

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

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Ch. 1 The refusal to eat the king's impure food. Daniel and his colleagues are vindicated.	Ch. 6 The refusal to obey the king's command and refrain from praying to God. Daniel is vindicated.
TWO IMAGES	TWO VISIONS OF BEASTS
Ch. 2 Nebuchadnezzar's dream-image.	Ch. 7 The four beasts.
Ch. 3 Nebuchadnezzar's golden image.	Ch. 8 The two beasts.
TWO KINGS DISCIPLINED	TWO WRITINGS EXPLICATED
Ch. 4 The discipline and restoration of Nebuchadnezzar.	Ch. 9 The prophecy in the Book of Jeremiah about the destruction and restoration of Jerusalem.
Ch. 5 The 'writing on the wall', and the destruction of Belshazzar.	Chs. 10.12 The 'Writing of Truth', and the eventual destruction of 'the king' (11:36-45).

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<p>Ch. 1 Nebuchadnezzar reverently places God's vessels in his idol's temple. Daniel and others refuse to indulge in pagan impurities. Court officials sympathetic. Daniel and his colleagues' physical and mental powers vindicated. They are promoted to high office.</p>	<p>Ch. 6 Darius bans prayer to God for thirty days. Daniel refuses to cease practising the Jewish religion. Court officials intrigue against him. Daniel's political loyalty to the king vindicated. He is restored to high office.</p>
<p>Ch. 2 A survey of the whole course of Gentile imperial power. Four empires in the form of a man. The fatal weakness: an incoherent mixture of iron and clay in the feet. The whole Man destroyed by the stone cut out by divine power. The universal Messianic kingdom set up.</p>	<p>Ch. 7 A survey of the whole course of Gentile imperial power. Four empires in the form of wild beasts. The hideous strength: a frightening mixture of animal destructiveness with human intelligence. The final beast destroyed and universal domination given to the Son of Man.</p>
<p>Ch. 3 Nebuchadnezzar thinks that 'no god can deliver (the Jews) out of his hand'. He commands them to worship his god. The Jews defy him. They are preserved in the furnace. God's ability to deliver is thereby demonstrated.</p>	<p>Ch. 8 The little horn: 'none can deliver out of his hand'. He stops the Jews' worship of their God, and defies God himself. God's sanctuary and truth are finally vindicated.</p>
<p>Ch. 4 The glory of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar is warned that he deserves discipline. He persists in pride, is chastised, and his chastisement lasts for 7 times. He is then restored.</p>	<p>Ch. 9 The desolations of Jerusalem: Israel's sins have brought on them the curse warned of in the OT. Jerusalem will be restored, but Israel's persistence in sin will bring on further desolations lasting to the end of 70 x 7 years. Then Jerusalem will be finally restored.</p>
<p>Ch. 5 Belshazzar makes a god of his pleasures, but still recognizes the gods of stone, etc. The writing on the wall. The end of Belshazzar and the end of the Babylonian empire.</p>	<p>Chs. 10-12 The king exalts himself above every god, and regards no god. The Writing of Truth. The series of apparent 'ends' leading up to 'the time of the end', and eventually to The End itself.</p>

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