

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Chapters 1 thru 4	Captivity and interpretation of dreams and visions.
Chapter 7	Vision of the four beasts.
Chapter 8	Vision of the ram and he-goat.
Chapter 5	Belshazzar's feast—conquest of Babylon.
Chapter 9	Vision of the seventy weeks.
Chapter 6	Daniel in the lions' den.
Chapters 10 thru 12	Daniel's prayer and visions.

From Daniel 2:4 to 7:28, the book is written in Aramaic (likely because the focus is on the Gentile nations). Daniel 1:1 to 2:3 and 8:1 to 12:13 are written in the Hebrew language."

A POSSIBLE TIMELINE FOR DANIEL

<u>Approximate Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
605 BC	Jerusalem taken by Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel and his three friends taken to Babylon (probably age 15-16).
602 BC	Daniel and his friends complete their three years of training. Nebuchadnezzar has his dream and Daniel explains it (Dan. 2).
586 BC	Jerusalem and the temple destroyed by the Babylonians. (Possible time of Nebuchadnezzar's idol and the fiery furnace.) (Dan. 3)
566-556 BC	(Possible time of Nebuchadnezzar's vision and resulting madness.) (Dan. 4)
553-549 BC	(Possible beginning of Belshazzar's co-regency in Babylon.) Daniel's vision of four beasts. (Dan. 7)
548-547 BC	Daniel's vision of a ram and a goat. (Dan. 7)
539 BC	Belshazzar's feast (Dan. 5). Cyrus, king of Persia, conquers Babylon and reigns until 530. Darius the Mede assumes power in Babylon (likely appointed by Cyrus). Daniel reads Jeremiah and prays and fasts for the Jewish nation. (Dan. 9)
538 BC	Cyrus decrees that the Jews can return to Judea and rebuild the temple.
537 BC	About 50,000 Jews return, led by Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest. Daniel (about age 83) has his prophetic vision about the end times (10:1).
536-535 BC	Daniel's heavenly vision and conversation with a supernatural being. (Dan. 10-11)
530-522 BC	Cambyses reigns. The rebuilding of the temple is stopped.
522-486 BC	Darius I reigns and the rebuilding is renewed in 520. The temple is completed and dedicated in 515.