




Slide 4

**Synthetic Outline**

**II. Prophetic (8-12):**  
Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation, Hebrew

- A. Ram & Goat (8)
- B. 70 weeks (9)
- C. Final vision (10-12)



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Slide 5

**Synthetic Outline**

**I. Historical (1-7):**  
Daniel interprets, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, gentile nations

- A. Intro "Hebrew" (1)
- B. Aramaic chiasm (2-7)



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Slide 6

**Synthetic Outline**

**I. Historical (1-7):**  
Daniel interprets, 3<sup>rd</sup> person, gentile nations

- A. Intro "Hebrew" (1)
- B. Aramaic chiasm (2-7)



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Slide 13

Nebuchadnezzar's Image (3:1)



- 90 feet high & 9 feet wide
- 8 stories



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Slide 14

Nebuchadnezzar's Command (3:4-6)

- Exodus 20:1-6
- Purpose of government (Gen 6:11; 9:6; Rom 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 1 Pet 2:23-15)
- Civil disobedience (Dan 3; 6; Acts 5:29)



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Slide 15

Synthetic Outline

B. Chiasm "Aramaic" ( 2-7)



1. Gentile History (2)
2. Protection (3)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (4)
3. Revelation to a gentile king (5)
2. Protection (6)
1. Gentile history (7)



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Slide 19

Chapter 3 Outline

- I. The Setting (3:1-7)
- II. **The Accusation (3:8-12)**
- III. The Test (3:13-18)
- IV. The Deliverance (3:19-27)
- V. The Decree (3:28-30)



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Slide 20

II. The Accusation (3:8-12)

- Jealousy (2:49; 6:3-4; Acts 5:17)
- Monotheism (Esther 3:1-6)
- John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5
- Where is Daniel? 2:49



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Slide 21



"...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way..."We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the...same point that it brings you...

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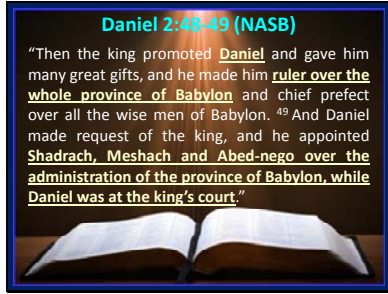
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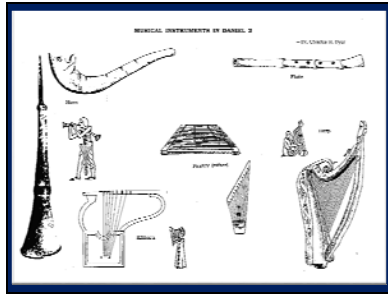
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Slide 27



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Slide 34

**The Test (3:13-18)**

- Nebuchadnezzar's ultimatum (3:13-15)
- Battle over sovereignty (3:15b)
- **The response (3:16-18)**
  - ◆ Heb. 11:35b
  - ◆ Principles of civil disobedience
    - Willingness to pay consequences
    - Maintain respect for the king



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Slide 35

**The Test (3:13-18)**

- Nebuchadnezzar's ultimatum (3:13-15)
- Battle over sovereignty (3:15b)
- The response (3:16-18)
  - ◆ **Heb. 11:35b**
  - ◆ Principles of civil disobedience
    - Willingness to pay consequences
    - Maintain respect for the king



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Slide 36

**The Test (3:13-18)**

- Nebuchadnezzar's ultimatum (3:13-15)
- Battle over sovereignty (3:15b)
- The response (3:16-18)
  - ◆ Heb. 11:35b
  - ◆ **Principles of civil disobedience**
    - Willingness to pay consequences
    - Maintain respect for the king



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Slide 40

IV. The Deliverance (3:19-27)

A. Cast Into the Furnace (3:19-23)

B. Protected in the Furnace (3:24-25)

C. Summoned Out of the Furnace (3:26-27)



The image shows a title card for the Book of Daniel. It features a dark, atmospheric background with a faint, glowing light source, possibly representing the fire of the furnace. The text 'THE BOOK OF DANIEL' is written in a serif font, with 'DANIEL' being significantly larger and more prominent than the other words.

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Slide 41

IV. The Deliverance (3:19-27)



- Hebrews are cast into the fire (3:19-23)
- Hebrews are protected (3:24-25)
  - ◆ Theophany?
  - ◆ God's faithfulness
  - ◆ Intellectual v. experiential
- Hebrews summoned out of the fire (3:26-27)

The illustration depicts a scene from the Bible where Daniel and his three companions are shown in a fiery furnace. They are standing amidst intense flames, and a bright light emanates from behind them, suggesting the presence of God. The scene is rendered in a classic, somewhat ethereal style with a warm color palette dominated by oranges, yellows, and reds.

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Slide 42

IV. The Deliverance (3:19-27)



- Hebrews are cast into the fire (3:19-23)
- Hebrews are protected (3:24-25)
  - ◆ Theophany?
  - ◆ God's faithfulness
  - ◆ Intellectual v. experiential
- Hebrews summoned out of the fire (3:26-27)

This slide is identical to Slide 41, featuring the same title, bullet points, and illustration of Daniel and his friends in the furnace.

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Slide 52

V. The Decree (3:28-30)

A. **Exaltation of God (3:28)**

B. The Decree (3:29)

C. Prosperity (3:30)



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Slide 53

The Decree (3:28-30)

- Exaltation of God (3:28)
  - ◆ God at work on Nebuchadnezzar (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:35-37)
  - ◆ Why God allows trials
- The decree
  - ◆ Preservation
  - ◆ Sovereignty
- Prosperity
  - ◆ How to live
  - ◆ God blesses a lack of compromise (1:15-16; 2:48; 3:30)



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Slide 54

The Decree (3:28-30)

- **Exaltation of God (3:28)**
  - ◆ God at work on Nebuchadnezzar (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:35-37)
  - ◆ Why God allows trials
- The decree
  - ◆ Preservation
  - ◆ Sovereignty
- Prosperity
  - ◆ How to live
  - ◆ God blesses a lack of compromise (1:15-16; 2:48; 3:30)



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Slide 55

V. **The Decree (3:28-30)**

- A. Exaltation of God (3:28)
- B. **The Decree (3:29)**
- C. Prosperity (3:30)



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Slide 56

**The Decree (3:28-30)**

- Exaltation of God (3:28)
  - ◆ God at work on Nebuchadnezzar (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:35-37)
  - ◆ Why God allows trials
- **The decree**
  - ◆ Preservation
  - ◆ Sovereignty
- Prosperity
  - ◆ How to live
  - ◆ God blesses a lack of compromise (1:15-16; 2:48; 3:30)



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Slide 57

V. **The Decree (3:28-30)**

- A. Exaltation of God (3:28)
- B. The Decree (3:29)
- C. **Prosperity (3:30)**



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Slide 58

**The Decree (3:28-30)**

- Exaltation of God (3:28)
  - ◆ God at work on Nebuchadnezzar (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:35-37)
  - ◆ Why God allows trials
- The decree
  - ◆ Preservation
  - ◆ Sovereignty
- Prosperity
  - ◆ How to live
  - ◆ God blesses a lack of compromise (1:15-16; 2:48; 3:30)



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Slide 59

**Conclusion**

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Slide 60

**Chapter 3 Outline**

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Takeaways from Daniel 3

- Mosaic Law taught Israel how to live inside the land
- The examples of the three Hebrew youths taught them how to live outside the land
- Consecrate themselves to God
- Live by faith from crisis to crisis entrusting the results to God
- Be willing to pay the consequences if necessary
- Allow God to promote us in His due time
- Our cue as well



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## I. The Setting (1-7)

Rom. 13:1-7- Every <sup>[a]</sup>person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except <sup>[b]</sup>from God, and those which exist are established by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore <sup>[c]</sup>whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a cause of fear for <sup>[d]</sup>good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; <sup>4</sup> for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. <sup>5</sup> Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. <sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

## II. The Accusation (8-12)

Aristotle-Tolerance and apathy are the last virtues of a dying society

Dan. 2:48-49- Then the king [ay]promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief [az]prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>49</sup> And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel *was* at the king's court.

Walvoord- While the exact identification of the instruments remains difficult, here is a proposed listing: horn, double reed pipe, lyre, harp, dulcimer, and drums.

Walvoord-The fact is that there is nothing strange about some amount of Greek influence in Babylonian culture in view of the contacts between them and the Greeks. Greek traders were common in Egypt and western Asia from the seventh century B.C. onward. The Greek mercenaries, who served as soldiers for various countries, are found more than one hundred years before Daniel, as for instance in the Assyrian army of Esarhaddon (682 b.c.) and even in the Babylonian army of Nebuchadnezzar.<sup>20</sup> Not only did the Greeks affect the Semitic world but also influences of Assyria and Babylonia appear in the Greek language as well.<sup>1</sup>

### **III. The Test (13-18)**

#### **16-18**

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<sup>1</sup> Walvoord, J. F. (2008). *Daniel: The Key To Prophetic Revelation* (pp. 83–84). Galaxie Software.

Heb. 11:35-36-Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their [u]release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; <sup>36</sup> and others [v]experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.

Acts 5:27-29- When they had brought them, they stood them [m]before the Council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and [n]yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

Rom. 13:7-Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; **honor to whom honor.**

#### **IV. The Deliverance (19-27)**

##### **19-23**

Jer. 29:22-23-Because of them a curse will be [i]used by all the exiles from Judah who are in Babylon, saying, “May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire, <sup>23</sup> because they have acted foolishly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors’ wives and have spoken words in My name falsely, which I did not command them; and I am He who knows and am a witness,” declares the LORD.””

Walvoord-His pride have been severely punctured, so he gave the foolish order to overheat the furnace as if this would increase

the torment. Actually, a slower fire would have been far more torture. Evidently, however, Nebuchadnezzar in his irrational anger wanted the furnace to be as hot as his rage!...The fact that Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to be tied up by the strongest men in his army also reveals the irrationality of the king's fury – as if the three would've been able to break the ropes and escape if ordinary soldiers tied them up. The king did not even want to take the time to have the condemned men stripped of their clothes, which would have been normal in the ancient world.

Prov. 16:32- He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

## **24-25**

Josh. 5:13-15-Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” <sup>14</sup> He said, “No; rather I indeed come now *as* captain of the host of the LORD.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?” <sup>15</sup> The captain of the LORD’S host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Rev. 19:10-Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he \*said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.



Rev. 22:8-9- I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. <sup>9</sup> But he \*said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who <sup>[f]</sup>heed the words of this book. Worship God.

Matt. 4:10- Then Jesus \*said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND <sup>[d]</sup>SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

Dan. 3:28- Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His **angel** and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, <sup>[aa]</sup>violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

Dan. 6:22- My God sent His **angel** and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as <sup>[o]</sup>I was found innocent before Him; and also <sup>[p]</sup>toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.”

Dan. 12:1- Now at that time **Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people**, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Heb. 1:14- Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Isa. 43:2- When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.

Prov. 18:24- A man of *too many* friends comes to [m]ruin, But there is a [n]friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Ps. 27:10- For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But the LORD will take me up.

Matt. 28:20- teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you [f]always, even to the end of the age.

Heb. 13:5- *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”

## **26-27**

Dan. 3:15b- Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, [m]lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, *very well*. But if you do not worship, you will [n]immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and **what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?**”

### **V. The Decree (28-30)**

## **28**

Dan. 2:47- The king answered Daniel and said, “Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

Dan. 3:28-29- Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, [\[aa\]](#)violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

<sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

Dan. 4:35-37- “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can [\[ai\]](#)ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’<sup>36</sup> At that time my [\[aj\]](#)reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were [\[ak\]](#)restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my [\[al\]](#)sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are [\[am\]](#)true and His ways [\[an\]](#)just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”

Gen. 12:3-And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who [c]urses you I will [d]curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.

### **30**

Dan. 1:15-16- At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and [o]they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food. <sup>16</sup> So the overseer continued to [p]withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

2:48-Then the king [ay]promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief [az]prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

3:30- Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

### **Conclusion**

Num. 6:24-26- The LORD bless you, and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'