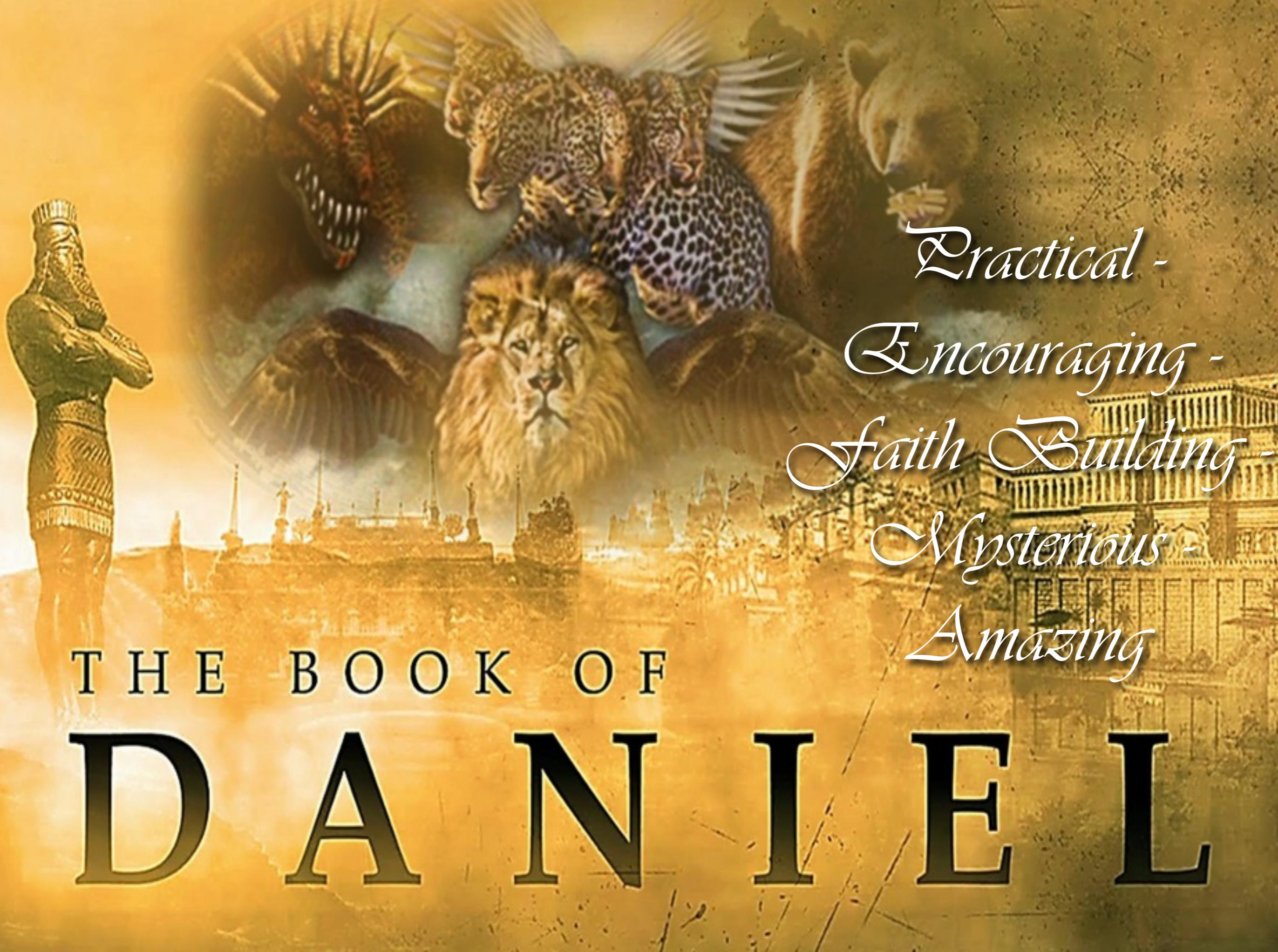


THE BOOK OF

DANIEL

Introduction



*Practical -
Encouraging -
Faith Building -
Mysterious -
Amazing*

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Author - Daniel

- This book bears the simple title, “Daniel,”
- Nothing is known of Daniel’s family background except that he was apparently born into a royal family and was of noble birth (Dan. 1:3, 6).
- From the testimony of his contemporaries he was known for his righteousness (Ezek. 14:14, 20) and his wisdom (Ezek. 28:3). (mentioned in these passages with Noah and Job) - Daniel was a historical person, not a fictional character.
- Jesus calls him a prophet / writings of God - Mat 24:15; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20-24



Introduction

Author - Daniel

- The Book has been the object of criticism from liberal modern scholars attempting to shed doubt upon its inspiration ...
- Some argue from a late date, during the Maccabean period ...
- Some question the original author being Daniel - assert it is a pseudepigrapha - (forgery)
- The earliest known objections to the originality & inspiration of the book is from the 3rd century, a pagan of Tyre named Porphyry, (AD. 234-305) - [most writings destroyed by Constantine ...]



Introduction

Author - Daniel

- The book has a long, well established acceptance among the Jews - (*Listed in the Hebrew canon among the writings*) - the among the dead sea scrolls - Qumran sectarians depended upon the book of Daniel for the signs of the coming Messiah ...
- Criticism of the book is primarily from modernistic scholars who reject the foreknowledge of God and the inspiration of the scriptures in general ...



Introduction

Historical Background / Timeline

- 612 B.C. - Fall of Nineveh, capital of Assyria
- 605 B.C. - Battle of Carchemish, establishing Babylonian domination
- 606 B.C. - First group taken to Babylon (Daniel)
- 597 B.C. - A second remnant taken to Babylon
- 586 B.C. - Fall of Jerusalem / temple destroyed
- 536 B.C. - Babylon falls, First remnant returns to Jerusalem
- 457 B.C. - A second remnant returns to Jerusalem
- 444 B.C. - A third remnant returns to Jerusalem

Chronology of the Captivity



Nebuchadnezzar
Daniel 1:1



Daniel 1:2-4
2 Kings 24:1
2 Chron. 36:5

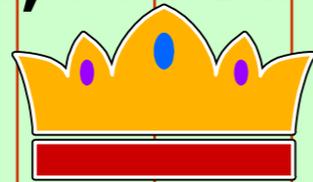


Daniel 2:1

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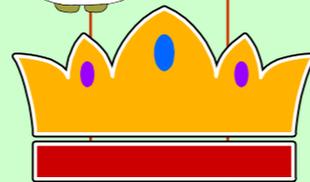
10,000 Jews



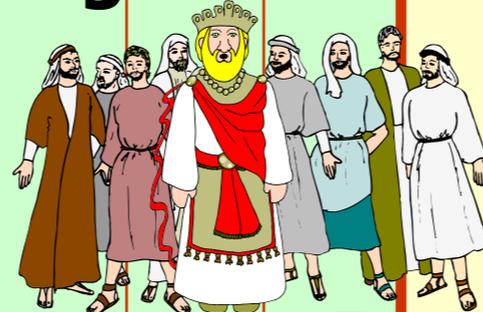
Jehoiakim
2 Chron. 36:6-7



3,023 Jews
Jeremiah 52:28



Jehoiachin
2 Kings 24:8-20



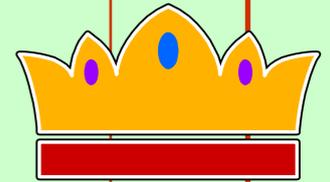
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Ezekiel 1:1-3



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832 Jews
Jeremiah 52:29



Zedekiah
2 Kings 25



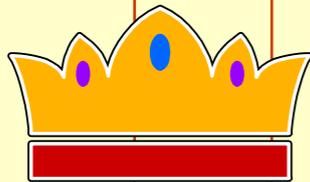
Jeremiah
39:11, 12

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Chronology of the Captivity



Nebuchadnezzar
Daniel 1:1



Zedekiah
Jeremiah 52:10, 11



745 Jews
Jeremiah 52:30

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Ezekiel 40:1



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Daniel 4



Daniel 3:1

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Chronology of the Captivity



Evil-Merodach

Nabonidus

Neriglisar



**Jeremiah
52:31-34**

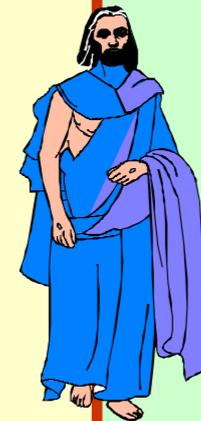


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Belshazzar

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Daniel 7, 8

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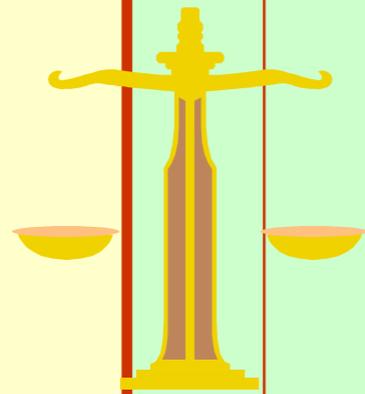
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Chronology of the Captivity

**Nabonidus/
Belshazzar**

Darius/Cyrus



Daniel 5:25



Ezra 1:1-11



Daniel 9:1, 2

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Outline

► Purpose & Theology of Daniel

- Daniel's personal dedication to God (Dan. 1) and God's providential protection of His people
- "God Rules In The Kingdoms Of Men" - Dan 2:21; 4:17,25,32, 34-35; 5:21
- The book demonstrates God's faithfulness to His covenant people in protecting and preserving them that His purpose be fulfilled ... (ANGELS)
- The book of Daniel marks the sovereignty of God over time - giving predictive evidence He is in control and will accomplish His purpose -
- Israel's future deliverance and the blessings she will enjoy in the Messianic kingdom — 2:44



Outline

Historical Events (Daniel 1-6)

- Daniel Purposed in His Heart He Would Not Defile Himself (1:1-21)
- Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream about Future Kingdoms (2:1-49) [2:4b - *Aramaic*]
- The Faith of Daniel's Companions Is Challenged and Vindicated (3:1-30)
- Nebuchadnezzar Is Taught that God Rules in the Kingdoms of Men (4:1-37)
- Belshazzar's Feast and the Fall of Babylon (5:1-31)
- God Shuts the Mouths of the Lions (6:1-15)

Outline

II. Apocalyptic Visions (Daniel 7-12)

- Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts and its interpretation (7:1-28) [7:28 - *end of Aramaic*]
- Daniel's Vision of the Ram and the Goat (8:1-27)
- Daniel's Prayer and the Vision of the Seventy Weeks (9:1-27)
- Daniel's Vision of the Time of the End (10:1-12:13)



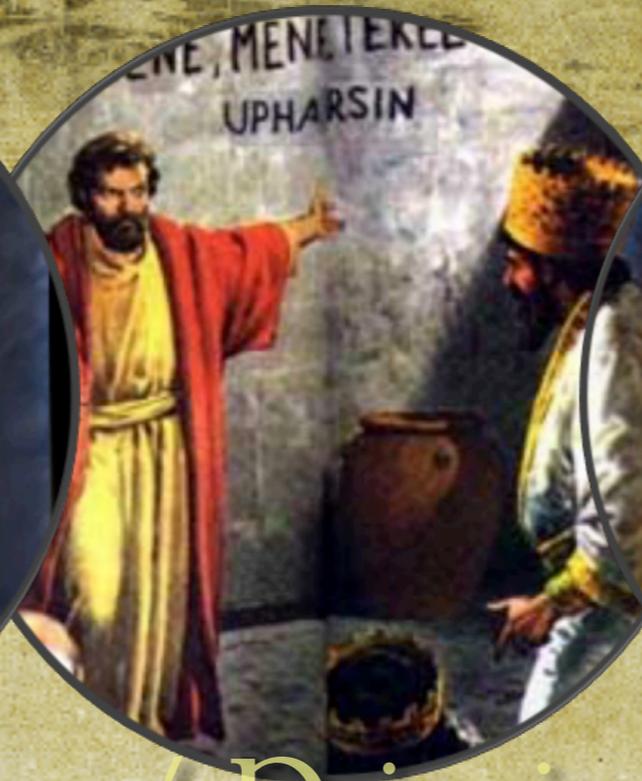
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III. IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK ...

- Helps in understanding important Biblical subjects -
 - ▶ Angels / God's working behind the scenes
 - ▶ God's sovereignty of time & men ...
 - ▶ The kingdom of God ...
 - ▶ The timing & nature of the Messiah ...
 - ▶ The resurrection ...
 - ▶ God's judgment on Judah / Jerusalem ...
 - ▶ The book of Revelation ...



DARE TO BE A "DANIEL"



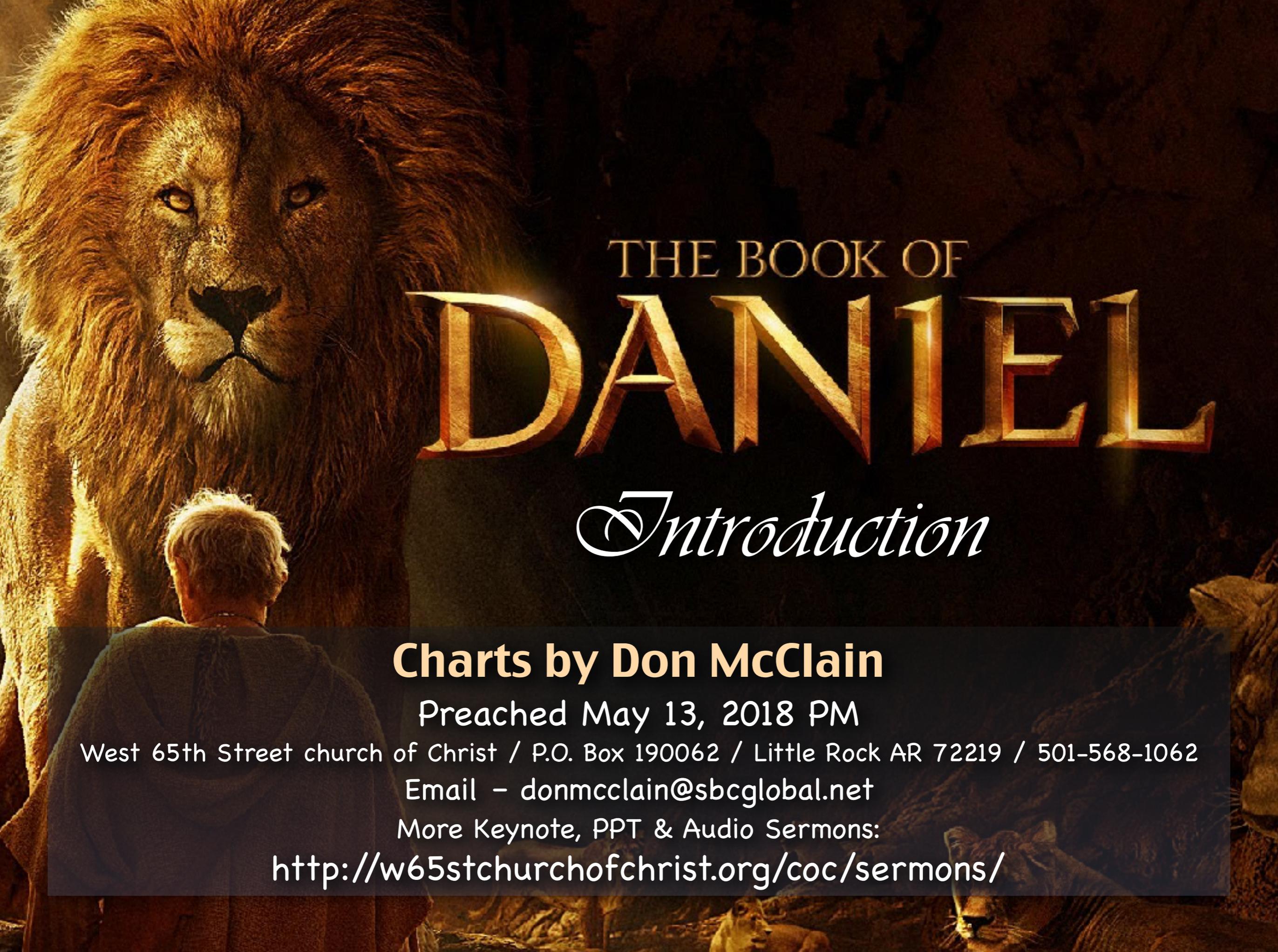
Purpose / Persistence / Principle / Prayer

Daniel -
purposed not
to defile
himself - so can
we!

Daniel - was
persistent in
his service to
God - so can
we!

Daniel - refused
to compromise
regardless of
consequences -
so can we!

Daniel had
complete &
continual trust
in God - so can
we!



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DANIEL 1:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

DANIEL 1:1-4 (NKJV)

³ Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, ⁴ young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.