



Daniel

Background

- Daniel is the final book of the "Major Prophets."
- He and his three friends were abducted from Israel in the first Babylonian captivity (605 BC)
- He lived at least until the third year of Cyrus' reign (536 BC) (10:1).
- The book of Daniel consists of two parts: personal stories (1-6) and prophetic visions (7-12).
- The book of Daniel is written in two languages: Hebrew (1:1-2:4a) (8:1-12:15) and Aramaic (2:4b-7:28)

Roadmap

Outline: See Back

Landmark

The theme of Daniel is "The God of Heaven rules the kingdoms of men" (2:19-21) (4:25) (7:24-27). God proves His sovereignty through the deliverance and promotion of Daniel, giving hope to His enslaved people.

Must See

- The Lord Jesus validated Daniel's authorship and prophetic visions (Matt. 24:15).
- He is the Stone who will smite the Gentile nations (2:44-45).
- He is the Son of Man with an eternal kingdom (7:13-14).
- He is the Prince who is cut off for the sins of His people (9:26).

Takeaway

1. God is sovereign over the kingdoms of this world; *be calm.*
2. God's promises provide certainty in uncertain times; *be confident.*
3. Men and women of character will rise to meet a challenge; *be counted.*