



Introduction
to the *Book of*
Daniel

(Part 2)

WHEN?

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

WHO?

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

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 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)

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: Jerusalem, Temple destroyed; remnant taken

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--





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Structure/Outline of Daniel

- 1—7 = Historical perspective
 - 3rd person
 - primary focus on Gentiles
 - 1 = Introduction (*Hebrew*)
 - 2—7 = *Aramaic*; chiastic structure
 - 2: Gentile history
 - 3: Supernatural protection
 - 4: God reveals to a Gentile king
 - 5: God reveals to a Gentile king
 - 6: Supernatural protection
 - 7: Gentile history

Structure/Outline of Daniel

- 8—12 = Prophetic
 - 1st person
 - primary focus on Israel
 - written in *Hebrew*
 - 8: *Ram* (Persia) and *Goat* (Greece)
 - 9: 70 weeks
 - 10—12: Final vision

Historical timeline

- 605—539, Babylonian kings:
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Belshazzar
- 538—536, Medo-Persian kings:
 - Darius
 - Cyrus

Structure/Outline of Daniel (Gentile rulers)

- 1—4: Nubuchadnezzar (Babylon)
- 5: Belshazzar (Babylon)
- 6: Darius (Medo-Persian)
- 7—8: Belshazzar (Babylon)
- 9: Darius (Medo-Persian)
- 10—12: Cyrus (Medo-Persian)

Dates in Daniel:

Scripture	Date
1:1, "Third year of Jehoiakim"	605 B.C.
2:1, "Second year of Nebuchadnezzar"	603 B.C.
5:31, "Darius the Mede received the kingdom"	Oct. 12, 539 B.C.
7:1, "First year of Belshazzar"	553 B.C.
8:1, "Third year of Belshazzar"	551 B.C.
9:1, "First year of Darius"	538 B.C.
10:1, "Third year of Cyrus"	536 B.C.

Age of Daniel:

Chapter	Event	Age
1	Taken to Babylon	15
2	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (statue)	17
3	Fiery furnace	20
4	Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream (tree)	45-50
5	Interprets handwriting on the wall	Early 80s
6	Den of lions	83
7-8	Personal visions and dreams	60s
9	Seventy weeks prophecy	early 80s

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“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)