

DANIEL

**The God Who Protects,
Discloses, and Rules**

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God's **KINGDOM** Plan in Scripture

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Old Testament Structure

Law (Established)	Prophets (Enforced)		Writings (Enjoyed)	
	<i>Former</i>	<i>Latter</i>	<i>Former</i>	<i>Latter</i>
Genesis	Joshua	Jeremiah	Ruth	Daniel
Exodus	Judges	Ezekiel	Psalms	Esther
Leviticus	1–2 Samuel	Isaiah	Job	Ezra-Nehemiah
Numbers	1–2 Kings	The Twelve	Proverbs	1–2 Chronicles
Deuteronomy			Ecclesiastes	
			Song of Songs	
			Lamentations	
Narrative	Narrative	Commentary	Commentary	Narrative
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DANIEL at a Glance

I. Introduction	Ch. 1
II. The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Shines in the Present	Chs. 2–6
III. The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Will Be Realized in the Future	Chs. 7–12

Introduction

◆ 1:2–4

◆ 1:6–7

The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Shines in the Present (chs. 2–6)

◆ Nebuchadnezzar's dream of an image (ch. 2)

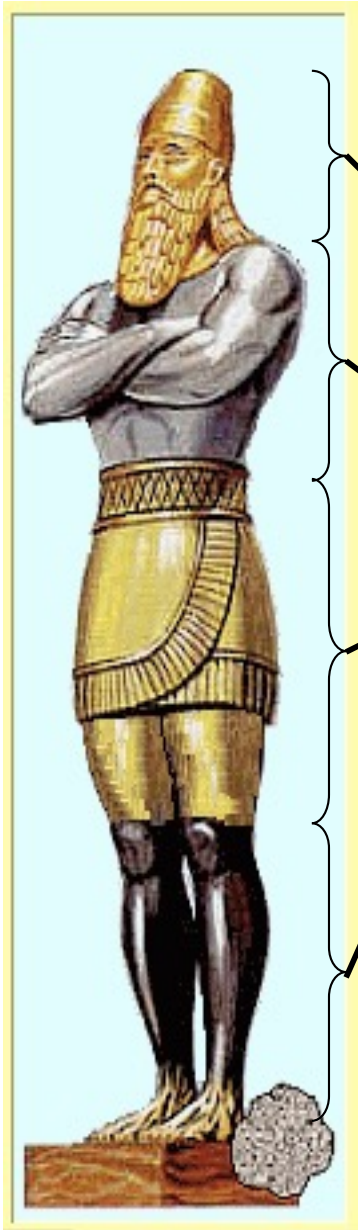
❖ 2:19–22

❖ 2:37–38

❖ 2:44–45

❖ 2:46–47

Kingdoms in Daniel



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◆ **Three friends in the fiery furnace (ch. 3)**

❖ 3:28–29

◆ **Nebuchadnezzar's tree dream (ch. 4)**

❖ 4:34–35, 37

◆ **The writing on the wall (ch. 5)**

◆ **Daniel in the lion's den (ch. 6)**

❖ 6:26–27

The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Will Be Realized in the Future (chs. 7–12)

- ◆ **The vision of four beasts followed by the Son of Man and his kingdom (ch. 7)**
 - ❖ 7:1–8
 - ❖ 7:9–14
 - ❖ 7:15–27
 - ❖ Matt 28:18
 - ❖ Mark 14:61–62

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Stone, mountain	Ancient of Days Gives Dominion to Son of Man		God's kingdom (2:44)

◆ **The vision of the ram and goat (ch. 8)**

- ❖ The kingdoms of Medo-Persia and Greece (vv. 20–21).
- ❖ Anti-Christ typology (vv. 24–25; cf. 2 Thess 2:1–4).

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◆ **The vision of 70 sabbaticals (ch. 9)**

- ❖ 9:1–2 (cf. Jer 25:11–12)

- ❖ 9:9–11

- ❖ Isaiah's two-stage restoration

- ❖ 9:24

- ❖ 9:25–26

- ❖ The translation difficulty

Dan 9:24–27, NASB adapted

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Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.²⁵ Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, **there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks** it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.²⁷ And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.

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 - ❖ The time frame

	457/58 BC
7 Sabbaticals (49 years) to restore Jerusalem	408/9 BC
62 Sabbaticals (434 years) to Messiah's coming	AD 26/27
1 Sabbatical (7 years) to complete restoration	AD 33/24

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◆ **The final vision (chs. 10–12)**

❖ 12:1–3

❖ John 5:27–29



“With the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man.... And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom (Dan 7:13–14).

Daniel and Jesus

- ◆ **Jesus is the ultimate image of God (ch. 2).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the stone cut from heaven that comes to earth and grows into a mighty mountain (ch. 2).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the true image that people must worship (ch. 3; 7:14).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the true tree of life (4:11–12).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the humble king who seeks his Father's glory and not his own (4:17).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the one like a son of man who reigns over all the peoples of the earth from God's right hand (7:13–14).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the day of atonement sacrifice who rises into heaven on a cloud in conjunction with God's destroying the fourth beast (7:13; 9:24).**
- ◆ **Jesus is the one who shares his kingdom with the saints (7:18), who themselves will rise to everlasting life (12:2).**

Summary

The Most High God is in control of all history and powers and will eventually triumph over every proud kingdom through his Messiah's saving death and everlasting dominion, which God will prove by raising his humble saints from death to life.