

# Daniel

## Interpreter Of Kings' Visions

### Visionary Of the King's Coming

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#### I. Daniel—A man of status with men and God

##### A. Status with earthly kings—Nebuchadnezzar—Belshazzar—Darius—Cyrus

*Dan 2:48* Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

*Dan 5:29* Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

*Dan 6:1* It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

*Dan 6:2* And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first...

*Dan 6:28* So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus

##### B. Status with God—According to the prophet, Ezekiel

*Eze 14:14* Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

##### C. Status with God—According to the angel, Gabriel

*Dan 9:23* At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

##### D. Status with God—According to one who perhaps was Christ Himself

*Dan 10:11* And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent...

#### II. Daniel—The royal prince—Made to be the captive eunuch

*Dan 1:1* In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

*Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.*

*Dan 1:3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz **the master of his eunuchs**, that he should **bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes**;*

*2Ki 20:16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.*

*2Ki 20:17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.*

*2Ki 20:18 And **of thy sons that shall issue from thee**, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and **they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon**.*

### **III. Daniel—A man with purpose in his heart—A man blessed by God**

*Dan 1:8 But Daniel **purposed in his heart** that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

*Dan 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.*

*Dan 1:21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.*

### **IV. Daniel—Interpreter of the king's dreams—Prophet of the King to come**

*Dan 2:1 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.*

*Dan 2:2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams...*

*Dan 2:36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.*

*Dan 2:37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.*

*Dan 2:38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

*Dan 2:39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

*Dan 2:40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

*Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

*Dan 2:45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

### **V. The king's story of a dream fulfilled—His proclamation about Daniel's God**

*Dan 4:1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.*

*Dan 4:2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.*

*Dan 4:3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.*

*Dan 4:4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:*

*Dan 4:5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.*

*Dan 4:24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:*

*Dan 4:25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

*Dan 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:*

*Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

### **VI. Daniel interprets a vision concerning a king's arrogance and downfall**

*Dan 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.*

*Dan 5:2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.*

*Dan 5:3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.*

*Dan 5:4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.*

*Dan 5:5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.*

*Dan 5:6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.*

*Dan 5:18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:*

*Dan 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:*

*Dan 5:22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;*

*Dan 5:23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven...*

*Dan 5:24 Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.*

*Dan 5:25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.*

*Dan 5:26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.*

*Dan 5:27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.*

*Dan 5:28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.*

*Dan 5:29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.*

*Dan 5:30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.*

## **VII. Daniel's prayer and vision concerning the deliverance of the captives**

### **A. Daniel knew the time had come for deliverance**

*Dan 9:1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;*

*Dan 9:2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.*

*Jer 25:11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.*

*Jer 25:12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.*

### **B. Daniel's prayer for deliverance from earthly captivity**

*Dan 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:*

*Dan 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;*

*Dan 9:5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:*

*Dan 9:6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.*

*Dan 9:7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off; through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.*

*Dan 9:8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.*

*Dan 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;*

*Dan 9:10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.*

*Dan 9:11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.*

*Dan 9:12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.*

*Dan 9:13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.*

*Dan 9:14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.*

*Dan 9:15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.*

*Dan 9:16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.*

*Dan 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.*

*Dan 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.*

*Dan 9:19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.*

### **C. Daniel's vision of the King who would forever deliver from earthly captivity**

*Dan 9:20 And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;*

*Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

*Dan 9:22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*

*Dan 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*

*Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

#### **1. Daniel saw in the books 70 years—Daniel saw in the vision 70 weeks of years**

*Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city...*

*Gen 29:27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet **seven other years**.*

*Gen 29:28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.*

#### **2. To finish the transgression**

*Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

*Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

#### **3. To make an end of sins**

*Joh 1:29 ...Behold the Lamb of God, which **taketh away the sin** of the world.*

*Heb 9:26 ...but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared **to put away sin** by the sacrifice of himself.*

*Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and **took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;***

*Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins** in his own blood,*

#### **4. To make reconciliation for iniquity**

*Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

*2Co 5:18 And all things are of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ,***

*Col 1:20 And, **having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

*Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in **your mind** by wicked works, **yet now hath he reconciled***

*Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:*

#### **5. To bring in everlasting righteousness**

*1Co 1:30 **But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:***

*2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***

*Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

*Rom 10:4 **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.***

#### **6. To seal up the vision and prophecy**

*Luk 24:44* And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that **all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**  
*Luk 24:45* Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,  
*Luk 24:46* And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

*Joh 5:39* Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

*Rom 3:21* But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, **being witnessed by the law and the prophets;**

*1Pe 1:10* Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

*1Pe 1:11* Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it **testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.**

*1Pe 1:12* Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

#### **7. To anoint the most Holy**

*Luk 4:18* The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because **he hath anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

*Act 10:38* **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:** who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

*Act 10:39* And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

*Act 10:40* Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

*Heb 1:8* But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

*Heb 1:9* Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; **therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**