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# Introduction

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Daniel is considered a Major Prophet among the numerous prophetic authors of the books within the Old Testament. Not because of the size or volume of his work, as is usually the case with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, but because of the depth and intensity of what God had him to pen.

His book is, by many, considered to be the “Revelation” of the Old Testament. And a number of *subject-trains* from his work make their way into the *roundhouse* of the Book of Revelation, that was written by the Apostle John, when he was exiled onto the Isle of Patmos.

Daniel was a young man when he was taken into captivity, from the Israeli Southern Kingdom of Judah along with his three friends, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael. Nebuchadnezzar swept in and removed captives back into Babylon, several times: and Daniel’s removal was one of the last.

The more well-known events that the book contains are: the dream about the Statue Image of Kingdoms to come; the Fiery Furnace incident with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Nebuchadnezzar’s Insanity oc-

currence; the Handwriting on the Wall within the palace; Daniel in the Lion's Den; and History and End-time Events.

The book has been *enhanced* for the purpose of clarity and understanding for the average reader, not for the purpose of altering the word of God.

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# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

## CHAPTER 1

1. *Within the third year of the reign of wicked Jehoiakim, who was the king of the Jewish, Southern Kingdom of Judah, who himself was raised up to the throne, in place of his wicked brother Jehoahas, by Pharaoh-necho, who was the king of Egypt; and Jehoiakim was carried away by the Pharaoh into Egypt. (II Kings 23:34-36 & II Chronicles 36:1-4) At that time, there came Nebuchadnezzar, who was the Gentile king of the Babylonian Empire unto the city of Jerusalem, and he besieged it with his troops.*

2. *And the Lord God Almighty, gave Jehoiakim, the king of the Jewish, Southern Kingdom of Judah into his hand, and thus a seventy year long captivity began for the Nation of Israel; (Jeremiah 25:1-11) along with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he then carried off into the land of Shinar, to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels back to Babylon, and put them into the treasure house of his god.*

3. *And after they had returned to Babylon, the king, Nebuchadnezzar, spake unto Ashpenaz who was the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring forth certain of the children of Israel, (in fulfillment of what*

*the prophet Isaiah had spoken*), (*Isaiah 39:1-8*) and also of the king's seed, and of the *various* princes as well.

4. Children in whom *there was* no blemish, but rather, *that were* well-favored, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and *the* understanding of science, and such as *had an* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and *such as to* whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he *himself* drank. *And in so doing, was* nourishing them for three years, that at the end of *that time* thereof they might stand before the king.

6. Now among these *that were chosen were there* of the Israeli children of the Southern Kingdom of Judah, *four men named* Daniel, and Hananiah, and Mishael, and Azariah.

7. Unto whom *Ashpenaz*, the prince of the eunuchs gave names. For he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Beltshazzar. And to Hananiah, *the name* of Shadrach. And to Mishael, *the name* of Meshach. And to Azariah, *the name* of Abednego.

8. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he requested of the prince of the



eunuchs, that he might not defile himself *with these victuals*.

9. Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with *Ashpenaz, who is the prince of the eunuchs*.

10. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord, *for the wrath of the king, who himself hath appointed your meat and your drink. For why should he see your faces far worse to his liking than the other children which are of your sort? Then shall ye put me in jeopardy, and make me endanger my head to the king.*

11. Then said Daniel *unto Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs, Ashpenaz, had set over Daniel, and over Hananiah, and Mishael, and Azariah,*

12. Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, *for only ten days. And let them give us pulse to eat, which is vegetables and grains, and give us only water to drink.*

13. *And then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and compare them with the countenance of the other children that eat of the portion of the king's meat that is given unto them. And then as thou seest with thine own eyes, deal with thy servants.*

14. So he consented *unto them in this matter, and he proved them for ten days.*

15. And at the end of *the ten days their countenance appeared much fairer and fatter in the flesh*

than all of the *other* children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16. Thus Melzar *permanently* took away the portion of their meat *that came from the king*, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse *instead*.

17. As for these four *Israeli* children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom *beyond the other children*. And Daniel had understanding in *the area of* all visions and dreams.

18. Now at the end of the days that the king had said *that he should bring them in, which was three years time*, then *Ashpenaz*, the prince of the eunuchs, brought them in before *king* Nebuchadnezzar.

19. And the king *took his time, and* communed with them. And among them all *there* was found none like Daniel, *and* Hananiah, *and* Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore stood they before the king.

20. And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all *of* the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all *of* his realm.

21. And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus, *who was king of the Persian Empire*.

## CHAPTER 2

1. And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, *which is about one year after Daniel and his friends were taken captive*, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was *greatly* troubled, and his sleep *did* brake from him.
2. Then the king commanded *his servants* to call for the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans. *And for them to show unto the king his dreams, was his request.* So they came and stood before the king.
3. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was *greatly* troubled, *and my desire is to know the dream.*
4. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriac, *or the Aramaic language*; O king, live for ever. Tell thy servants the dream *that thou hast had*, and we will *then show unto thee the interpretation thereof.*
5. The king answered and said *unto the Chaldeans*, The thing is *now clean* gone from me. If ye will not make known unto me *what the dream actually was*, with the interpretation thereof *as well*, then ye shall be cut into pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.
6. But if ye *shall clearly show unto me the dream*, and *then the interpretation thereof*, ye shall receive

of me *tremendous* gifts and rewards and great honour. Therefore show *unto me now*, the dream, and the interpretation thereof *as well*.

7. They answered *once* again and said, Let the king *first* tell his servants *what* the dream *actually* was, and we will *then* show *unto thee* the interpretation of it.

8. The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would *attempt to stall me*, and to gain the time, because ye *can see that* the thing is *truly* gone from me.

9. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you, *and that is death*. For ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak *as ye stand* before me, *until* the time be changed. Therefore tell me the dream *now*, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof *also*.

10. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man *anywhere* upon the *face of all of the* earth that can show *unto the king's* satisfaction concerning *this* matter. Therefore *there is* no king, nor lord, nor ruler, *that has ever* asked such things, at *any time*, of any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11. And *it is* a rare thing that the king *should* requireth *the impossible*. And there is *truly* none other

*individual* that can show it before the king, except *only* the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh *and* blood.

12. For this cause the king was *extremely* angry and very furious, and commanded *unto his servants* to *utterly* destroy all of the wise *men* of Babylon.

13. And the decree went forth that *all of* the wise *men that dwelt in Babylon* should be slain. And they sought *after* Daniel and his fellows *Hananiah, and Mishael, and Azariah* to be slain.

14. Then Daniel answered with *godly* counsel and wisdom to Arioch, *who was* the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth *by decree*, to slay *all of* the wise *men* of Babylon;

15. He answered and said *unto* Arioch the king's captain, Why *is* the decree of death coming so hastily from the king? Then Arioch made *all of* the details of the thing known to Daniel.

16. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give *unto him just a little* time, and that he would *then* show *unto* the king the interpretation.

17. Then Daniel went *on home* to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, *and to* Mishael, and *to* Azariah, his *fellow* companions.

18. That *through prayer*, they would desire *and petition* mercies of the God of heaven concerning this

secret *thing*. *And*, that Daniel and his *beloved* fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

19. Then was the *dream's* secret revealed unto Daniel *by the Lord*, in a night vision. Then Daniel *spoke forth and* blessed the God of heaven.

20. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of *the God of all creation*, for ever and ever. For wisdom *and glory* and might are his.

21. And he changeth the times and the seasons. He removeth *certain* kings, and setteth up *other* kings. He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

22. He revealeth the deep and *the* secret things. He knoweth what *is* in the *depth of the* darkness, and the light dwelleth *up, and manifests* with him.

23. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee. For thou hast *now* made known unto us the *secret of the king's* matter.

24. Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, *the king's captain*, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went *in* and said this unto him: Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation *of his dream*.

25. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man *amongst those* of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation *of his dream*.

26. *And*, the king answered and said *unto* Daniel, whose *Babylonian* name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me *both* the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27. Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret *matter* which the king hath demanded, cannot *either* the wise *men*, *nor* the astrologers, *nor* the magicians, *nor* the soothsayers, *be able* to show unto the king.

28. But there is a God in heaven that revealeth the secrets, and maketh *it to be known unto* the king, Nebuchadnezzar, what shall be *coming to pass* in the latter days. Thy dream *O king*, and the visions of thy head *which thou received as thou lay upon thy bed*, are these:

29. As for thee, O king, thy thoughts *originally came into thy mind upon thy bed*, “I wonder what should come to pass *in the hereafter?*” And he that revealeth secrets, maketh known *unto* thee what shall come to pass.

30. But as for me, this secret is not revealed *unto* me for *any particular* wisdom that I *may* have

more than any *other who is living*, but *actually* for *their* sakes that *were pressed*, and that they shall make known the dream, and the interpretation thereof to the king. And in addition, that thou, O king, mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

31. Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image *was presented before thee*. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible.

32. This image's head *was made of a fine gold*, and his breast and his arms *were made of silver*, and his belly and his thighs *were made of brass*, and

33. His legs *were made of iron*, and his feet *were made part of iron and part of clay*.

34. Thou sawest *the image until that a stone was cut out of a mountain without hands*, which *was used to smote the image upon his feet*, *that were made out of iron and of clay*, and brake them to pieces.

35. Then was the iron, and the clay, and the brass, and the silver, and the gold, broken *into pieces all together*. And *those pieces* became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors. And the wind carried them away, *so that no place was found for them any more*. And the stone that smote the image *into pieces*, became a great mountain, and filled *up* the whole earth.



36. This *is* the dream *that thou hadst*; and we will *now* tell *thee* of the interpretation thereof before the king.

37. Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings. For the God of heaven hath given *unto* thee a kingdom, *with great* power, and strength, and glory.

38. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee *a* ruler over them all. Thou *art* this *exalted* head of gold.

39. And after thee *are gone*, *there* shall arise another kingdom *that is* inferior to thee. And *after that one is gone*, yet another third kingdom of brass, which shall *eventually* bear rule over all *of* the earth.

40. And the fourth kingdom shall be *as* strong as iron. For as much as iron *is able to* breaketh in pieces and *then* subdueth all *things*. And as *the* iron that breaketh all *of* these *others*, shall it *also itself*, break in pieces and bruise.

41. And whereas thou sawest the feet *of iron*, and *the* toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, *so* the *fifth* kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be *within* it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with *the* miry clay.

42. And *as* the toes of the *iron* feet *were partly* of the iron, and *partly* of the clay, *so* the *fifth* kingdom *itself*, shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43. And whereas thou sawest *the* iron mixed with *the* miry clay, *so shall it be with the kings*. They shall mingle themselves with the seed of *common* men, and attempt to acquiesce to their desires. But they shall not cleave strongly one to another, because of their attempt to please men, even as iron is not able to be mixed with *miry* clay.

44. And in the days of these kings, *which are the last days*, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom *here on this earth*, which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom of his dear Son, that he shall set up shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all of these *other* kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, *and* the brass, *and* the clay, *and* the silver, and the gold; *so* the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter. And the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof *is* sure.

46. Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

47. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is so* that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and *is* a revealer of *hidden* secrets, seeing *that thou, by his power,* couldst reveal this secret *of my dream.*

48. Then the king made Daniel *to be* a great man, and gave him many great gifts. And made him *to be* a ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and *the* chief of *all of* the governors *that were* over all *of* the wise *men* of Babylon.

49. Then Daniel requested of the king *on the behalf of his fellows,* and he set Shadrach, *and* Meshach, and Abednego, *to be* over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

### CHAPTER 3

1. *Then a number of years later,* Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, *which was ninety feet high,* *and* the breadth thereof *was six cubits, which was nine feet wide.* *And* he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

2. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent *his servants* to gather together *all of* the princes, *and* the governors, and the captains, *and* the judges, *and* the

treasurers, *and* the counsellors, *and* the sheriffs, and all *of* the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3. Then *all of* the princes, *and* the governors, and *the* captains, *and* the judges, *and* the treasurers, *and* the counsellors, *and* the sheriffs, and all *of* the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. And they *all* stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4. Then an *royal* herald cried aloud, To *all of* you it is commanded, O people, *and* nations, and languages,

5. *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, *and the* flute, *and the* harp, *and the* sackbut, *and the* psaltery, *and the* dulcimer, and all kinds of music, *that* ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up.

6. And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth *not*, shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

7. Therefore, at that *specific* time, when all *of* the people heard the sound of the cornet, *and the* flute, *and the* harp, *and the* sackbut, *and the* psaltery, and all *of the* kinds of music, all *of* the people, *and* the na-

tions, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8. Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near *unto the king*, and accused the *captive* Jews.

9. They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10. Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, *and the flute, and the harp, and the sackbut, and the psaltery, and the dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image.*

11. And whoso falleth not down and worshipeth *that image, that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

12. There are *with us* certain *captive* Jews *of influence*, whom you hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, *namely* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, have not regarded thee *nor the decree that thou hast issued.* They serve not thy gods, *nor do they* worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

13. Then Nebuchadnezzar, in *his* rage and fury *that his decree was not being followed*, commanded to bring Shadrach, *and* Meshach, and Abednego *before him.* Then they brought these men before the king.