**OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL**

1. Daniel and the Three Friends at the Babylonian Court ([Dan. 1:1–6:28](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%201%3A1%E2%80%936%3A28/))
   1. Prologue ([Dan. 1:1–21](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%201%3A1%E2%80%9321/))
      1. Daniel and his friends taken into exile ([Dan. 1:1–7](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%201%3A1%E2%80%937/))
      2. Daniel and his friends remain undefiled ([Dan. 1:8–16](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%201%3A8%E2%80%9316/))
      3. Daniel and his friends promoted and preserved ([Dan. 1:17–21](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%201%3A17%E2%80%9321/))
   2. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of a great statue ([Dan. 2:1–49](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%202%3A1%E2%80%9349/))
      1. The dream and Nebuchadnezzar’s threat ([Dan. 2:1–13](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%202%3A1%E2%80%9313/))
      2. Daniel’s response and prayer ([Dan. 2:14–24](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%202%3A14%E2%80%9324/))
      3. Daniel interprets the dream ([Dan. 2:25–45](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%202%3A25%E2%80%9345/))
      4. Nebuchadnezzar promotes Daniel ([Dan. 2:46–49](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%202%3A46%E2%80%9349/))
   3. Nebuchadnezzar builds a great statue ([Dan. 3:1–30](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%203%3A1%E2%80%9330/))
      1. The nations worship Nebuchadnezzar’s statue ([Dan. 3:1–7](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%203%3A1%E2%80%937/))
      2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego preserved in the fiery furnace ([Dan. 3:8–29](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%203%3A8%E2%80%9329/))
      3. Nebuchadnezzar promotes Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ([Dan. 3:30](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%203%3A30/))
   4. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of a toppled tree ([Dan. 4:1–37](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%204%3A1%E2%80%9337/))
      1. Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and its interpretation ([Dan. 4:1–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%204%3A1%E2%80%9327/))
      2. Nebuchadnezzar’s humbling ([Dan. 4:28–33](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%204%3A28%E2%80%9333/))
      3. Nebuchadnezzar’s exaltation ([Dan. 4:34–37](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%204%3A34%E2%80%9337/))
   5. Belshazzar’s feast ([Dan. 5:1–31](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%205%3A1%E2%80%9331/))
      1. An idolatrous feast ([Dan. 5:1–4](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%205%3A1%E2%80%934/))
      2. An unreadable message ([Dan. 5:5–9](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%205%3A5%E2%80%939/))
      3. A forgotten interpreter ([Dan. 5:10–12](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%205%3A10%E2%80%9312/))
      4. A message of judgment ([Dan. 5:13–31](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%205%3A13%E2%80%9331/))
   6. The lions’ den ([Dan. 6:1–28](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A1%E2%80%9328/))
      1. Daniel promoted ([Dan. 6:1–3](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A1%E2%80%933/))
      2. The administrators plot to remove Daniel ([Dan. 6:4–15](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A4%E2%80%9315/))
      3. Daniel preserved in the lions’ den ([Dan. 6:16–24](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A16%E2%80%9324/))
      4. Darius acknowledges the power of Daniel’s God ([Dan. 6:25–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A25%E2%80%9327/))
      5. Daniel preserved until the end of the exile ([Dan. 6:28](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%206%3A28/))
2. The Visions of Daniel ([Dan. 7:1–12:13](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A1%E2%80%9312%3A13/))
   1. The vision of four great beasts and the heavenly court ([Dan. 7:1–28](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A1%E2%80%9328/))
      1. The four great beasts ([Dan. 7:1–8](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A1%E2%80%938/))
      2. The Ancient of Days judges the beasts ([Dan. 7:9–12](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A9%E2%80%9312/))
      3. The coming of the Son of Man ([Dan. 7:13–14](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A13%E2%80%9314/))
      4. The interpretation of the vision ([Dan. 7:15–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A15%E2%80%9327/))
      5. Daniel’s response ([Dan. 7:28](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%207%3A28/))
   2. The vision of the ram, the goat, and the little horn ([Dan. 8:1–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%208%3A1%E2%80%9327/))
      1. The vision of the ram and the goat ([Dan. 8:1–14](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%208%3A1%E2%80%9314/))
      2. The interpretation of the vision ([Dan. 8:15–26](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%208%3A15%E2%80%9326/))
      3. Daniel’s response ([Dan. 8:27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%208%3A27/))
   3. Daniel’s prayer and its answer ([Dan. 9:1–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%209%3A1%E2%80%9327/))
      1. Daniel’s prayer concerning the 70 years ([Dan. 9:1–19](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%209%3A1%E2%80%9319/))
      2. Gabriel’s answer: 70 sevens before the promised redemption ([Dan. 9:20–27](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%209%3A20%E2%80%9327/))
   4. Daniel’s vision of the final conflict ([Dan. 10:1–12:13](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%2010%3A1%E2%80%9312%3A13/))
      1. A heavenly messenger brings news of heavenly conflict ([Dan. 10:1–11:1](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%2010%3A1%E2%80%9311%3A1/))
      2. A detailed vision of future earthly conflicts among nations ([Dan. 11:2–45](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%2011%3A2%E2%80%9345/))
      3. The promise of resurrection to glory or shame ([Dan. 12:1–4](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%2012%3A1%E2%80%934/))
      4. How long until the end? ([Dan. 12:5–13](https://www.esv.org/Dan.%2012%3A5%E2%80%9313/))