

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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DANIEL (“God is my Judge”): PART 1

“...For His dominion is an everlasting dominion and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth...” (Daniel 4:34-35).

INTRODUCTION

To give each of us a WORKING KNOWLEDGE of the Book of Daniel, this introduction will consist of a brief outline of the Book:

- I. HISTORICAL STORYTELLING (*chapters 1-6*)
- II. PROPHETICAL BIZARRE VISIONS (*chapters 7-12*)

This Book is to the Old Testament as the Book of Revelation is to the New Testament. In other words, the Book of Daniel is parallel to the Book of Revelation. We cannot understand much of either book without the other. Both Books deal with prophetic vision under the sovereignty of God. The circumstances involved in the writing of the Books were that of exile, and each man saw visions. The word *vision* or *visions* appear over 30 times in the Book of Daniel. In reference to God’s sovereignty, the pagan King and conqueror, *Nebuchadnezzar* praises, exalts, and honors the “*King of Heaven*, whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to put down” (*Dan. 4:37; 2:47; 6:26*). Daniel will be chosen, enters a 3-year course of study, groomed and prepared to be an advisor to King Nebuchadnezzar (*Dan. 1:3-9*).

- I. The Argument For: HISTORICAL STORYTELLING
 - a. The “Hand of God” in History-God’s Providence-His Power working in all things, supernatural and natural as a means to accomplish His purposes (*Eph. 1:11*). (*Even if we cannot discern it*).
 - b. God is Sovereign, and does according to His Will (*Dan. 4:34-35*).
 - c. Despite all appearances, God controls history. In time, HE will prove it.
 - d. Assignment of the angel Gabriel as God’s messenger (*Dan. 8:15-16; 9:21-27*).

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets (Hebrews 1:1).

Daniel was taken as a political prisoner to Babylon, and will serve for about 60 years as a valued advisor to Babylonian and Persian kings.

- **NOTE:** Even today Daniel is still recognized by God as an Old Testament “spokesman” for God Himself.

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophets themselves or because they wanted to prophesy.”

It was the Holy Spirit who moved the prophets to speak from God” (2 Peter 1:20-21).

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:**

Even though the most robust Bible readers don’t always make it through all of the prophet books. *However, there are some tremendous passages that you shouldn’t miss.* At a minimum be sure to read these:

- *Daniel 3-* Three friends saved in a fiery trial.
- *Daniel 4-* Bragging about how great he is to eating grass/living outdoors.
- *Daniel 9-*Authentic prayer for self and others.
- *Daniel 12-*Name written in the “Book”.

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