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- **Creation, the flood, tower of Babel** **????- 2000 BC**
- **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel), Joseph** **2000 BC**
- **Moses and the escape from Egypt** **1500 BC**
- **Occupation and loose knit confederation**
- **United Israel (Saul, David, Solomon)** **1000 BC**
- **Divided portions of Israel (northern, 722 BC; southern 586 BC)**
- **Captivity (exile) in Babylon** **(605 BC – 539 BC)**

Daniel





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What is the book of Daniel all about?



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**...God's sovereignty over history and empires setting up
and removing kings as He pleases.**

All of the kingdoms of this world will come to an end
and will be replaced by the Lord's kingdom,
which will never pass away.



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This theme will serve us well in our radically changing culture and the upside down value system of our contemporary world.



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...Visions of Daniel...

...his apocalyptic visions, which reassure God's people that, in spite of exile and persecution, God is still in control of history and will see His purposes through.



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Your identity is the core issue of life.

“who you *‘be’* will determine what you *‘do’*”

Your convictions stand strong as a testimony

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- 1 In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.
- 2 Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams.
So they came in and stood before the king.



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- 3 And the king said to them, I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.
- 4 Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show you the interpretation.
- 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your house shall be laid in ruins.



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- 10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said,
“There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.
- 11 The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”



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- 12 Because of this the king was angry and very furious and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed.
- 13 So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.



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- 14 Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.
- 15 He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?"
- Then Arioch made the matter know to Daniel.
- 16 And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.



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- 17 Then Daniel went to his house and made known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,
- 18 and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
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20 *"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.*

21 *He changes times and seasons;
He removes kings and sets up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to
those who have understanding;*

22 *He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with Him.*



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23 *To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."*



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- 24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."



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- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said to him: “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.
- 26 The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?”



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- 27 Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show the king the mystery that the king has asked,
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HEAD OF GOLD

KINGDOM OF BABYLON

**CHEST & ARMS
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KINGDOM OF MEDES
& PERSIANS

**BELLY & THIGHS
OF BRONZE**

KINGDOM OF
ANCIENT GREECE

LEGS OF IRON

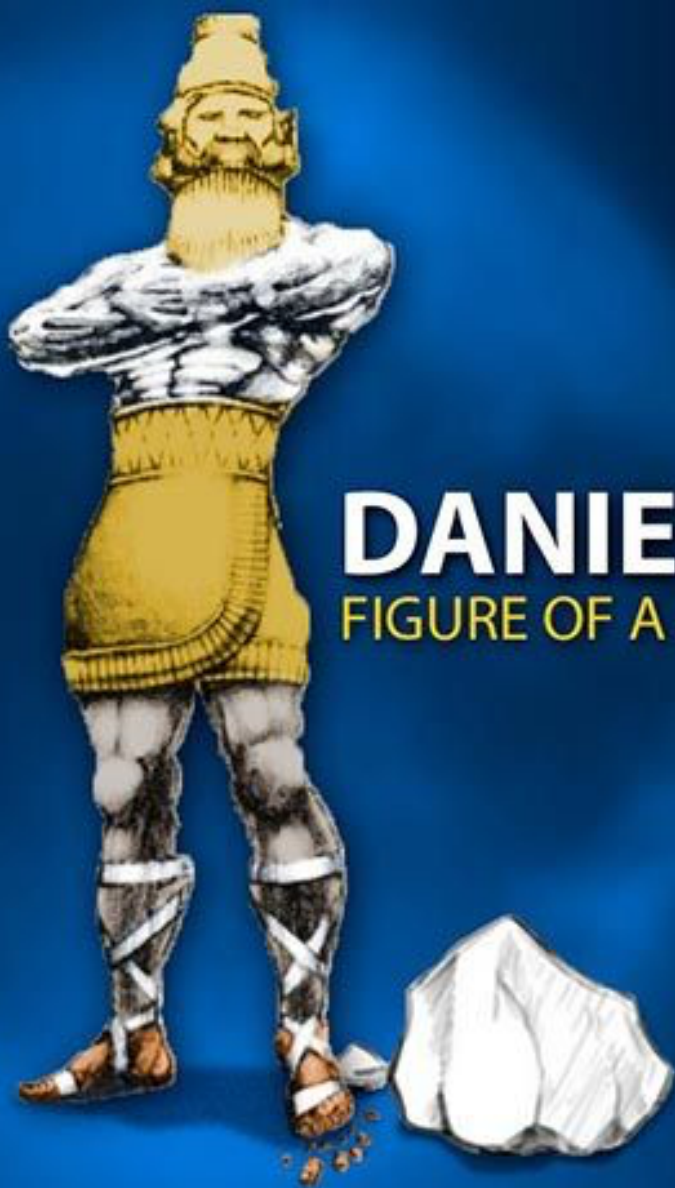
KINGDOM OF
ANCIENT ROME

**FEET OF IRON
& CLAY**

KINGDOM OF
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CRUSHING ROCK

KINGDOM OF GOD



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FIGURE OF A MAN



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- 48 Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.
- 49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon.
But Daniel remained at the king's court.



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