

The Judgments of Israel (cf. Deut. 28:49-50)

- 931: Divided kingdom
- 722: Assyria conquers Israel
- 586: Babylon conquers Judah
 - 605: Daniel and a few others
 - 597: Ezekiel and majority
 - 586: Remnant, Jerusalem, Temple destroyed

The Abrahamic Covenant (promise)

- **Genesis 15:18**
On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates--



Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the LORD of hosts is His name: (36)“If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.”

(37)Thus says the LORD: “If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 31:35–37 (ESV)

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; (6)and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

Exodus 19:5–6 (ESV)

“But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all His commandments and His statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. (16)Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. (17)Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. (18)Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.”

Deuteronomy 28:15–18 (ESV)

The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, (50) a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young.

Deuteronomy 28:49–50 (ESV)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.”

Matthew 25:31 (ESV)

THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

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