

## OUTLINE:

### I. The historic night with prophetic light, [Chapters 1—6](#)

- A. Decline of Judah; fall of Jerusalem; Daniel taken captive to Babylon; his decision to be true to God, [Chapter 1](#)
- B. Dream of Nebuchadnezzar about a multimedial image; interpretation by Daniel concerning the four kingdoms of “the times of the Gentiles,” [Chapter 2](#)
- C. Decree of Nebuchadnezzar to enforce universal idolatry; three Hebrews cast into the furnace for refusal to bow to image of gold, [Chapter 3](#)
- D. Dream of Nebuchadnezzar about a great tree hewn down to a stump; fulfilled in subsequent period of madness of the king, [Chapter 4](#)
- E. Downfall of Babylon foretold by Daniel as he read the handwriting on the wall at the feast of Belshazzar, [Chapter 5](#)
- F. Decree of Darius, the Median, to enforce worship of himself; Daniel cast into den of lions for praying to the God of heaven, [Chapter 6](#)

### II. The prophetic light in the historic night, [Chapters 7—12](#)

- A. Daniel’s vision of four beasts concerning four kingdoms of “the times of the Gentiles,” [Chapter 7](#)
- B. Daniel’s vision of ram and he goat and another little horn, [Chapter 8](#)
- C. Daniel’s vision of seventy weeks concerning the nation Israel, [Chapter 9](#)
- D. Daniel’s vision relating to Israel in immediate future and latter days; historical little horn and little horn of the latter days, [Chapters 10—12](#)
  - 1. Preparation for vision by prayer of Daniel; appearance of a heavenly messenger, [Chapter 10](#)
  - 2. Prophecy concerning Persia and Grecia, historical “little horn”; eschatological “little horn,” [Chapter 11](#)
  - 3. Preview of Israel in latter days; Great Tribulation; resurrections; rewards; final word about the end times, [Chapter 12](#)

The Old Testament is written in the Hebrew language, with but one exception — a portion of the Book of Daniel. From [Chapter 2, verse 4](#), through [Chapter 7](#), Daniel is in Aramaic, the Gentile and diplomatic language of Daniel’s day. This section deals exclusively with “the times of the Gentiles.” The remainder of the book correlates the nation Israel with this program. The

Book of Daniel deals with Gentiles and Jews — the church is totally excluded. This book is first to the Gentiles but also to the Jews.

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### [Daniel 1:7](#)

The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

Daniel 3 - <sup>13</sup> Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king,...

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us<sup>[a]</sup> from Your Majesty's hand. <sup>18</sup> But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

### [Daniel 5:11](#)

There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners.

Daniel 5:27 - You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

### [Daniel 6:7](#)

The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.

### [Daniel 9:27](#)

"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

### [Daniel 12:1](#)

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered."

### [Daniel 12:4](#)

"But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

### [Daniel 7:25](#)

He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.