

Daniel at a Glance

Chapter	Chapter Theme	Year	Ruler	Daniel's Age
1	Daniel's Resolve	605 bc	Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	15
2	Nebuchadnezzar's Frightening Dream	603 bc	Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	17
3	The Burning Fiery Furnace	586 bc?	Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	34?
4	Nebuchadnezzar's Gospel Tract	562 bc?	Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon	58?
5	The Writing on the Wall	539 bc	Belshazzar of Babylon	81
6	Daniel in the Lions' Den	538 bc?	Darius of Media	82
7	The Ancient of Days, the Son of Man, and the Little Horn	553 bc	Belshazzar of Babylon	67
8	The Ram and the Goat	551 bc	Darius of Media	69
9	Daniel's Confession and Seventy Sevens	539 bc	Darius of Media	81
10	Great Conflict in the Latter Days	537 bc	Cyrus of Persia	83
11	Kings of the South and North			
12	The Time of the End			
Book Theme	God's Kingdom Sovereign over Man's Kingdom			
Author	Daniel or his close associate			
Recipients	Israel during the Babylonian captivity			
Date	536 bc			
Purpose	To show the sovereignty of Israel's God over all kings and kingdoms of human history. To urge Jewish believers to maintain loyalty to Yahweh during the times of the Gentiles.			
Key Words	Dominion, image, king/kingdom, Most High, dream/vision, understanding/wisdom			
Historical Context	Daniel and his companions are deported to Babylon in 605 bc. Jerusalem is destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 bc. Nebuchadnezzar rules Babylonia from 605-562 bc. The Medo-Persians take over the Babylonian empire in 539 bc. Cyrus decrees the rebuilding of the Jerusalem temple in 538 bc. The 70-year Jewish captivity in Babylon lasts 70 years, from 605-536 bc. Jeremiah prophesies from 627-574 bc. Ezekiel prophesies from 593-59 bc.			