

2. Daniel is to prepare believers for suffering.

“Prophecy speaks to those who have backslidden and begs them to repent; apocalyptic speaks to the faithful and urges them to persevere.” (*Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, 35)

I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. (John 16:1)

The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.... But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. (John 16:3-4)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. (1 Peter 4:12)

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

Hebrew and Aramaic in Daniel

Daniel & Jesus

- 1. The whole book of Daniel points to Jesus as the fulfillment of every hope.**
- 2. Jesus probably appears in a “Christophany” multiple times in Daniel.**
- 3. The book of Daniel directly prophecies about Jesus.**
- 4. Jesus would have read and studied Daniel.**
- 5. Jesus quoted Daniel.**

Matthew 24:15-16 So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Daniel, Jesus, and the Future of God’s People

Criticism of Daniel

6. Jesus applied Daniel to future events.

The purpose of the book of Daniel is to _____, _____, and _____ the people of God as they live under the authority of the world's political powers until Jesus comes again.

7. Some of the most important themes in Jesus' teaching expand upon Daniel:

a. The Son of Man

b. The King of Kings

c. The global kingdom

d. The reign of the saints

Daniel in Israel's history:

- When Daniel begins: *destruction and exile; losing their land, temple, leadership, and national identity*
- 440 years later: *the Jews experienced their worst season of persecution ever*
- 670 years later: *Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans*

1. Daniel is for suffering believers.

Psalm 137:1 *By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.... For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land?*

Daniel & Revelation

Daniel & His Audience's Future