

Daniel: Introduction

Book Dedication:

For Jesus' Church:

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God's Kingdom Shall Stand Forever

“And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”

Daniel 2:44



Daniel: Structure

12 Chapters

Chapters 1-6: History

Chapters 7-12: Prophecy

Languages:

Hebrew: 1:1-2:3; 8:1-12:13

Aramaic: 2:4-7:28

Chiastic Structure X

A

A chiasm is a literary device in which a sequence of ideas is presented and then repeated in reverse order.

B

The result is a “mirror” effect as the ideas are “reflected” back in a passage. Each idea is connected to its “reflection” by a repeated word, often in a related form.

C

B'

The term chiasm comes from the Greek letter chi, which looks like our letter X.

A'

Source: GotQuestions.org

Daniel's Double Chiastic Structure

The use of two languages was a common practice of ancient writers as a means to communicate to a wider audience.

Aramaic, used in **chapters 2-7**,
was intended for a wide Gentile audience



Hebrew, used in **chapters 8-12**,
was intended for the nation of Israel.



Source: HelpmewithBiblestudy.org

Chiastic Structure: Aramaic Section

Daniel Chapters 2-7

Daniel 2: Prophecy of the Four Kingdoms

Daniel 3: Trial's of God's Faithful

Daniel 4: Prophecy to the Pagan King

Daniel 4:37 - "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down."

Daniel 5: Prophecy to the Pagan King

Daniel 6: Trial's of God's Faithful

Daniel 7: Prophecy of the Four Kingdoms

Aramaic Central Verse:

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and honor the King of heaven, all of whose
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Chiastic Structure: Hebrew Section

Daniel Chapters 8-11

Daniel 8: Prophetic Details of Second and Third Kingdoms

Daniel 9: Daniel's Prayers of Deliverance of God's People

Daniel 9: The Arrival and Purpose of the Messiah

Daniel 9:26 And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

Daniel 9: Death and Return of the Messiah

Daniel 10: Daniel's Prayers of Deliverance of God's People

Daniel 11: Details of the Third and Fourth Kingdoms

Hebrew Central Verse:

“And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off,
but not for Himself;”



Daniel 9:26a

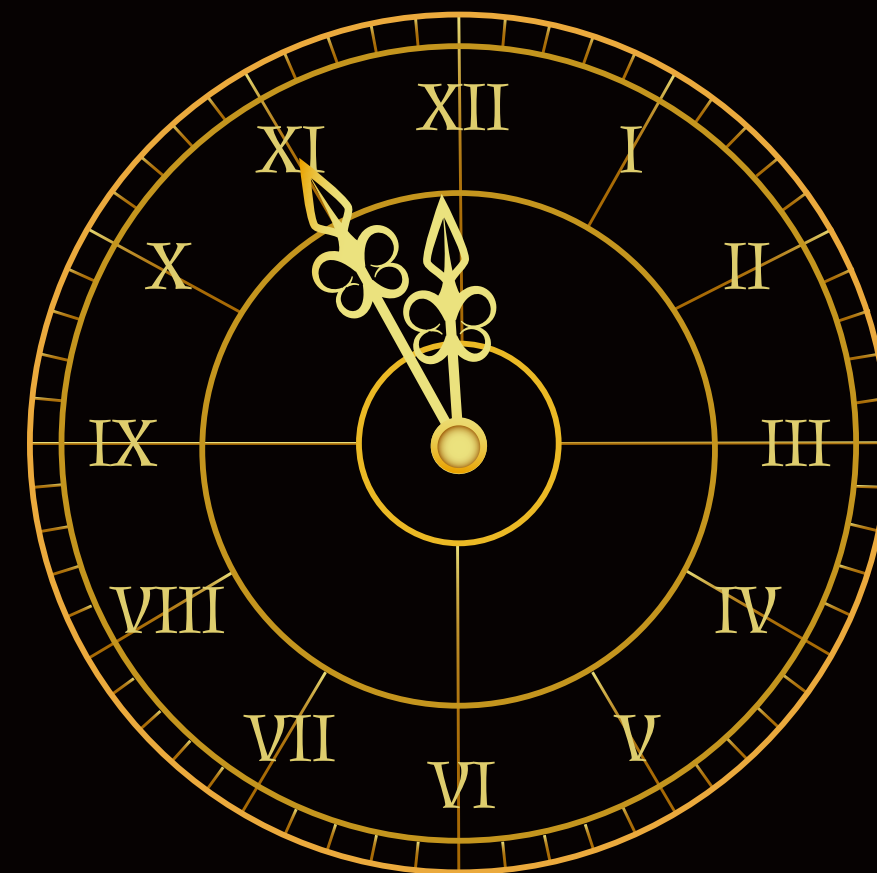
Isaiah 53:8b

“For He was cut off from the land of
the living;
For the transgressions of My people
He was stricken.”

1 Corinthians 1:21-23

“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,”

Daniel: History



Daniel: Dates and Ages

- Birth of Daniel 620 BC in Kingdom of Judah
- Daniel carried away to Babylon 605 BC (age 15)
- Nebuchadnezzar's Dream 602 BC (age 18)
- Daniel in the Lion's Den 536 BC (age 84)
- Daniel's Vision of Future Events 535 BC (age 85)

Brief History of OT to Daniel



ADAM/EVE
4,000 BC



ABRAHAM
2,000 BC



MOSES
1450 BC



JOSHUA
1410 BC



DAVID
1000 BC



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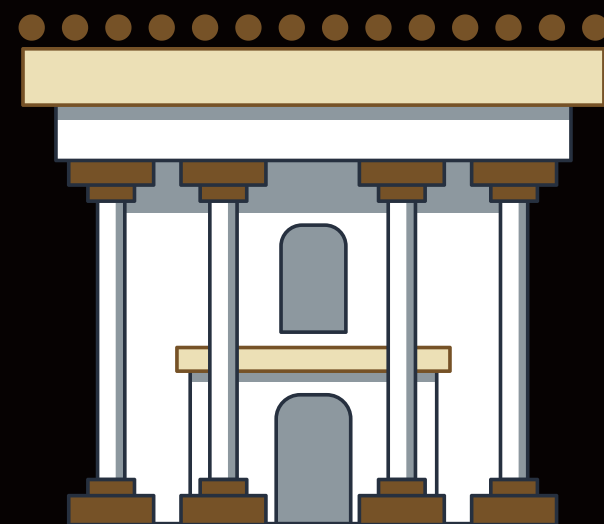
SOLOMON
930 BC



Northern Kingdom (Israel)
930-775 BC (Destroyed by Assyria)



Southern Kingdom (Judah)
930-590 BC (Taken Captive into Babylon)



590 BC
(Solomon's Temple
Destroyed)



**Daniel carried to
Babylon 605 BC**

The Fall of Jerusalem

And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy. Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand. And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all these he took to Babylon. Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

2 Chronicles 36:51-21

Daniel: Study Help

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV



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