Outlines of Daniel

Topical

Chapters 1-6: Historical
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Linguistic

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Timeline of Daniel

The Book of Daniel covers a period of 70 years from 605 BC to 536 BC.
1. Babylonian Captivity 605 B.C. (15)
2. Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream 603 B.C. (18)
3. Nebuchadnezzar’s Image
4. Nebuchadnezzar’s Pride 562 B.C. (58)
7. The vision of the 4 beasts 553 B.C. (67)
8. Ram and He-goat vision 550 B.C. (70)
5. Babylon falls to Persians 539 B.C. (81)
9. Vision of Seventy weeks 538 B.C. (82)
6. The Lions’ Den 538 B.C. (82)
10-12 Closing visions 536 B.C. (84)
612 BC – Assyrian and Egypt against the Medes, Scythians, and Babylonians (King Nabopolassar)
Daniel 1:1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

Daniel was about 15 years old. Ezekiel was 22 years old. Jeremiah was about 36 years old.

605 BC 29 year old Prince/King Nebuchadnezzar Besieged Jerusalem
New Names

- **Daniel** means "GOD is my judge."
  - Belteshazzar (meaning “Protected by Bel”)
- **Hananiah** means "Beloved of the Lord."
  - Shadrach (meaning “Commanded by moon god Aku”).
- **Mishael** means "Who is as GOD,"
  - Meshach (meaning “Who is like Aku”).
- **Azariah** means "The Lord is my help."
  - Abed-Nego (meaning “Servant of Nego – Ishtar or Nebo god of wisdom”).
Why?

• **Forbidden** - Leviticus 11, Deuteronomy 14 (Kosher – fit)

• **Creates Wrong Desires** - Proverbs 23:1-3  When you sit down to eat with a ruler, observe carefully what is before you, and put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite. Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food. 4  Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.

• **Affects Your Behavior** - Proverbs 23:30-33 [Who has woe?] Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine. Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart utter perverse things.
DANIEL’S CHRONOLOGY
Daniel 2:31-45

- Head Gold: 606BC
- Chest Silver: 536BC
- Thigh Bronze: 330BC
- Legs Iron: 323BC
- Toes Clay/Iron: 30BC

Times of the Gentiles

- Babylonian Empire: Lion
- Grecian Empire: Leopard
- Roman Empire: Terrible Beast (70th week)
- Medo-Persian Empire: Bear
- Alexander’s Kingdom: Goat

GOD’S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
Who Was Called

- The **magicians** (Heb. *hartummin*) were evidently scholars who could divine the future by using various means including the **dream books**.
- The **conjurers** or enchanters (*assapim*) said they could communicate with the dead.
- The **sorcerers** (*mekassepim*) practiced sorcery and cast spells.
- The **Chaldeans** or astrologers (*kasdim*) here refer to the priestly caste that studied the heavens to determine the future.
Psalms 118:22  The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone.

Isaiah 28:16  Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

Ephesians 2:20  having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

1 Peter 2:4  And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
Nebuchadnezzar

• King – 605 BC (Daniel captive from Jerusalem)
• 602 BC Daniel interprets Metals Statue Dream
• 601 B.C. Campaign against Egypt (draw with heavy losses on both sides)(20).
• 598 BC Jerusalem rebelled (second captivity - Ezekiel taken)(23)
• 595 BC Coup attempt(26)
• 589 to 586 Extensive Campaign – Egyptians defeated, Tyre, Jerusalem (destroyed in 586 BC)(32)
• 582 BC Expeditions against the Arabs, Moab, Ammon, Edom, Judah and Lebanon(39)
Jump Forward

- **Construction Activity** (No military activity) *582-575 BC*
- **Final Military Campaigns**
  574-568 (Tyre, Egypt)
- **568-562** – Quiet Years *(53)*
- **562 BC - Died**
Chapter One

CAPTIVITY

Chapter Three

The Fiery Furnace

Chapter Two

Chapter Four

Testimony
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Future Revived Empire (with horns)
Daniel born approx. 620 BC
Served Nebuchadnezzar 43 years from 605 BC until his death in 562 BC (approx. ages 15 to 58)
We hear nothing of Daniel for the 9 years between the death of Nebuchadnezzar and the first year of Prince Belshazzar. (approx. age 58 – 67)
Daniel born approx. 620 BC
Chapter 8 takes place in the year 550 BC when Daniel is approx. 70 years old.
Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)

- Became King of the Seleucid dynasty - 175 BC
- Ordered the murder of the Jewish High Priest - 171 BC
- Looted Temple in Jerusalem in - 170 BC
- In December 168 BC invaded Jerusalem
- Halted the sacrifices in June 167 BC
- December 25, 167 BC set up Greek altar in Temple.
- Died in November 164 BC
- December 25, 164 BC Judas Maccabaeus, rededicated temple – Hanukkah

Many interpret the number 2,300 as days (i.e., six years, four months, and 20 days) since the Jews described a 24-hour day as evening and morning (Gen. 1:5-31). Others believe it means a total of 2,300 evenings and mornings (1,150 of each)(i.e., three years, two months, and 10 days).
Belshazzar
Coregent of Babylon
553-539 BC

Cyrus
King of Medes and Persians
559-530 BC

Daniel born approx. 620 BC
Chapter 5 takes place in the year 539 BC
Daniel has been serving Belshazzar 14 years.
- **Cyrus** Coregent of Persia in 559 BC (subject to the Medes) began revolution in **553 BC**
- 551 BC Became King of Persia
- 549 BC conquered the Medes
- Conquered Lydia kingdom in 546 BC.
- **540 BC**, invaded Babylonian Elam and its capital, Susa.
It is now 539 BC and Cyrus attacks to seize Babylon.
It is 538 BC. Daniel is about 82 years old and has been in captivity for 67 years (from 605 BC to now).

Cyrus of Persia has conquered Babylon. Cyrus is married to a Mede, and had a Median mother. He was 62 years old at the time of the conquest of Babylon and was known as the King of the Medes.
Darius the Mede

- **Daniel 5:30** That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain. 31 So **Darius the Mede** received the kingdom at about the **age of sixty-two**.

- **Dan 6:28** So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. **Or it could be translated**, **So this Daniel enjoyed success during the reign of Darius, that is, the reign of Cyrus the Persian**.

- **Dan 9:1** In the **first year of Darius** the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—
Jeremiah 25:12  Then it will be when **seventy years** are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, declares the LORD…

Jeremiah 29:10  For thus says the LORD, When **seventy years** have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.
Daniel 9:24

24 Seventy sevens (can mean days, weeks, or years) have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy.
So you are to know and discern from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince seven sevens and sixty-two sevens; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
A decree to Restore and Rebuild Jerusalem

There are four decrees concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem:

The first was Cyrus' decree to rebuild the temple in 538 B.C. (2 Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4; 6:2-5).

The second was Darius I's decree in 512 B.C. confirming Cyrus' earlier one to rebuild the temple (Ezra 6:1, 6-12).

The third was Artaxerxes' decree in 457 B.C. provided for sacrifices in the temple. (Ezra 7:11-26).

The fourth was Artaxerxes' decree authorizing Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem in 444/445 B.C. (Nehemiah 2:1-8).
483 years

The decree

Christ
The decree in 445 BC

483 years

Christ 32 AD

Jerusalem destroyed 70 AD
“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city”
Daniel 9:24-27

- Artaxerxes decree to Nehemiah
- Messiah the Prince
- Antichrist’s Covenant with Israel
- Messiah’s return in power

- 9:25 69 Weeks (483 years)
- 7 weeks—49 years to complete the rebuilding of Jerusalem
- 62 weeks—434 years
- Unrevealed Gap of Time, 9:26
- Messiah cut off
- Jerusalem and Temple Destroyed, 70 A.D.
- Antichrist breaks covenant and demands worship, 9:27
- Six accomplishments, 9:24
- 9:27 70th Week
In 538 B.C. Cyrus had issued his decree allowing the Jews to return to their land and to rebuild their temple. Some of them had departed that same year under Zerubbabel's leadership. They had reinstituted the sacrifices by 537 B.C. (Ezra 3:6), and by 536 B.C. had begun to make progress on rebuilding the temple (Ezra 3:8), but…

Ezra 4:4 Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building, 5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia (521 BC) (The Temple was not completed until 515 B.C.)
2 And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.
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**SYRIA** (Seleucid Empire)

EPIC EVENTS FORESEEN BY THE PROPHET DANIEL Revealed 6th Century BC Fulfilled 312-168 BC

EGYPT

PROPHECIES IN DANIEL 11 Between the Old and New Testaments

Jerusalem
Kings of the North

- Seleucus I Nicator 312-281
- Antiochus I Soter 281-261
- Antiochus II Theos 261-246
- Seleucus II Callinicos 246-225
- Seleucus III Ceraunos 225-223
- Antiochus III the Great 223-187
- Seleucus IV Philopater 187-175
- Antiochus IV Epiphanes 175-164
- Antiochus V Eupator 164-150
- Etc. to 65 BC
Kings of the South

- Ptolemy I Soter 323-282
- Ptolemy II Philadelphus 282-246
- Ptolemy III Euergetes 246-221
- Ptolemy IV Epiphanes 221-203
- Ptolemy V Epiphanes 203-181
- Ptolemy VI Eupator 181
- Ptolemy VII Philometer 181-145
- Etc. to 51 BC
- Cleopatra VII 51-30
The Future
Daniel 11:35b—12:3

35 ...until the end time; because still – at the appointed time.
36 Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.
...45 He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him. 12:1 Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.
Covenant

Broken at Midpoint

1260 Days
The Rule of the Prince

1290 Days
Until the Destruction of the Prince

3 1/2 Years • 1260 Days
3 1/2 Years • 1260 Days
30 Days

7 Year Period
Daniel 12:13  But as for you, **go to the end**; then you will enter into rest and **rise** for your allotted portion at the end of the age.