

Daniel

Historical Background

Read:

2 Kings 24-25

2 Chronicles 36:9-23

Jeremiah

Ezekiel



History of the Deportation



Contemporaries of the early part of Daniel

Author

Daniel means "God is Judge"

Mentioned in Scripture:

Of Royal Blood (1:3)

Young at time of exile (1:4)

Nehemiah 10: 6

Ezekiel 14:14-20

Ezekiel 28:3

Matthew 24:15

Extra-biblical testimony:

Josephus – Skilled in architecture

Author of *Tareekh Muntekheb* – Evangelized Lohorasp and Cyrus

Some traditions – Zoroaster of Persia

– Inventor of geomancy

– Author of *The Principles of the Interpretation of Dreams*

Literary Considerations

Type of Literature: *apocalypse*

Language: Hebrew and Aramaic (2:4-7:28)

Date: Fifth century BC. Some think later because:

1) Greek musical instruments mentioned, and

2) Accuracy of prophecies about the Greek empire.

Theme: God is in control of history, or

Living as a Believer in a Pagan Land

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Theological Highlights

Outline

| KING | SECTION | CHAPTER | SUBJECT | TITLE |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Nebuchadnezzar | HISTORICAL | 1 | Stand #1 | Defiling Food |
| | | 2 | Dream #1 | Four Kingdoms |
| | | 3 | Stand #2 | Defiling Image |
| | | 4 | Dream #2 | Deranged King |
| Belshazzar | | 5 | Fall of Babylon | Writing on the Wall |
| Darius | | 6 | Stand #3 | Egomaniacal King |
| Belshazzar | PROPHETIC | 7 | Dream #3 | Four Kingdoms |
| Darius | | 8 | Vision #1 | Medo-Persia and Greece |
| | | 9 | Vision #2 | Seventy Weeks |
| Cyrus | | 10 | Vision #3 | Meeting an Angel |
| | | 11 | | Greek Empire |
| | 12 | End Times | | |