

DANIEL

1. TITLES:

- A. Daniel = judgment of God, or God is my judge
- B. The Book of Judgment
- C. The Book of The Kingdoms

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Daniel, the prophet of The Captivity, who prophesied concerning both earthly and heavenly Kingdoms.

3. DATE:

- A. Daniel's ministry covered a period of about 70 years (606-536 B.C.), beginning during the reign of Jehoiakim, continuing through the reigns of Jeconiah and Zedekiah of Judah, and ending during the reign of Cyrus, king of Medo-Persia.
- B. Written between 560 and 536 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. King (s, 's, ly) - 187 | E. Vision (s) - 43 |
| B. Kingdom (s) - 59 | F. Dream (s, ed) - 29 |
| C. Time (s) - 47 | G. End - 27 |
| D. Interpretation (s, ing) – 32 | H. Dominion (s) |

Key Phrase:

- A. "most High (rules)" – 12

5. KEY VERSES: 2:21, 22; 7:13, 14, 18

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To illustrate God's care for His people even in their captivity.
- B. To prove the Kingdom of God to be higher than any earthly kingdom.
- C. To show how God controls and directs the history of the nations.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The sovereignty of the "Most High God" is universal.
- B. God reveals His secrets to His servants, and does not leave them in darkness concerning His dealings among the nation.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Book of History ----- (written in Chaldee) Ch. 1-6
Dreams of Nebuchadnezzar
- II. Book of Prophecy ----- (written in Hebrew) Ch. 7-12
Visions of Daniel

9. SUMMARY:

The experiences of Daniel and his companions show that the Lord's loyal and obedient servants are often blessed with earthly success, trusted with His secrets, and comforted in times of suffering and trial. The dreams of Nebuchadnezzar in the first six chapters show the kingdoms of this world from the human point of view (i.e. in the image of a deified man). The visions of Daniel in the last six chapters show the same kingdoms from the divine point of view (i.e. as wild, carnivorous beasts), giving their successive order. Undoubtedly the most comprehensive (and controversial) prophecy in Daniel is the "70 week" prophecy reaching in its time span from the close of the Babylonian Captivity to the ultimate establishment of the everlasting Kingdom of "The Son of Man".

NOTE: Daniel and Revelation are companion volumes each complementing and completing the other.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Son of Man (7:13), the Stone cut out of the mountain without hands (2:34, 35, 44, 45), crushing the Kingdoms of this world (Mt. 21:42-44). The Kingdom of God is seen as an everlasting Kingdom (Dan. 7:26) and Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16).