

Interesting Facts About Daniel



- “Daniel” means “God is my Judge.”
- Daniel was a native of Judea in the Southern kingdom.
- Was deported to Babylon at the age of sixteen.
- Was deported in the first group of captives in 606 B.C.
- Josephus says that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego were kin to King Zedekiah.
- The Babylonians gave Daniel the name “Belteshazzar” which means, “Bel Protect his life.”
- Daniel had been in Babylon three years when he interpreted Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.
- Daniel had been in Babylon about twenty years when Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego were put in the fiery furnace.
- Daniel’s life in Babylon was at least seventy-two years, from 606 B.C. to 534 B.C.
- Daniel’s life in Babylon extended from the 1st year of Nebuchadnezzar through the reigns of the

succeeding five kings, past the fall of Babylon to the Medes and Persians, and in the Persian Empire through the reign of Darius the Mede unto the 3rd year of Cyrus the Persian.

- Daniel was a friend and adviser to Nebuchadnezzar
- The Babylonian kings Daniel served under were:
 - Nabopolassar (625-604) B.C.)
 - Nebuchadnezzar (606-556 B.C.)
 - Evil-Meroach (561-560 B.C.)
 - Neriglissar (559-556 B.C.)
 - Labash-Marduk (556 B.C.)
 - Nabonidus (555-536 B.C.), and his son Belshazzar
- Daniel was offered to be third in the kingdom.
 1. Nabonidus
 2. Nebuchadnezzar
 3. Daniel
- In Daniel 5:28, Daniel foretold of the victory by the Medes.
- Daniel was in his eighties or early nineties when he was placed in the den of lions.
- Daniel is one of the few well-known Bible characters about whom nothing negative is written in the Scriptures.
- Daniel’s life was characterized by:
 - Faith • Consistency • Lack of compromise • Prayer • Courage
- Daniel was mentioned three times by his sixth century contemporary Ezekiel as an example of righteousness.