

DANIEL - The Book of Daniel Review

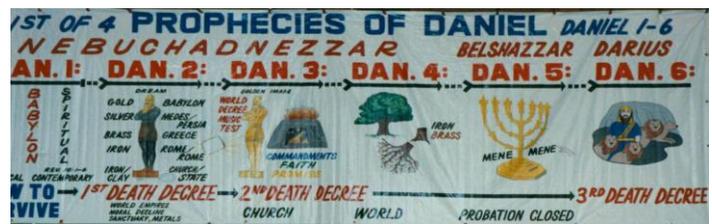
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What is the takeaway to this Great Book?

As the title of the book which bears the author's name reveals—it is a book of Judgment. In the first half of the book (first six chapters), we came to learn that Daniel and his three friends (the elite of Israel) taken into captivity become a “type of Christ” in the work or by which heaven accomplishes the work of **Redemptive** Judgment. There are multiple lessons the Lord has taught us in the study of Daniel.

Through the great drama storyline in the early chapters we see how God uses Daniel and his three friends—through their faithfulness and integrity—to bring about the conversion of the haughty monarch of Babylon. On the other hand, his grandson Belshazzar who is given the history of his grandfather, turns his back on the truth, rejecting the **light** given him. Result: He not only brings about disaster to his own soul by a final act of feasting and drunkenness, but in the process destroys the kingdom of Babylon—the scepter of power transfers to the Medes/Persians. All three aspects of judgment are present in the story, with the verdict—the handwriting on the wall.

This chart while summarizing the first six chapters in pictograph form, the discerning reader perceives in the storyline drama a harbinger of the unfolding of the final crisis—a three death decree scenario.



Other insights in our discoveries of Daniel:

- The Repeat and Enlarge Principle – which carried over into the second half of the book.
- Many illustrative charts showing all the way back to Eden—Three Aspects of Judgment.
- How Daniel as well as other Bible writers used a chiastic style of writing to convey deeper truths for the discerning reader.
- The purposes of God for His people through Daniel's influence both in Babylon and Medo-Persia as the 70 years captivity came to an end.

The Last Half of Daniel (Chps 7-12)

- The great prophetic overview of world empires to the end of time—the Judgment in heaven (chp 7) concluding with the setting up of God's Eternal Kingdom.
- The 2300 Day Prophecy (chp 8)
- Daniel's Corp Prayer & the 70 Week Prophecy of Daniel 9

- The last of five visions encompassing Dan 10-12 where we see the scepter of power passing from king to king (south and north, chp 11), until Michael stands up, the Great Prince, who delivers His people through the Time of Trouble. Thus, He brings to conclusion the salvation process, by providing the last generation three timelines which shine divine light upon God's people in the final crisis.

We see then in both the first half of Daniel and the last half, the seriousness of this theme of Judgment. God uses the dramatic storyline in the first half of the book to convey a scenario which we will see again in Revelation 13 and 17, in a final death decree at the end of time. In the last half, the Lord sends His angel to paint in the last three visions, pictures to the prophet who would write it down for future generations-- the focus being on an end-time judgment process, with the hope for all whose names "are written in the book."

Thus, we end this great prophetic book with the hope and promise that in the last generation the wise will turn many to righteousness, because they have been purified, made white and tried, and as the prophet Daniel, they too, "rest and stand", in their "lot at the end of days."

End of Daniel