



DANIEL: BOLDER THAN THE LIONS

A. Author: Daniel

B. Title: Named after the Prophet; means "God is my judge."

C. Theme: God rules over the affairs of humanity, and no person can derail His plans or stop Him from acting. He is absolutely sovereign.

D. History:

1. During the Deportation under Jehoiakim's reign. (605-587 B.C.)
2. During the Babylonian Captivity (586-539 B.C.)
3. During the Beginning of the Persian Period (538-530 B.C.)

E. Outline:

1. DANIEL'S IDENTITY AND CHARACTER (1)
 - a. Daniel's Deportation (1:2-4)
 - b. Daniel's Character (1:8)
 - c. Daniel's Witness (1:17)
2. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (2)
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar's "Impossible" Challenge (2:5)
 - b. Daniel's Prayer Request (2:18-22)
 - c. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (2:31-33)
 - Golden Head: Babylon
 - Silver Chest & Arms: Persia
 - Bronze Belly & Thighs: Greece
 - Iron Legs: Rome
 - Iron Feet & Toes: ?????
3. THE TRIAL OF DANIEL'S FRIENDS (3)
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar's Decree (3:1,6)
 - b. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego's Faith (3:17-18)
 - c. God's Deliverance (3:25)
4. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SECOND DREAM (4)
 - a. Chopped-Down Tree (14,22)
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar's Repentance (4:37)
5. BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST AND THE FALL OF BABYLON (5)
 - a. Belshazzar's Arrogance (5:1-4)
 - b. The Handwriting on the Wall (5:25-30)

6. DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN (6)

- a. Darius' Foolish Decree (6:7)
- b. Daniel's Commitment to God (6:10)
- c. God's Deliverance (6:22)

7. DANIEL'S NIGHT VISION AND ITS MEANING (7)

- a. Lion: Babylon
- b. Bear: Medes & Persians
- c. Leopard: Greece
- d. Terrifying Beast with 10 Horns: Rome
- e. Little Horn: ??????
- f. The Ancient of Days

8. THE VISION OF THE RAM, GOAT AND LITTLE HORN (8)

- a. Two-Horned Ram: Persia
- b. One-Horned Goat: Greece
- c. Broken Horn & Four Horns: Rome & ?????
- d. Little Horn: ???????
 - King with Fierce Features: Antiochus & AntiChrist

9. VISION OF THE SEVENTY SEVENS (9)

- a. First Seven Sevens (49 Years): Command to Rebuild Temple
- b. Sixty-two Sevens (434 Years): Rebuilt Temple to Jesus' Coming.
- c. Time of the Gentiles (not included in the numbering)
- d. Last Seven Years: Time of Tribulation in the end times

10. DANIEL'S FINAL VISION (10-12)

- a. The Angel's Assurance that God Is in Charge (10)
- b. The War Between the Ptolemy and the Seleucid (11)
 - Antiochus IV- 11:30-35
 - Future World Leader- 11:36-12:3
- c. The Time of Tribulation (12:3-13)

F. Real Life Lessons from Daniel

1. Godly character is essential for God to use us.
2. Compromise with the world compromises God's work in us.
3. God is the Lord of history, and He is directing its affairs.
4. History is headed to a definitive end.
5. Only the saved will escape God's wrath.