

Daniel

(God's Prophet and Statesman)

Theme: God is absolutely sovereign over history and the kingdoms of this world (2:21, 44; 4:17, 34-37; 7:27)

Author: Daniel, a 6th Century Jewish exile to Babylon

Date of Writing: c. 530 B.C. (probably during the reign of the Persian King Cyrus)

Purpose: To encourage Jews in exile that God is the sovereign Lord over the nations (5:21) and that His kingdom will be come as the final and everlasting kingdom (7:13-14)

Key Verses: 4:17; 7:13-14

Outline: 1) Daniel the man (chs. 1-6)

2) Daniel and his message (chs. 7-12)

Or

1) Daniel the prophet (chs. 1-6)

2) Daniel and his prophecies (chs. 7-12)