

Lessons to learn from Daniel

- I. Faithfulness of God.
- II. God's faithfulness to those who are faithful to Him, study of Daniel and his 3 friends. It should be noted that God is also faithful to His own covenants. God is faithful to His Gospel to all who believe in His Son, regardless of their life after salvation.
- III. God Controls History
- IV. Personal lessons from Daniel

Outlines of Daniel

—General Outline:

Daniel chapters 1-6 **Prophecies revealed through the dreams of Nebuchadnezzar**

Daniel chapters 7-12 **Prophecies revealed through the visions of Daniel**

Daniel 7:1 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.*

—Visions God gave to Daniel

First 6 chapters focus on Daniel and his 3 friends

Great examples of **FAITH** toward God

and

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS to us in our faith.

Another way of outlining the book by Kings under whom Daniel served

1-4	Daniel under Nebuchadnezza
5	Daniel under Belshazzar
5:1	<i>Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.</i>
6	Daniel under Cyrus & Darius
6:1	<i>It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom</i>
7-8	Daniel under Belshazzar
7:1	<i>In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.</i>
9-12	Daniel under Cyrus & Darius
9:1	<i>In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans</i>

Another way is by language:

Chapters 1:1 thru 2:4 8:1 thru 12:13 Were written in HEBREW.	Chapters 2:5 thru 7:28 Were written in ARAMAIC
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HEBREW was the appointed language through which revelation was made and recorded. **ARAMAIC** was not just the language of Babylon but was the international trade language of the day. **ARAMAIC** was to Daniel's time what **KOINE GREEK** was to Paul's time. **ARAMAIC** was what **LATIN** was to the Roman Empire. **ARAMAIC** was the international means of communication.

HEBREW is used to emphasize **separation**, **ARAMAIC** emphasized **universality**. When we read in the **HEBREW** we realize that this was specifically for **the Jews**. But when we come to **ARAMAIC**, we easily see that God was going **beyond the Jews** to all **Gentile nations**. Daniel has **two messages**:

- 1) to the **Gentile** world in history, the development of Gentile powers and,
- 2) **Israel's** relationship with each of these Gentile world powers, giving encouragement and hope to the Jewish people wherever they are in history, whatever power they are under the control of; whatever slavery, torments, tribulations, even attempted annihilation – God is in control, God loves them, and God has a Plan of their Redemption in the land of Israel!