

## OUTLINE OF DANIEL

### 1A THE EXPERIENCES AND HISTORY OF DANIEL IN BABYLON chap 1-6

1B Daniel's arrival and training in Babylon chap 1

2B Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream chap 2

The image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream indicated that there would be 4 world empires: Babylonian (gold), Medo-Persia (silver), Greece (brass), and Rome (iron). Christ, the Great Stone, will crush and replace them all with His everlasting kingdom that will fill the whole earth, vs 44-45. This same sequence and concept is repeated in chapter 7 under the images of the 4 beasts.

3B Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace chap 3

4B Nebuchadnezzar is humbled and converted chap 4

5B The handwriting on the wall and the fall of Babylon chap 5

6B Daniel in the lion's den chap 6

### 2A THE REVELATIONS AND VISIONS OF DANIEL IN BABYLON chap 7-12

1B The vision of the four beasts chap 7

This imagery is parallel to that of chapter 2 - the 4 kingdoms are presented here under their characters - they are all animal-like in their viciousness and unfeeling cruelty. Once again, they are destroyed by God and replaced with Christ's everlasting kingdom, vs 9-14, 17-18. Here the emphasis is on how the Roman empire will be destroyed and replaced with Christ's kingdom, vs 19-27.

2B The vision of the ram and the he-goat chap 8

The ram is the Medo-Persian empire, vs 20. It is destroyed by the he-goat, which is the Grecian empire, vs 21, under Alexander the Great. This empire was divided into 4 parts after Alexander's death, vs 22, and one of

those kings was Antiochus Epiphanes, who caused the sacrifice to cease to be offered during the period of the Macabees during the inter-testamental period, vs 11-14, 23-25

3B The confession of Israel's sins at the end of the 70 years captivity, and the revelation of the time of Messiah's coming chap 9

The 70 weeks of Daniel 9 are a timetable for the first coming of Messiah. From the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem issued by Artaxerxes in Nehemiah 2, until the death (cutting off) of Messiah was 7 weeks + 62 weeks = 69 weeks of years, or 483 years. The justification for interpreting a day as symbolizing a year is found in Eze 4:6. A year in the Bible is a lunar year, or 360 days. The prophecy worked out perfectly in its timing.

4B The vision of the spiritual warfare between good and evil angels chap 10

5B The vision of unfolding events of the divided Grecian empire chap 11

The kings of Syria are the kings of the north, the kings of Egypt are the kings of the south. This chapter is a detailed prophecy of the conflicts between the Grecian kings during the inter-testamental period, including the resistance of the Macabees to the assaults of Antiochus Epiphanes, vs 21-35

6B The vision of the last days chap 12

The final resurrection and reward of all of humanity, vs 2-3

THEME: God controls history, and rules all nations and all kings to accomplish His purposes in the establishment of His King and His kingdom.

Key verse: Daniel 4:17b,25b,32b "...the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will."