**The Book of Daniel
Chapters 7-12
*"The Lord changes the time and the epochs...
and gives wisdom to the wise."***

Introduction

God rules the affairs of man

God is sovereign over history and empires…He sets up and removing kings as He pleases

Every empire of this world will come to an end and will be replaced by the Lord's coming kingdom which will never pass away

The saints of God throughout history will experience trials and persecution by these kingdoms

The saints who persevere and stay faithful will be raised to glory, honor, and everlasting life in God's final kingdom

Daniel was a man of prayer *(the importance of prayer)*

Daniel received prophetic dreams

Don't create your own Image—you will be humbled like Nebuchadnezzar

"Cult of Personality:" arises when a nation or individual uses the techniques of mass media, spectacle, the arts, patriotism, and government-organized rallies to create an idealized, heroic, and worshipful image of a leader, often accompanied by unquestioning flattery and praise

Job 24:24

They are exalted a little while, then they are gone; moreover, they are brought low and like everything gathered up; even like the heads of grain they are cut off.

I Peter 5:5-6

God resists the proud; but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time

We should glorify the Lord with our words and life; and not ourselves *(or other people)*

We live in Babylon *(a symbol of the world)…*how should we act in Babylon?

Love *(relationships, mercy)* must supersede truth

The book of Daniel is classified with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel as a "major prophet."

In the Hebrew Old Testament the book of Daniel is classified with the "writings"

1. The Law (Torah), or Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

2. The Prophets: 8 books:

Former Prophets:  [Joshua](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofjoshua.html), [Judges](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofjudges.html), [Samuel](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofsamuel.html), [Kings](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofkings.html)

Latter Prophets - [Isaiah](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofisaiah.html) , [Jeremiah](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofjeremiah.html) , [Ezekiel](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofezekiel.html)

3. The Writings: 11 books:

Poetical Books - [Psalms](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofpsalms.html), [Proverbs](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofproverbs.html), [Job](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofjob.html)

Short books: - Song of songs, Ruth [Lamentations](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookoflamentations.html), [Esther](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofesther.html), [Ecclesiastes](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofecclesiastes.html)

Historical Books - [Daniel](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofdaniel.html) , [Ezra](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofezra.html)-[Nehemiah](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofnehemiah.html), [Chronicles](https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofchronicles.html).

Daniel was classified as a "writing" because of the history section in Daniel in chapters 1-6

In the Septuagint *(250 BC)* Daniel was re-classified as one of the major prophets

The book was written by Daniel in the mid-500's BC

The book tells first of events in the City of Babylon *(the capital of the Babylonian Empire)* and then about events in Babylon after its capture by the Persian Empire

Daniel was born in Israel around 620 BC

He was taken into captivity to Babylon in about 605 BC during the first deportation of Israelites by Babylon as Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem

There were three deportations of Jews to Babylon after the attacks on Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar

The Bible Timeline

2000 -1900 BC: Abraham

1400-1300 BC: Moses and the Exodus

1030 – 970 BC: King David

970 - 930 BC: King Solomon

930 BC: The division of Israel into north *(Samaria; Ephraim)* and south kingdoms *(Judah)*

722 BC: The North Kingdom *(Samaria)* fell to the Assyrians Around the time of Judah's King Hezekiah

609 BC: King Josiah died

609-598 BC: Jehoiakim reigned as king of Judah