

Interesting Facts About Daniel

Meaning	“God is my judge.”		
Author	Daniel		
Time Written	Written by Cyrus’ 9 th year (530 B.C.)		
Position in the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th Book in the Old Testament • 5th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah- Malachi) • 5th and last of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel) 		
Chapters	12	Verses	357
Observations about Daniel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel’s life and ministry span the entire 70 year period of Babylonian Captivity. • Daniel was deported to Babylon from Judah (some 900 miles away) as a young teen. • He was selected for special service in Babylon, and was given three years of training in the best of Babylon’s pagan schools along with his 3 friends. • He was given a Babylonian name – Belteshazzar, possibly meaning “Bel Protect his Life.” • 9 out of the 12 chapters in Daniel revolve around dreams. • Of the almost 3,000 Bible characters, Daniel is one of the few well-known characters about whom nothing negative is ever written. Joseph is another. • Daniel’s life was characterized by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faith ○ Prayer ○ Courage ○ Consistency ○ Lack of Compromise • Three times Daniel is mentioned by his 6th century counterpart, Ezekiel, as an example of righteousness. Ezekiel 9:23; 10:11, 19 • Daniel was made the third ruler in the Babylonian Kingdom (cf 5:29). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st – Nabonidus was away fighting the invading Persians. 2nd – Belshazzar was reigning in Babylon in the absence of his father. 3rd – Daniel thus became the third ruler behind 1) Nabonidus and (2) Belshazzar. • The Book of Daniel has been called the “Apocalypse of the Old Testament.” There are many similarities with Revelation. • After an introductory chapter in Hebrew, Daniel switches to Aramaic in 2:4-7:28. It then returns to Hebrew. • During the reign of Darius, a plot against Daniel results in his being put in the den of lions (ch.6). At a minimum, Daniel would be at least 82 years old when that occurred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. 621 B.C.- Daniel was born. 605 B.C.- Daniel was carried to Babylon as a teen. 539 B.C.- (October) Persia overthrows Babylon. • The Book of Daniel was written to offer encouragement to the Jewish exiles by revealing God’s sovereign will for Israel after the period of Gentile dominion. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.”</i> Daniel 5:21</p>		