

Keys to Understanding the Wisdom and Prophecy of Daniel

Key 1: Daniel and his 3 friends decided early in life not to defile themselves from God, and stayed true to him despite life threatening circumstances

- **Daniel 1:8**

Key 2: God was involved in Daniels life and altered circumstances according to his sovereign will.

- **Daniel 1:9**

Key 3: Daniel showed wisdom and character from an early age on.

- **Daniel 1:10**

Key 4: Daniel and his friends were given special gifts of knowledge and understanding directly from God. Daniel specifically was given the gift of interpreting dreams.

- **Daniel 1:17**

Key 5: Nebuchadnezzar was given foreknowledge of the most significant world rulers of which he was one, yet could not interpret this for himself.

- **Daniel 2:1**

Key 6: Daniel showed humility when given the knowledge of what the dream was, as well as its interpretation. (false pride is the great downfall of mankind)

- **Daniel 2 20-23**

Key 7: From the interpretation of the dream we learn the major powers to be:

- **Head - Babylonian Empire (Nebuchadnezzar)**
- **Chest/Arms - Medo-Persian Empire (Cyrus)**
- **Belly/Thighs - Greeks (Alexander the Great)**
- **Legs/Feet - Roman Empire**
- **Toes - Revived Roman Empire (Anti-Christ)**

Key 8: Via Daniels life and testimony even the mightiest kings can come to faith in God

- **Letter from Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel chapter 4)**

Key 9: Even mighty kingdoms can come to a quick end if God so determines

- **Writing on the Wall (Daniel chapter 5)**

Key 10: Even men of great character may find themselves in terrible circumstances, yet if God so desires they will find rescue.

- **Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel chapter 6)**

Key 11: Daniel is given a second vision of the major world powers including a vision of Jesus and God himself which will lead to the millennial kingdom

- **Daniel 7:1-14**

Key 12: Daniel is given a third vision of the major world powers with more detail specifically about Alexander the Great and Antiochus Epiphanes and how long the desolation/desecration will last (3 years)

- **Daniel 8:1-14**

Key 13: Daniel studied the scriptures and knew that Israel would be reestablished after 70 years and prayed accordingly.

- **Daniel 9:1-19**

Key 14: Daniel was given a specific time-frame for Israel directly from the angel Gabriel as 70 7's grouped as:

- **7 7's = Time of completion of the 2nd temple**
- **62 7's = Time of Christ to make his triumphant entry (Palm Sunday)**
- ***Gap between the 69th and 70th week is the time of the Gentiles***
- **1 7 = Time of the Anti-Christ**
- ***Daniel 9 20-27***

Key 15: Daniel receives a forth vision from another angel, or possibly Christ himself

- **Daniel chapter 10**
- ***3 more kings (Cambses, Pseudo-Smerdis Darius)***
- ***4th king more powerful (Xerxes)***
- ***King of the South (Ptolemies dynasty) (Egypt and North Africa)***
- ***King of the North (Seleucid dynasty) (Syria and Mesopotamia)***
- ***Daniel 11 1-35***

Key 16: Daniel in the second part of the forth vision concerns the Anti-Christ and his character traits

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- **The Anti-Christ exalts himself only, is a man of war and will be initially successful**
- **After 3.5 years he engages in battle with initial victories, but not for long**
- **He has trouble from the North and the East which will enrage him**
- **He establishes himself in Israel**
- **He will come to his end and no one will help him**
- **Daniel 11 36-45**

Key 17: After the death of the Anti-Christ a resurrection will occur of both the good and the wicked.

- **Daniel 12 1-5**