

Introduction to the Book of Daniel

Historical Context

- Who is the author?
- What historical situation occasioned this writing?
- When was the book written?
- Who are the recipients?
- What is the author's purpose?
- What genre of literature is Daniel?

Theme

Outline

1. Narratives (1-6)
 - a. God grants Daniel favor in Nebuchadnezzar's court (1).
 - b. God reveals Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel (2).
 - c. God saves three friends from the fire (3).
 - d. God humbles Nebuchadnezzar (4).
 - e. God writes on the wall (5).
 - f. God saves Daniel from the lions (6).
2. Visions (7-12)
 - a. God gives Daniel the vision of four beasts (7).
 - b. God gives Daniel the vision of the ram and goat (8).
 - c. God gives Daniel the vision of the seventy sevens (9).
 - d. God gives Daniel the final vision (10-12)