

# DANIEL

Book of Apocalyptic Prophecy



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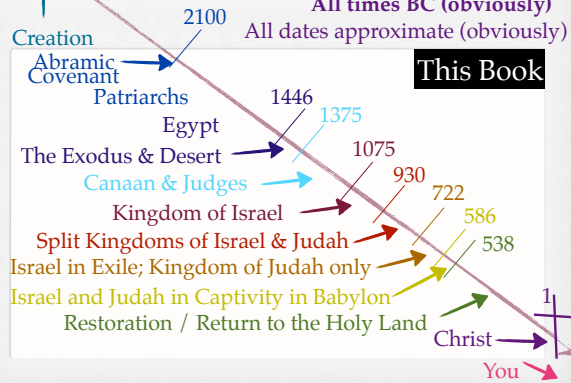
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## TIMEFRAME

All times BC (obviously)  
All dates approximate (obviously)



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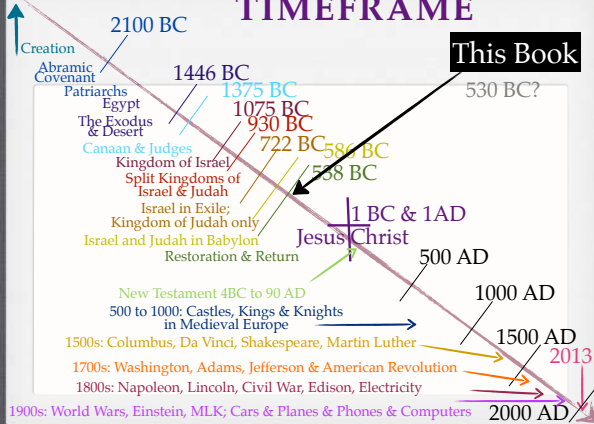
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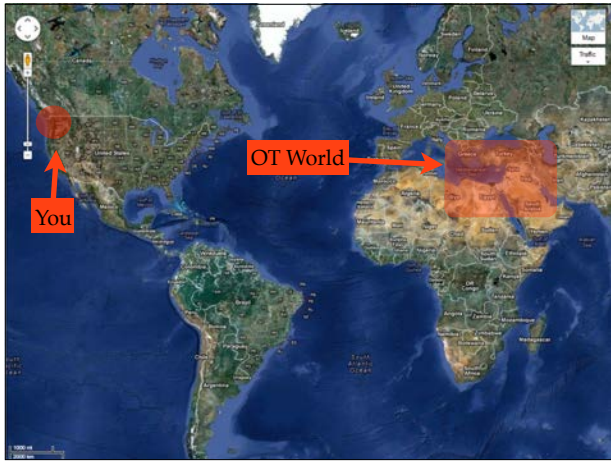
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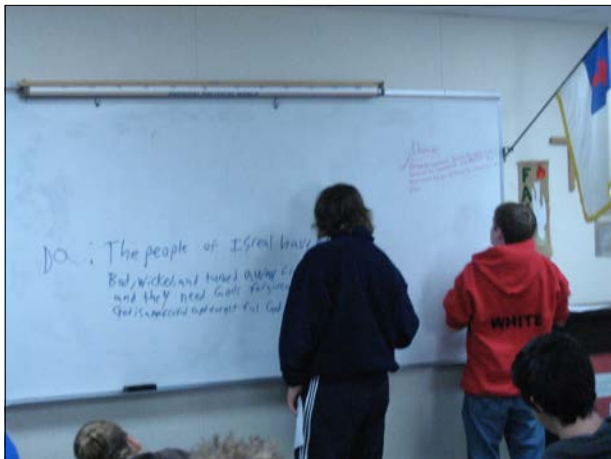
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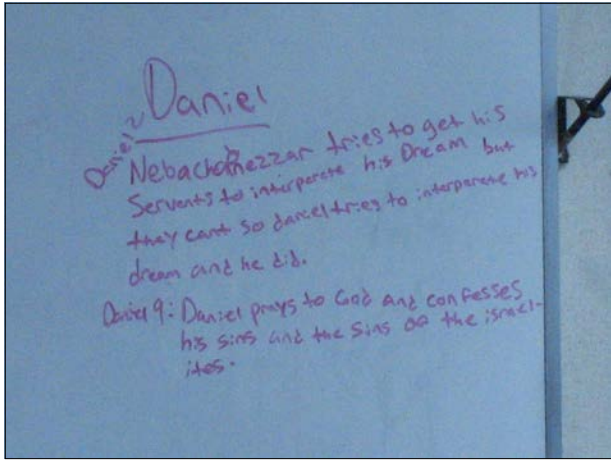
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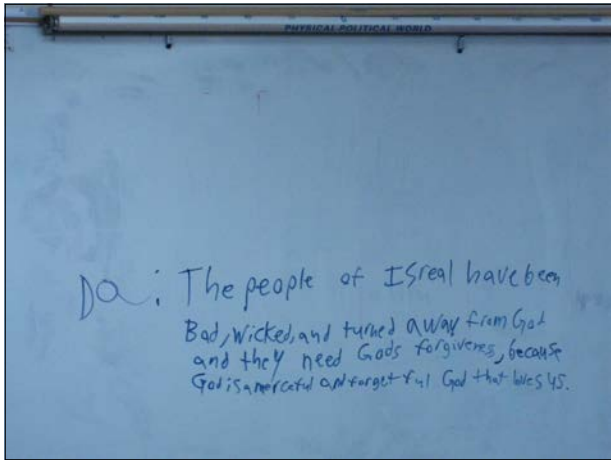
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**TYPE OF BOOK**

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets ✓
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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## AUTHOR

- Daniel, a prophet who lived in Babylon after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586BC.

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

- everyone

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## STORYLINE: CSSB 1302 (LSB 1395)

- Chapter 1: The Personal Life of Daniel (Judeans are Steadfast in Faith)
- Chapter 2: Chad's Dream of a Large Statue (Four Kingdoms)
- Chapter 3: Chad's Making of a Gold Image and His Decree that it Be Worshipped (Furnace & Rescue)
- Chapter 4: Chad's Dream of an Enormous Tree (Chad is Judged)
- Chapter 5: Belshazzar's and Babylon's Downfall
- Chapter 6: Daniel's Deliverance (Lion's Den)
- Chapter 7: Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts (Kingdom of God wins)
- Chapter 8: Daniel's Vision of a Ram and a Goat (Kingdoms after Babylon)
- Chapter 9: Daniel's Prayer and His Vision of the 70 "Sevens" (Jerusalem)
- Chapter 10: Revelation of Things to Come and the Angel (After Babylon)
- Chapter 11: Prophecies for Persia, Greece, Egypt, Syria, and the antichrist
- Chapter 12: Distress, Deliverance, Resurrection, Instruction, Conclusion

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### Major OT Themes found in this Book: 13

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are ToGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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### THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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■ "...Daniel had been brought to Babylon for special physical and intellectual training. He learned the laws, customs, and 'sciences' of the Chaldeans, all this preparing him for high office in the royal palace. Like Joseph in Egypt, Daniel had the gift of interpreting dreams and visions. He interpreted King [Chad]'s dream of a huge boulder smashing an image of gold and lesser metals, thus foretelling the coming of the Messiah's permanent kingdom and the fall of four world empires. He interpreted also the handwriting on the wall at Balshazzar's feast."

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### SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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■ Some very popular stories are found in this book: Writing on the Wall; Lion's Den; three friends in the Furnace

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## KEY VERSE

- 2:44 CSB 144
- Copy it.
- “And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.”ESV

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## REQUIRED READING

- 2, 3, 6, 7, 10

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- What will the future be like?
- When bad stuff is happening all around us, how can I be sure God will be with us?
- How can I display my faith?

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### LUTHER SAYS:

- "...Daniel's life is nothing but a fine, clear mirror. In it we see the conflict of victory of faith, which, by the grace of God, triumphs over all men and devils; we see too the great fruit and use of faith, which it produces through patience and cross-bearing, both before God and the world." CSSB 1301; LW 35:298f
- Use of faith--use your faith for two purposes--bring yourself to heaven and bring others to God.
- Be fishers of men!--JLawyer

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### MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- 7:13-- the Trinity-- "I saw in the night visions, and behold with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him."
- clouds of heaven = Spirit, Son of Man = Jesus, (Luke 7:34, 9:26, 9:44, 9:58, 12:8 and lots of others), "Ancient of Days" as a name for God the Father
- Don't you think Nebuchadnezzar's nickname was Chad?

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### LIFE LESSONS FROM DANIEL

- This apocalyptic book is full of vision, dreams, symbols and imagery, and reminds many readers of Revelation. What is your favorite part of this book?

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ACTIVITIES

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