

AN INTRODUCTION TO DANIEL

The historical situation in Daniel's day:

605 BC--Babylon takes control of Judah (Daniel and friends taken).
597 BC--Babylon returns and attacks (10,000 captives taken).
586 BC--Babylon returns and destroys city, temple, more captives).



*The times are now known as “the times of the Gentiles (Diaspora) as the book begins with the end of Judah (Lk. 21:20-28, Rom. 11:25).

1:1,2

- *While Nebuchadnezzar seems to be in control, see “God gave” in 1:3,9,17.
- *Key verse for the book of Daniel =
- *Why “the land of Shinar” in vs. 2 to describe Babylon (not used in II Kings).
See Gen. 10:8-10, 11:1-9 and how in Zech. 5:5-11 it’s the place for sin.
- *Vessels taken from the temple in Jerusalem = trophies for Nebuchadnezzar (recall I Sam. 6) and suggest a showdown is coming (see later in 5:3).
- *Why shouldn’t we expect to see the book of Daniel made into a movie?
Why is Daniel a good book to study through?

DANIEL

Dominion over the nations 1-7	Destiny of the Jewish nation 8-12
Hebrew	Aramaic
Hebrew	Hebrew
Dreams, Decrees and Deliverances show power of the Most High	Turmoil and Troubling End Times show purposes of the Most High
Nebuchadnezzar.....Belshazzar..Darius..Belshazzar.....Darius.....Cyrus.....	
Dreams of Decreed Dominions:	GOLD SILVER BRONZE IRON IRON / CLAY
BIG IDEA: Divine dominion will triumph over the nations in behalf of God's people	