

## A Look at the Book: An Overview of Daniel (Daniel)

### I. Introduction

- A. An interest in prophecy
- B. An interest in history

### II. The Introductory Comments about:

- A. The **Author: Daniel**
  - 1. External Evidence
    - Jewish Talmud
    - Ezekiel 14:14, 20; 28:3
    - Jesus (Matthew 24:15)
  - 2. Internal Evidence
    - Daniel 7-12
    - Daniel 12:4-5
    - Daniel's unity as a whole
  - 3. External Objections and Opposition
    - The argument against **prophecy**
    - The argument against **language**
    - The argument against **historical accuracy**
- B. The **Audience: Jewish People in Captivity**
  - 1. External Evidence
    - Deuteronomy 28
    - Jeremiah 25
  - 2. Internal Evidence
    - The **providence** of God
    - The **provision** for Israel
- C. The **Attributes: Style of Writing**
  - 1. Book of **prose**
  - 2. Book of **prophecy**

- D. The **Argument: Statement of Theme**
  - 1. The **sovereignty** of God over the realms of man
  - 2. The **schedule** of God for the realms of man
  - 3. The **security** of God for His covenant people
- E. The **Attitude: Living an Uncompromising Life**
  - 1. A life of **excellence**
  - 2. A life of **faith**
  - 3. A life of **bold humility**
- F. The **Analysis: The Overview of the Book**

### III. Conclusion

- To what extent am I committed to a life of **excellence**?
- To what extent am I committed to a life of **faith**?
- To what extent am I committed to a life of **bold humility**?

### Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What most excites you about studying the book of Daniel and why?
3. Why is it important that we know the truth and be able to provide good answers to the objections and opposition of others when it comes to Biblical truth? Why is the Book of Daniel so crucial for this?
4. Think through the various themes brought out in the book of Daniel. How can God use these to comfort and encourage us as believers?
5. Review and answer the three questions presented in the conclusion. Daniel was committed to living to living an uncompromising life. To what extent are you willing to follow his example?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)