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Outline of the Bible Book of Daniel

Daniel = "God Is Judge" **[God Is Prescient]**

Blueprint for Redemption

I. Daniel Judges Present Kings Chapters 1:1-6:28

A. Nebuchadnezzar's Conversion In Four Steps 1:1-4:

1. God provides purity **1:1-21**
   a. Pictures of perfection (***exceptional Jewish people***) **1:1-7**
   b. Pillars of purity (***Jewish exceptions***) **1:8-19**
   c. Proven praiseworthy **1:20-21**

[**Step #1** - obedience to God ***purifies***]

2. God provides wisdom **2:1-49**
   a. Proof of true *diviners* (Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream) **2:1-13**
      (1 Ask *diviners* to tell the dream, then interpret **2:1-12**
      (2 As usual, false *diviners* jeopardize God's truth **2:13**
   b. Proof of *truth* **2:14-45**
      (1 God, not man, is the only source for truth **2:14-30**
      (2 Governments obey God (***exceptional Jewish God***) **2:30-45**
         (a Image in the dream **2:30-36**
         (b Image's Application (from Babylon to Rome) **2:37-45**
   c. Proof of God's providence **2:46-49**

[**Step #2** - obedience to God ***patterns***]

3. God provides protection **3:1-30**
   a. Misconception: whole statue of gold, not just head **3:1-7**
   b. Misapplication: Jews should worship *idol* **3:8-15**
   c. Misunderstanding: fiery furnace burns faith **3:16-25**
   d. Misperception corrected: only 1 is *Most High* **3:26-30**

[**Step #3** - obedience to God ***protects***]

4. God provides power **4:1-37**
   a. Nebuchadnezzar's personal testimony **4:1-33**
      (1 Confidence in the *Most High God* **4:1-9**
      (2 Dream #2 - flourishing tree cut down, restored after 7 years **4:10-17**
      (3 Interpretation - Nebuchadnezzar will be deposed for 7 years, and reinstated as king to *prove who's boss* **4:18-27**
      (4 It happened 1 year later **4:28-33**

[**Step #4** - obedience to God ***powers***]

   b. Nebuchadnezzar's personal belief **4:34-37**

B. Belshazzar's Diversion in One Dreadful Night 5:1-31

1. Reign **5:1-4**
   a. Mentioned in **7:1; 8:1; 5:1, 30**
   b. Co-regent with his father Nabonidus, son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar was actually Nebuchadnezzar's grandson cf **Jeremiah 27:7** (*father* here is Hebrew *ancestor*)
   c. Misusing God's sacred vessels for "spirits" **5:1-4**
2. Pain **5:5-31**
   a. The frenzied unhinged by "the spirit's" hand **5:5-9**
   b. The ignorant informed of the Spirit's man **5:10-12**
   c. The high-minded humbled by the Spirit's plan **5:13-29**
   d. The hopeless hit by the Spirit's "can" **5:30-31**

C. Darius's in A Restless Night 6:1-28

1. Satraps' enviously tried to make good guys finish last **6:1-9**
2. Daniel adamantly showed that God comes first **6:10-16**
3. Darius struggles with his confidence in the living God **6:16b-23**
4. Lions' den violently that good will prevail **6:24-28**

II. Daniel Judges Future Kings Chapters 7:1-12:13

A. Daniel's 1st Vision In Bed About Four Beasts 7:1-28

1. Inscribe a dream **7:1**
2. Initiating 4 great beasts from the Great Sea **7:2-14**
   a. First like a lion **7:2-4**
   b. Second like a bear **7:5**
   c. Third like a leopard **7:6**
   d. Fourth ten-horned and terrible **7:7-14**
      (1 Different from other 3 beasts **7:7**
      (2 One horn supplanted 3 horns **7:8**
      (3 "Ancient of days" seated on fiery throne **7:9-10**
      (5 "Ancient of days" destroyed and removed beasts **7:11-13**
      (6 One like the Son of Man was given everlasting dominion by the "Ancient of Days" **7:14**
3. Interpretation **7:15-28**
   a. Beasts are kings **7:15-17**
   b. Saints of the Most High receive eternal kingdom **7:18**
   c. Fourth beast prevails in war against the saints **7:19-21**
   d. Until Most High lets saints possess eternal kingdom **7:22-27**
4. Impact on Daniel **7:28**

B. Daniel's 2nd Vision In Capitol About A Ram, Goat and Horn 8:1-27

1. *Prophet's pattern* after the 1st vision **8:1**
2. *Prophet's place* in Shushan, the citadel **8:2**
   a. Unstoppable ram with uneven horns pushed west, north, & south **8:2-4**
   b. Male goat from west broke ram horns and grew strong **8:5-8**
   c. Goat horn replaced by 4, one of which produced little horn which grew toward the south, east, and Glory Land 2300 days "then the sanctuary shall be cleansed" **8:9-14**

3. *The prophet's prophet* **8:15-25**
   a. Called in Gabriel to make Daniel understand **8:15-16**
   b. Vision refers "to the time of the end" **8:17-19**
      (1 NOT "the end of time"
      (2 BUT to the end of Israelite/ Jewish kingdom
      (3 The New Testament expression is "the last days."
   c. Ram horns are "the kings of Media and Persia" **8:20**
   d. Male goat is "the kingdom of Greece" **8:21**
   e. 4 replacement horns=kingdoms from Greece not its power **8:22**
   f. 1 king arise from them against the holy people and Prince of princes, but broken without hand **8:23-25**
4. *Prophet's problem* **8:26-27**
   a. Time capsule **8:26**
   b. Troubled for now **8:27**

C. Daniel's Prayer Replied To **9:1-27**

1. Proper Request **9:1-19**
   a. Learn now **9:1**
   b. Learn from Scripture **9:2-19**
      (1 That He is accurate **9:2** (**Jeremiah 25:10-14; 29:10; 30:1-4**)
      (2 That He is patient to those who serve Him **9:3-15**
   c. Learn to apply for greater service to God **9:16-19**
2. Present Response **9:20-23**
   a. Gabriel sent during evening worship **9:20-21**
   b. Deliberation begins **9:22-23**
3. Prophecy Revealed **9:24-27**
   a. 70 weeks for Israelites and Jerusalem are set to: **9:24**
      (1 finish the transgression [be done with idolatry]
      (2 make an end of sins **Acts 17:30; 14:16**; **Romans 3:25**
      (3 make reconciliation for iniquity **Acts 2:38**; **Romans 6:3-4**
      (4 bring in everlasting righteousness **I John 3:7**
      (5 seal up vision & prophecy **Luke 24:44-48**; **Acts 3:18-26**
      (6 anoint the Most Holy **Mark 16:19**; **Acts 2:22-36**; **Hebrews 1:3-5**
   b. Applied to time as follows:
      (1 **9:25** - 7 weeks = 49 years to rebuild Jerusalem **Nehemiah 2:1-6**
      (2 **9:25, 26** - 62 weeks = 434 years till Messiah came
      (3 **9:26** - 1 week = 7 years for Messiah to finish
         (a Messiah cut off mid-week (3 1/2 years) and ends sacrifices and offerings according to Moses **Luke 3:23**; **Ephesians 2:11-22**; **Colossians 2:11-17**
         (b Gentiles then accepted by same Gospel **Acts 10;11;15**
      (4 **9:27** - TOTAL = 70 weeks = 490 years afterwards then the abomination of desolation = destruction of Jerusalem **Matthew 24:15-16**; **Mark 13:14**; **Luke 21:20-22**

D. Daniel's Sorrowful Vision **10:1-21**

1. During 21-day mourning **10:1-3**
2. Saw a vision his companions did not **10:4-9** cf **Acts 9:7; 22:9; 26:13,14**
3. Daniel touched 3 times:
   a. to help him know the latter days of the Israelites **10:10-14**

b. to speak by way of reply **10:15-17**
c. to strengthen him in the Scripture of Truth **10:18-21**

E. Daniel's Sealed Prophecy 11:1-12:13

1. Three more Persian kings, the last will fight Greece **11:1-2**
2. The Grecian kingdom will be divided up **11:3-4**
3. Southern king joins Northern king **11:5-9**
4. Sons of kings strive, Southern king opposes Northern **11:10-45**
5. Michael shall stand up for sons of Daniel's people **12:1-3**
6. Prophecy sealed until time for fulfillment **12:4**
7. Daniel saw 2 men, one above the river, and asked "When?" **12:5-6**
8. After "time, times and half" **12:7-9**
9. Many purified and wise will understand **12:10**
   a. 1290 days after abomination set up **12:11**
   b. 1335 days of waiting **12:12**
10. Daniel will receive inheritance "at the end of the days" **12:13**

Decisions From Daniel:

- Daniel was among those carried away in either the 1st or 2nd conquest of Nebuchadnezzar over Jerusalem (**2 Kings 24:1-16**).
- God providently placed His people in high places among the ungodly to "be there" to help His people in their need: **Joseph** in Egypt (**Genesis 41:40-41**; **Genesis 45:7-8; 47:1-12; 50:19-21**; **Acts 7:9-15**), **Nehemiah** (**Nehemiah chapters 1 & 2**), **Esther** (**Esther 2:15-18; 4:13-5:3; 8:1-17**), and **Daniel** (**Daniel 1:1-7,17-21; 2:24-30, 46-49**).
- Daniel's good influence in "high places" was known back in the vanquished land of Israel (**Ezekiel 14:14, 20; 28:3**).
- The chapters are not numbered chronologically, for that would put them in this sequence: **1-4, 7-8, 5-6, 11, 10, 12, 10, 9**.
- **Chapters 2:4-7:28** are written in *Aramaic*, and **1:10-2:3**; **chapters 8-12** are written in *Hebrew* (See a similar occurrence in **Ezra 4:8-6:18**). *Aramaic* was the common language of the reigning world-empire and is used by Daniel to picture the worldly governments. *Hebrew* (Abraham was an *Hebrew*, **Genesis 14:13**; compare Paul in **Acts 22:2**; **Philippians 4:3**) was the official language God used through His servants the prophets to impose His explanation for world events until the kingdom of Christ which would include both Jews and Gentiles. By the Aramaic, also, specifics are included that prove only someone well-versed in the language and governmental occurrences of that particular era could have written it. It is positive proof that Daniel lived when it is claimed (**Daniel chapters 1-4**).
- Because the Book of **Revelation** deals with God bring to an end the separation of Gentiles and Jews with His eternal kingdom in Jesus Christ, the same as in the Book of **Daniel**, then many similarities of language, style, imagery, and meaning can be noticed between the two books. **Daniel** shows the survival of God's physical people, the Jews/ Israelites, **until** Jesus established His kingdom for Jews and Gentiles in the days of the Roman Empire. This spiritual kingdom was established on Pentecost in the 1st century, **Acts chapters 1-2**, and completed its beginning with the bringing in of the Gentiles by the same gospel preached to the Jews (**Acts chapters 10-11, 15**).
- **Daniel's Contemporaries: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Habakkuk**