

# Interesting Facts About Daniel

**MEANING:** "God is my Judge."

**AUTHOR:** Daniel

**TIME WRITTEN:** Written by Cyrus' 9th year (530 B.C.)

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 27th Book in the Bible
- 28th Book in the Old Testament
- 5th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 5th and last of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel)
- 39 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 12

**VERSES:** 357

**WORDS:** 11,606

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT DANIEL:**

- n Daniel's life and ministry span the entire seventy-year period of Babylonian Captivity.
- n Daniel was deported to Babylon (some 900 miles away) when he was sixteen years old.
- n He was selected for special service in Babylon, and was given three years of training in the best of Babylon's schools.
- n He was given a Babylonian name - Belteshazzar, meaning "Bel Protect his Life."
- n 9 out of the 12 chapters in Daniel revolve around dreams.
- n Of the 2,930 Bible characters, Daniel is one of the few well-known characters about whom nothing negative is ever written. Joseph is yet another.
- n Daniel's life was characterized by:
  - Faith
  - Prayer
  - Courage
  - Consistency
  - Lack of compromise

## DANIEL

- n Three times Daniel is mentioned by his 6th century counterpart, Ezekiel, as an example of righteousness. Ezekiel 9:23; 10:11, 19
- n Daniel was made the third ruler in the Babylonian Kingdom.
  - 1st - Nabonidus was away fighting the invading Persians.
  - 2nd - Belshazzar was reigning in Babylon in the absence of his father.
  - 3rd - Daniel thus became the third ruler behind (1) Nabonidus and (2) Belshazzar.
- n The Book of Daniel has been called the "Apocalypse of the Old Testament."
- n After an introductory chapter in Hebrew, Daniel switches to Aramaic in chapter 2-7.
- n During the reign of Darius, a plot against Daniel results in his being put in the den of lions. At a minimum, Daniel would be at least 82 years old when that occurred.
  - 621 B.C. - Daniel was born.
  - 605 B.C. - Daniel was carried to Babylon at age 16.
  - 539 B.C. - (October) Persia overthrows Babylon.
  - 621 B.C. minus 539 B.C. = 82 years old at the time of Babylon's fall to the Persians.
- n The Book of Daniel was written to offer encouragement to the Jewish exiles by revealing God's sovereign will for Israel after the period of Gentile domination.

"The Most High rules in the kingdom of men,  
and gives it to whomever He chooses."

Job 13:15-16