

# **Bible Overview – The Book of Daniel**

## **Chapters 1 – 6 are Historical.**

- Chapter 1 Daniel and Friends are Deported.
- Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
- Chapter 3 The Fiery Furnace
- Chapter 4 Nebuchadnezzar's is Judged
- Chapter 5 The Fall of Babylon
- Chapter 6 The Lion's Den

## **Chapters 7-12 are Prophetic.**

- Chapters 2,7,8 The Times of the Gentiles
- Chapter 9 The Seventy Weeks
- Chapter 10 Spiritual Warfare
- Chapter 11,12 Final Consummation

Interesting Note: Chapters 2 – 7 are written in Aramaic, not Hebrew.

## **Three Deportations**

- 609 BC Daniel and the elites are deported to Babylon.
- 596 BC Ezekiel and a second wave – not to the city of Babylon.
- 587 BC Destruction of Jerusalem – Babylonian Captivity begins.

## **Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – Gentile History**

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|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| ○ Gold      | Babylon       | Winged Lion    |
| ○ Silver    | Persia        | Bear           |
| ○ Bronze    | Greece        | Leopard        |
| ○ Iron      | Rome          | Terrible Beast |
| ○ Iron/Clay | Rome part two | 10 Heads       |

## **Chapter Three – Bow or Burn**

- Golden Image 90 ft. Tall
- Command Bow when the music plays
- Consequence Fiery Furnace – we will not bow; God will be with us.
- Consolation 4<sup>th</sup> person

## **Chapter Four – Nebuchadnezzar's Testimony**

- Kings' 2<sup>nd</sup> dream
- Daniel Interprets
- King stricken with mental derangement for 7 years.
- The King recovers and publishes his testimony.

## **Chapter 5 – Fall of Babylon**

- The handwriting on the wall.
- Persian conquest without a battle
- Daniel interprets – Numbered, Weighed, Broken

## **Chapter 6 – The Lion’s Den**

## **Chapter 7 – The Four Beasts. (Empires)**

- Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar
- Persia - Cyrus
- Greece – Alexander (Four Generals)
- Rome – began in 68 BC – ends 476 AD – breaks into pieces.

## **Chapter 8 – Ram and the Goat and the Little Horn**

- Alexander defeats the Persians.
- Alexander dies and his kingdom is divided into four segments:
  - Cassander
  - Lysimachus
  - Ptolemy – south in Egypt
  - Seleucus – North and West – Syria to India
- The Little Horn is Antiochus Epiphanes – a type of Antichrist.

## **Daniel 9 – The 70 Weeks – Key to understanding the End Times – See Matthew 24:15-16**

- 70 Weeks are Determined for your people (Jewish, not church, not gentile)
- Six major items are listed:
  - Finish transgression.
  - End sin.
  - Reconcile iniquity.
  - Establish everlasting righteousness.
  - Seal up the vision and prophecy.
  - Anoint the Most Holy Place.
- 69 Weeks – command to rebuild city and the temple:
  - Cyrus 537      Ezra 1:2-4      Temple only
  - Darius      Ezra 6:1-5,8,12      Temple only
  - Artaxerxes      Ezra 7: 11:26      Temple only
  - Artaxerxes      Nehemiah 2:5-8; 17,18      Temple and City!
- 173,880 Days
  - May 14, 445 BC to April 6, 32 AD      173,880 Days
  - Palm Sunday, Luke 19 – Triumphal Entry

- Psalm 118:26 – Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the highest.
- Zechariah 9:9 – fulfilled.
- The Judgment – Luke 19: 41-44
- The Interval – Daniel 9:26
  - Messiah *Karat* – cut off/executed.
  - The prince who will come – historically the Romans who destroyed the temple in 70 AD.
- The 70<sup>th</sup> Week
  - 7-year period
  - 3 ½ midpoint major change
  - The Great Tribulation – Jacob’s Troubles, Day of the Lord, Revelation 6 -19.
  - Daniel 12:1 – Michael stands up for his people, trouble like never before, names in the book.

## **Chapter 10 – Spiritual Warfare**

- 21 Day Fast
- Prince of the Kingdom of Persia.
- Michael’s message.
- The Prince of the Power of Greece.
- Vision given,

## **Chapters 11 and 12 – Time Between the Testaments**

- Kings of Seleucid and Ptolemaic Dynasties
- Antiochus Epiphanes – type of Antichrist in OT
  - 175 – 164 BC – Syrian King
  - Magnified himself as God.
  - Tried to eradicate Jewish religion.
  - No circumcision (baptism)
  - No Sabbath
  - Illegal to own the Torah.
  - Forces sacrifice to pagan idols.
  - Sacrificed a swine on the altar.
  - Place idol to Zeus in the Holies of Holies.
  - The Maccabean revolt began – victory 3 years later.
  - Rededicated the temple – Hanukkah – feast of lights.

