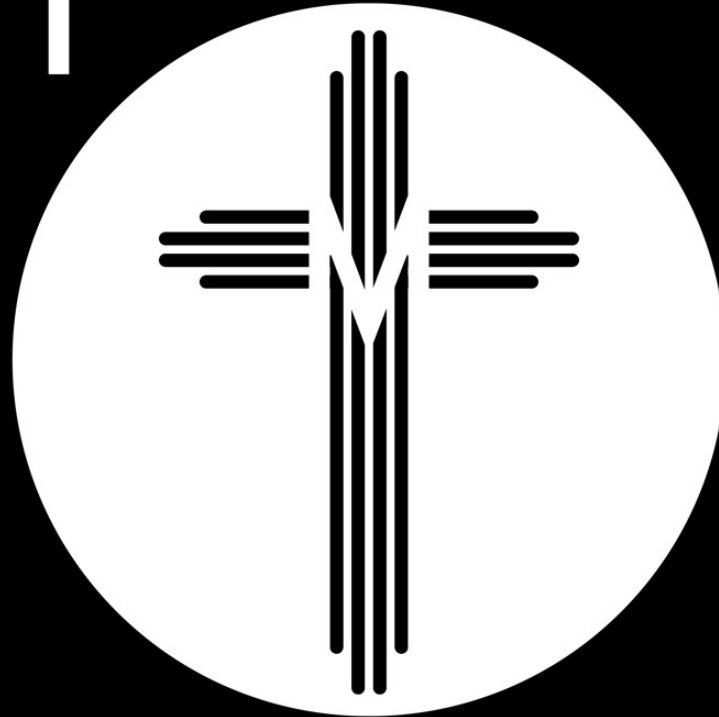


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Daniel 1:1-2

Introduction To Daniel:
A Beacon Of Hope To A Weary People

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(1) Historical And Biblical Context

Structure Of Daniel

6 Chapters Of
“Court Tales”
-About Daniel

6 Chapters Of
Prophetic Visions
-Of Daniel

Daniel Within The Biblical Meta-Narrative



Genesis 10:9





Genesis 11:1-10

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:14-15

Genesis 12:1-4

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2 Chronicles 36:1-8

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

1 Peter 1:17

(2) The Criticism Of Daniel Speaks To Its
Importance

Reasons We Can Trust An "Old" Authorship Of Daniel

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- 2) Manuscript Evidence
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- 4) Archaeological Evidence
- 5) Linguistic Evidence
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And the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, when a land sins against me by acting faithlessly, and I stretch out my hand against it and break its supply of bread and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast, even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness, declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 14:12-14

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“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:15-16

(3) In Reading Daniel, We Must Be Careful To
Not Make Primary What The Author Makes
Secondary

Timeline Of Possible Dates Of Authorship

6th Cent. BC

2nd Cent. BC

0 AD

30-33 AD

Judean
Exile In
Babylon
-Daniel-

Maccabean
Revolt
Against
Seleucid
Empire

Birth of
Jesus

Jesus'
Ministry,
Death,
Resurrection,
Enthronement,
Ascension

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10

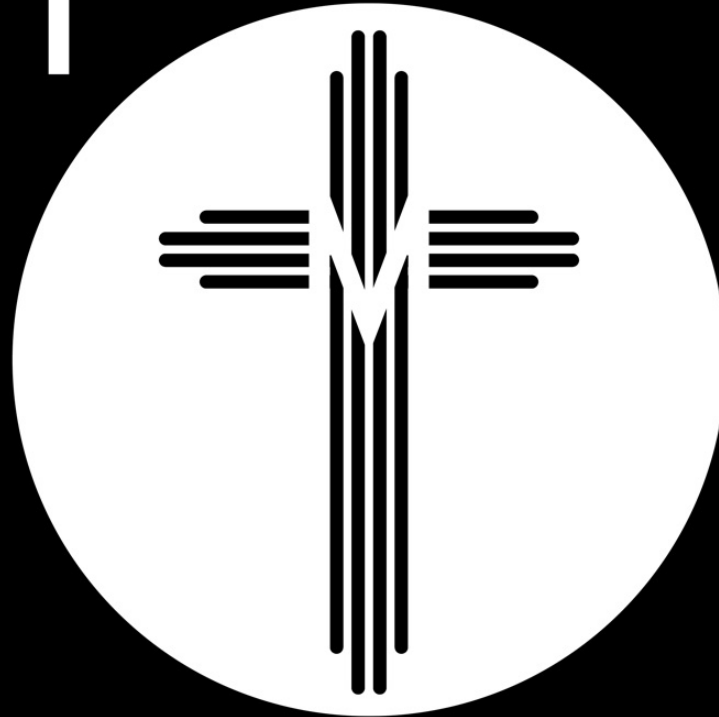
(4) Daniel Is A Beacon Of Hope To A Weary
People

Major Themes Of Daniel

- 1) No matter the chaos or difficulty, God and His people will be victorious.
- 2) True followers of God can survive, and even thrive, in a world opposed to our Lord.
- 3) Through a New Testament lens, we can see that The Messiah, Jesus Christ, fulfilled God's redemptive plan. We now await the finality of His work.

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