

Interesting Facts About Daniel

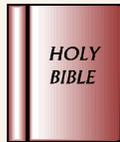
MEANING: "God is my Judge."

AUTHOR: Daniel

TIME WRITTEN: Written by Cyrus' 9th year (530 B.C.)

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 27th Book in the Bible
- 28th Book in the Old Testament
- 5th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 5th and last of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel)
- 39 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 12

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OBSERVATIONS ABOUT DANIEL:

- Daniel's life and ministry span the entire seventy-year period of Babylonian Captivity.
- Daniel was deported to Babylon (some 900 miles away) when he was sixteen years old.
- He was selected for special service in Babylon, and was given three years of training in the best of Babylon's schools.
- He was given a Babylonian name - Belteshazzar, meaning "Bel Protect his Life."
- 9 out of the 12 chapters in Daniel revolve around dreams.
- Of the 2,930 Bible characters, Daniel is one of the few well-known characters about whom nothing negative is ever written. Joseph is yet another.
- Daniel's life was characterized by:
 - Faith
 - Prayer
 - Courage
 - Consistency
 - Lack of compromise

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- 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.
 - 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."
- After an introductory chapter in Hebrew, Daniel switches to Aramaic in chapter 2-7.
- During the reign of Darius, a plot against Daniel results in his being put in the den of lions. At a minimum, Daniel would be at least 82 years old when that occurred.
 - 621 B.C. - Daniel was born.
 - 605 B.C. - Daniel was carried to Babylon at age 16.
 - 539 B.C. - (October) Persia overthrows Babylon.
 - 621 B.C. minus 539 B.C. = 82 years old at the time of Babylon's fall to the Persians.
- 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 domination.

**"The Most High rules in the kingdom of men,
and gives it to whomever He chooses."**

Job 13:15-16