

The Book of Daniel



Daniel 2

The Historic Night (Daniel's Interpretation) <i>Daniel and His Personal Friends</i>							The Prophetic Light (Daniel's Visions) <i>Daniel and His People's Future</i>			
Chapter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-12
Outline	Historical Setting <i>The King's Diet</i>	A Great Image <i>The King's Dream</i>	The Fiery Furnace <i>The King's Decree</i>	The Great Tree <i>The King's Discipline</i>	Writing on the Wall <i>The King's Doom</i>	Lions' Den <i>The King's Delight</i>	Vision 1 Four Great Beasts	Vision 2 Ram and He Goat	Vision 3 Seventy Sevens	Vision 4 The Time of the End
Parallels		A Four-part Image	B Refusal to worship	C Humbling of King	C Humbling of King	B Refusal to stop praying	A Four Beasts			
Names of God	Adonai Elohim	God of Heaven God of gods Lord of Kings	Most High God	The High God The Most High King of Heaven	Lord of Heaven	The Living God	Ancient of Days Son of Man	The Prince of Princes	Jehovah	Him that Liveth Forever
Date (BC) Age	606 18	603 21	601 23	571 53	539 85	539-537 85-87	553 70	551 72	538 86	536 88
Kingdom	BABYLON <i>Nebuchadnezzar (605-d.562BC); Belshazzar (553-d.539BC)</i> 606BC: Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem – First Invasion 597BC: Nebuchadnezzar besieges Jerusalem – Second Invasion 586BC: Nebuchadnezzar besieges Jerusalem – Third Invasion 70 years' captivity from 606BC to 536BC (altar & temple foundation, Ez. 3) 70 years' desolations from 586BC to 516BC (temple completed, Ez. 6.15).					MEDO-PERSIA First year of Cyrus and Darius (subordinate)	BABYLON First year of Belshazzar	BABYLON Third year of Belshazzar	MEDO-PERSIA Ch. 9 First year of Darius Ch. 10 Third year of Cyrus	



Daniel 8

Daniel 7

Gooding's Paralleling Structure for Daniel 1-12	
Chapters 1-5	Chapters 6-12
Chapter 1 The refusal to eat the king's impure food, though Daniel and his friends were vindicated	Chapter 6 The refusal to obey the king's command to refrain from praying, though Daniel was vindicated
TWO IMAGES	TWO VISIONS OF BEASTS
Chapter 2: Nebuchadnezzar's dream image	Chapter 7: The four beasts
Chapter 3: Nebuchadnezzar's golden image	Chapter 8: The two beasts
TWO KINGS DISCIPLINED	TWO WRITINGS EXPLICATED
Chapter 4: The discipline and restoration of Nebuchadnezzar	Chapter 9: The prophecy in the Book of Jeremiah
Chapter 5: The "writing on the wall" and the destruction of Belshazzar	Chapters 10-12: The "writing of truth" and the eventual destruction of "the king" (11:36-45)

Concentric Structure Establishing God's Sovereignty over Gentile Empires						Visions Given to Daniel			
Historical Setting	A	B	C	C'	B'	Vision 1	Vision 2	Vision 3	Vision 4
	Dream: Four-part Image	Refusal to Worship Image	Humbling of King Neb.	Humbling of King Bel.	Refusal to Stop Praying	Four Beasts	Ram and Goat	Seventy Weeks	Final Vision Antiochus – Antichrist
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-12
Hebrew	Aramaic				Hebrew				

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