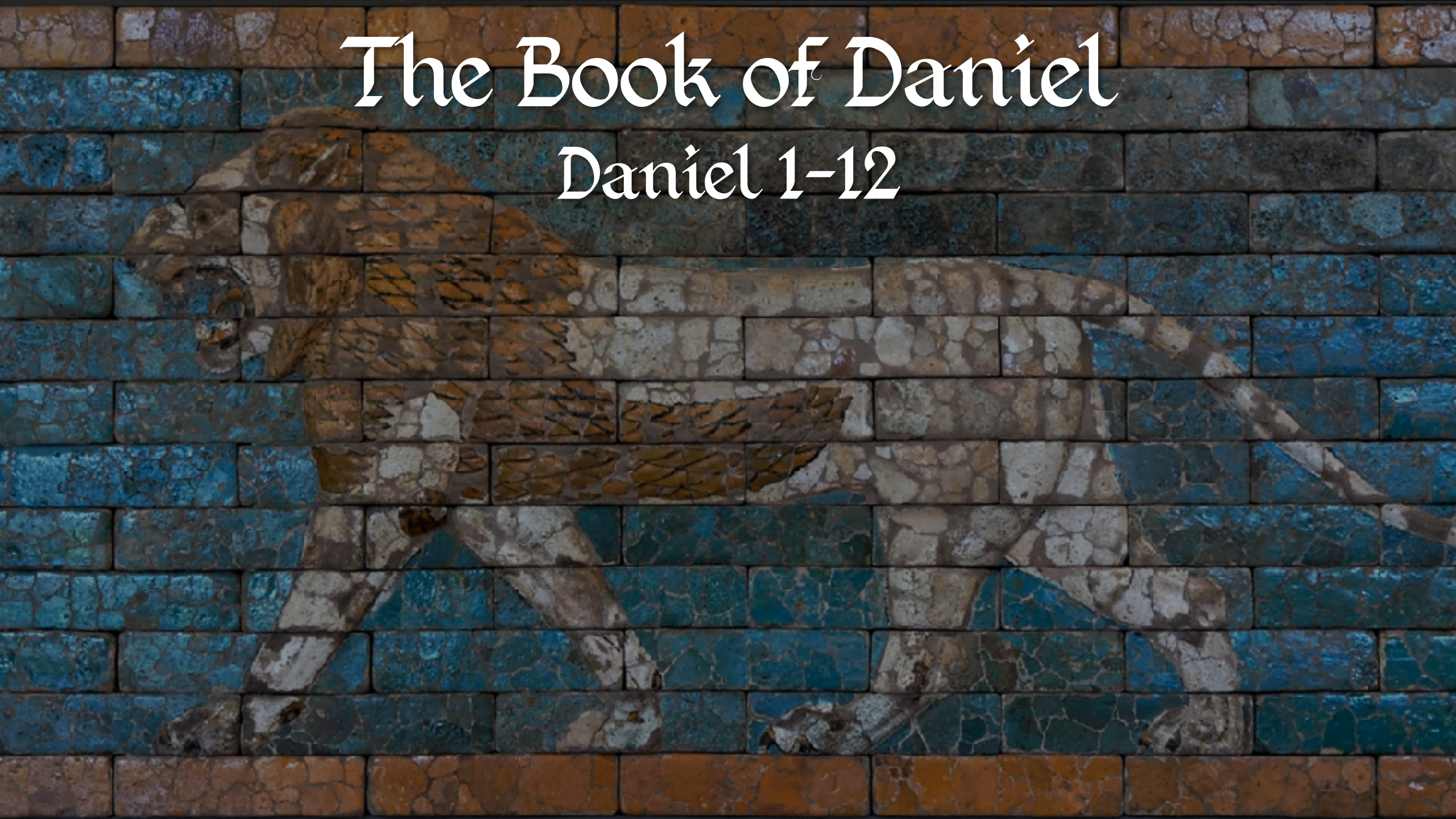


The Book of Daniel

Daniel 1-12



Outlines of Daniel

- According to emphasis
 - I. Historical narrative (1-6)
 - II. Prophecy (7-12)
- According to thought development
 - I. Introduction to the Book (1)
 - II. Events in the lives of Daniel and his Hebrew friends in relation to the rulers of Babylon (2-6)
 - III. Daniel's visions of the great world empires (7-12)

Outlines of Daniel

- According to the languages
 - I. The 1st Hebrew section: Introduction (1:1—2:4a)
 - II. The Aramaic section: YHWH's message to and plan for pagan nations (2:4b—7:28)
 - III. The 2nd Hebrew section: YHWH's message to and plan for Israel (8-12)

Primary Purpose of Daniel

- Daniel's Name: "God is Judge or Ruler."
- Daniel's Theme: Yahweh is sovereign over the lives of individuals, the affairs of nations, the span of empires, and all of human history!
- Daniel's Name for God:
 - *El Elyon*
 - God, Most High or Most Exalted; the Sovereign One!

Daniel 1

Theme: God is sovereign in the lives of His children and arranges the details of their lives for their good and for His own strategic, eternal purposes.

- I. God Sovereignly Fulfills His Word (1-2).**
- II. God Sovereignly Blesses the Obedience of His Children (8-16).**
- III. God Sovereignly Equips and Places His Children for His Eternal Purposes (17-21).**

Daniel 2

Theme: God has a sovereign plan for human history.

- I. God's Plan Disclosed in a King's Dream (1-13)
- II. God's Plan Known Only through Divine Revelation (14-30)
- III. God's Plan Explained for Our Benefit (31-45)

The Image of Nebuchadnezzar

Image	Metal	Empire	Date	Text
Head	Gold	Neo-Babylonian	605 – 539 BC	37-38
Chest/ arms	Silver	Medo-Persian	539 – 331 BC	39
Belly/ thighs	Bronze	Greek	331 – 146 BC	39
Legs/ feet	Iron	Roman	146 BC – 395 AD	40
Toes	Iron/clay	Revived Roman	Future	41-43

Daniel 3

Theme: God is sovereign over the state-sponsored persecution of His people.

I. The Relentless Reality of Government Persecution (1-15)

Daniel 3

II. The Believer's Response to Government Persecution (16-18)

- A. Be Completely Unintimidated by Human Authorities (16).
- B. Be Completely Confident in God's Power Regardless of the Danger (17).
- C. Be Completely Submissive to God's Will Regardless of His Choice (18a).
- D. Be Completely Committed to God Regardless of the Consequences (18b).

III. God's Complete Power over Government Persecution (19-27)

IV. God's Specific Purposes in Government Persecution (28-30)

Daniel 4

Theme: God is completely sovereign over every throne and every human ruler.

- Cf. 17, 25, 32 - "Until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes."

I. A Surprising Introduction (1-3)

II. A Troubling Dream (4-18)

III. A Shocking Prophecy (19-27)

IV. An Unchanging Sentence (28-33)

Daniel 4

- v. The Lasting Lessons (34-37)
 - A. God's greatness is worthy of worship (34).
 - B. God's sovereignty is unending (34).
 - C. God's power is unstoppable (35).
 - D. God's plans are unchangeable (35).
 - E. God's wisdom is unquestionable (35).

Daniel 4

- F. God's mercy and grace are unfathomable (36).
- G. God's salvation is sovereign (37a).
- H. God's works are true (37b).
- I. God's ways are just (37).
- J. God's goal is humility (37).

Daniel 5

Theme: God is completely sovereign over the rise and fall of the empires or kingdoms of men.

- I. The Defiance of YHWH: No government, no matter how defiant, is beyond God's sovereignty (1-4).**
- II. The Writing on the Wall: No empire, no matter how powerful or protected, is beyond God's reach (5-16).**
- III. The Words of the Prophet: No ruler, no matter how wicked, is beyond God's verdict (17-28).**
- IV. The Revolution of History: No empire, no matter how improbable, rises or falls apart from God's decree (29-31).**

Daniel 6

Theme: God is sovereign over the persecution of His people—even when it comes through the malicious use of unjust laws.

I. Two Common Causes of Judicial Persecution (1-5)

A. Jealousy over the Success of God's People (1-4a)

B. Resentment over the Integrity of God's People (4b-5)

II. The Malicious Use of Judicial Persecution (6-9)

III. The Believer's Response to Judicial Persecution (10)

IV. God's Unlimited Power over Judicial Persecution (16-28)

A. God Vindicates His People (19-24)

Daniel 7

Theme: God provides His perspective of human history and its empires.

I. The Vision of Four Beasts (1-14)

A. A Vision of Beasts (1-8)

- 1) The First Beast—Babylon (4)
- 2) The Second Beast—Medo-Persia (5)
- 3) The Third Beast—Greece (6)
- 4) The Fourth Beast—Rome (7-8)

B. The Ancient of Days (9-12)

C. The Son of Man (13-14)

II. The Interpretation of the Vision (15-28)

Daniel 8

Theme: God warns His people about a particular coming period of intense persecution and promises their ultimate survival.

- I. The Vision of the Ram, the Goat, and the Little Horn (1-14)**
- II. The Interpretation of the Ram, the Goat, and the Little Horn (15-26)**
 - The Ram (20) is Cyrus & the Empire of Medo-Persia.
 - The Shaggy Goat (21-22) is Alexander the Great & the Empire of Greece.

Daniel 8: Lessons

1. God allows evil and evil men to prosper for His own purposes.
2. God sometimes allows His people to suffer at the hand of evil rulers for His own purposes.
3. God is sovereign over the most powerful and evil rulers, has determined their days, will destroy them in history, and punish them forever.
4. God's character is on display even during the worst times.
 - He's omniscient — He knew all these things long before they occurred.
 - He's sovereign — He appointed these things for His own purposes.
 - He's loving and gracious — He limited the time of this evil man's persecution of His people and warned them ahead of time to prepare them.

Daniel 9

Theme: God reveals a sweeping, prophetic timeline of Israel's history—from Daniel to the end of the age.

- I. A Prayer for the End of Israel's Captivity (1-19)**
- II. A Vision of the Rest of Israel's History (20-27)**
 - **God's Future Plan—The Vision of 70 Weeks (24-27)**

Daniel's 70 Weeks

1. 69 Weeks from the Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah Comes (25)
2. After the 69 Weeks (26a-b)
3. From the Destruction of Jerusalem & the Temple until "the end" (26c)
4. Daniel's 70th Week (27)

Daniel's 70 Weeks Teaches...

1. Messiah would come 483 years after the decree to rebuild the city—during the time of our Lord's ministry!
2. Messiah would be cut off or killed.
3. Since He will eventually return, Messiah had to be raised to life again.
4. The city of Jerusalem & the temple would be destroyed again.
5. At the end of the age, an evil ruler will arise who will persecute God's people.
6. The Messiah will return and destroy that ruler and establish His own kingdom.
7. During the time these 70 Weeks unfold, God will accomplish all the magnificent goals in v. 24.

Daniel 10:1—12:13

Theme: God has a detailed plan for Israel through the rest of human history.

- I. The Introduction to Daniel's Final Vision (10:1—11:1)
- II. The Content of Daniel's Final Vision (11:2—12:13)
 - A. Prophecies regarding Persia – 536-331 BC (2)
 - B. Prophecies regarding Greece – 331-146 BC (3-35)
 - C. Prophecies regarding Antichrist (11:36-45)
 - 1. History's Last World Ruler (36-39)
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The Tribulation



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