

The Book For Our Time

How Daniel Is Being "Unsealed" Before Our Eyes

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Controversies & Skepticism

The Most Criticized Book In The Bible

- Scholars and experts say there is no way Daniel wrote it:
 - the future events that it describes is way too precise so it had to be written AFTER the fact
 - lays out all of world history in detail - Persian, Greek and Roman empires
 - to accept the book you have to accept it's supernatural
- The book is written in multiple languages so it must be written by more than one guy
- Jesus steps into the debate: Case Closed!

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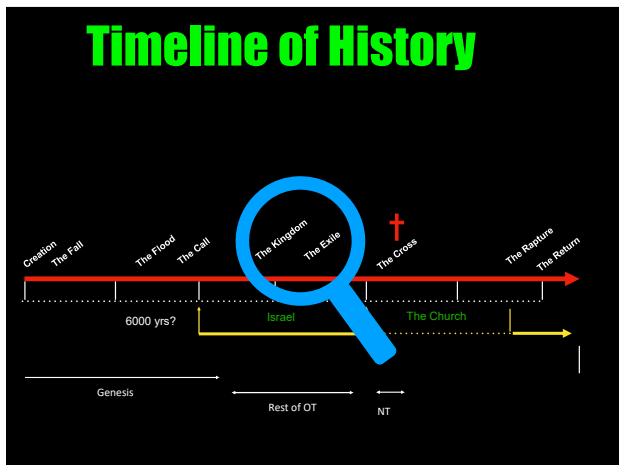
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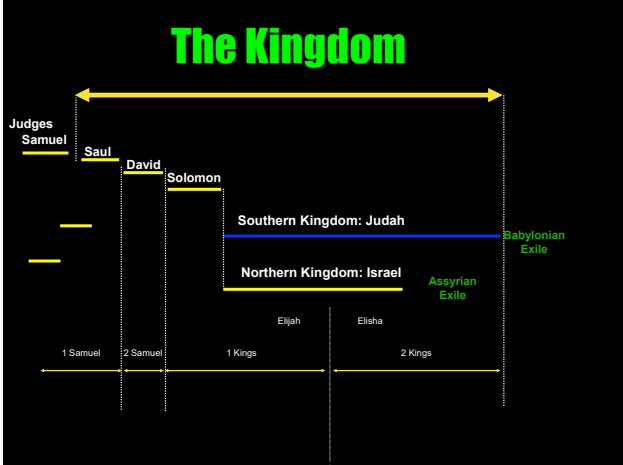
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Timeline of History



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The Fall Of A Nation

- 1010 BC United Kingdom of David and Solomon
- 932 BC Civil War ; Kingdom divides
- 772 BC Northern Kingdom Destroyed by Assyria
- 632 BC Josiah, The Book & Revival!
 - Daniel is born
 - Jeremiah's Warning **2 Chronicles 26** "*Servitude Of The Nation*"
- 632 BC Josiah, The Book & Revival!
- 597 BC Jerusalem Falls

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Siege of Jerusalem #1

- Jerusalem Falls
- The Temples is ransacked
- Hostages are taken:
 - Four teenage boys are taken
 - Daniel and three of his friends
- Begins the 70-year "*Servitude Of The Nation*"
 - **2 Chronicles 36**

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Siege of Jerusalem #2

- Jehoiakim listens to the false prophets and riots
- Jeremiah and Ezekiel say don't do it!
"yield to the will of God"
- Jehoiakim ignores Jeremiah and rebels anyway
 - He is killed *Jeremiah 22:17-19*
 - His son Jeconiah is named king
- Jeconiah is captured + 10,000 captives
 - including Ezekiel
 - *Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2 Kings 24:8-20; 2 Chronicles 36:6-10*
- Zedekiah, his uncle, is named king

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Siege of Jerusalem #3

- Jeremiah and Ezekiel warn him NOT to rebel
- Jeremiah and Ezekiel say don't do it!
 - Zedekiah listens to the false prophets
 - *"Nebuchadnezzar is an instrument of God's judgment"*
- **587 BC** Zedekiah ignores Jeremiah and Ezekiel
 - *Jeremiah 32:5; 39:6-7; Ezekiel 12:13; 2 Kings 25:1-7*
- **587 BC** Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem
 - Burns the Temple to the ground

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More Than Just A Name?

Daniel <i>"God is my judge"</i>	Beltshazzar <i>"Prince of Bel"</i>
Hananiah <i>"Beloved of the LORD"</i>	Shadrach <i>"illuminated by the sun god"</i>
Mishel <i>"Who is as God"</i>	Meshach <i>"who is like the moon god"</i>
Azariah <i>"The LORD is my God"</i>	Abednego <i>"servants of Nego, a shining fire"</i>

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Daniel's Career

• He is Destined to:

- Rise to Prime Minister of the Babylonian Empire
- Rise to Prime Minister of the Persian Empire too!
- Receives THE most incredible prophecies in the Bible!
Daniel 9-12
- His career is validated by Jesus Himself
Matthew 24:15

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Who Is In Control?

- God gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar v. 1:2
- God caused the official to favor them v. 1:9
- God gave them skill and understanding v. 1:17
- If God can do that for individuals He can also do that for nations....

Next Week: Chapter 2

"The Times Of The Gentiles"

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