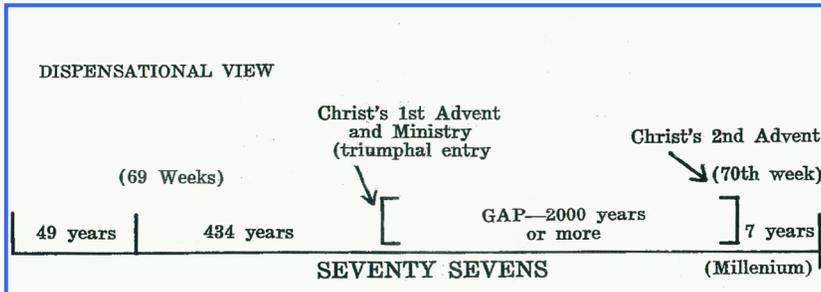


- D) This is the only prophecy that spells out the exact time of Jesus' arrival and the end of Jerusalem.
- E) Jesus refers to this in Mark 1:15  
**“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**
- F) The **alternate view** sees a gap between the 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> week and we are now in that gap.



- G) The famous prophecy about how long until the Messiah was to come is discussed in total detail at:  
<http://goo.gl/empUiG> The paper is titled: *The Prophecy of the Messiah Prince* by Dallas Meserve.

#### Conclusion:

1. Daniel was an exceptionally brave man who served God first and others secondly.
2. His faith in God allowed him to rise to top-level positions in two empires, the Babylonian and later the Persian.
3. His prophecies enabled the people of God to understand what was unfolding around them and to know that God's plan for a Savior was on track.
4. Daniel 9 allows believers to see that God had a time plan for the coming of the Messiah and we are the heirs of this marvelous promise.

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#### Bible Personality Series -

### Daniel, The Man and His Book Part 2

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#### Introduction:

1. Daniel means *God is my judge*.
2. Little is known about the family of Daniel.
  - a) He descended from one of Judah's prominent families, if not from royal blood. **Daniel 1:3.**
3. Daniel lived at the same time as the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, about 600 years before Christ.
4. He was taken to Babylon as a teenager to be trained. **Daniel 1:3-4.**
5. There is no record that Daniel ever married.
6. Inspiration:
  - a) Daniel claims inspiration. **Daniel 9:21-22.**
  - b) Jesus endorsed his writings, calling him a prophet. **Matthew 24:15.** He also quoted Daniel in **Matthew 26:64.**
  - c) Ezekiel, himself a prophet, quotes God as commending Daniel. **Ezekiel 14:14, 20; 28:3.**
  - d) While called a prophet, he was not formally enrolled among them, but was primarily a statesman.
  - e) Critics claimed that Daniel was written in New Testament times as a false evidence for Christ. This claim was silenced when a copy of Daniel appeared among the Dead Sea Scrolls that dated many years before Christ and His Apostles.
7. Daniel the book is written in two languages. The first half is in Aramaic, the language of Babylon, and the second half is in Hebrew because the prophecies pertained to them alone.

#### Key Events in Daniel's Life:

### I. The Handwriting on the Wall. Daniel 5

- A) The local king Belshazzar gave a political feast. **5:1-4**
- B) God wrote on the wall. **5:5-9.**
- C) Daniel is called to explain. **5:10-16.**
- D) The bad news. **5:25-30.** The Medes and the Persians were invading as Daniel spoke. The Babylon was built on two sides of the river with a very high wall, but there was a moat outside of the walls on the right side in the drawing. Defectors showed the Persian engineers how to divert all of the river flow through the moat, leaving the river bed dry. Other defectors let down the bridge between the two sides of town and the enemy entered at this point. Within minutes, the play-boy king was killed.

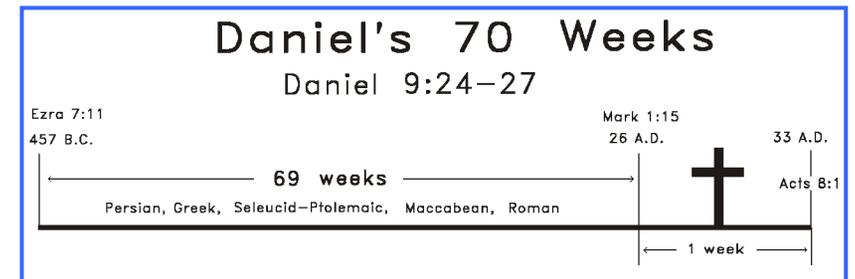


- E) The story is so well known in our literature that the phrase "the handwriting on the wall" is widely used.

### II. Daniel and the Lion's Den. Daniel 6

- A) Daniel had many professional enemies, being a top man in the empire and a Hebrew. **6:1-6**
- B) They devised a plan to destroy Daniel. **6:7-9.**
- C) Daniel violated the new no-prayer law intentionally and was charged. **6:10-13.**
- D) The king tried to deliver Daniel but failed. **6:14-15.**
- E) Daniel was cast into the lion's den. **6:16-18.**
- F) The animals had lion lockjaw. **6:19-23.**
- G) The lions experience a delayed meal. **6:24.** There was a massive change in government as the lawyers went for breakfast. It was pay-back time for humiliating the king.
- H) Darius was so convinced that God saved Daniel that he wrote a public letter to the entire empire. **6:25-28.**

### III. The Prophecy of the Coming Prince. Daniel 9:24-27



- A) At the end of 69 weeks (heptads) (7+62), the Anointed One (Messiah) will come. **9:25.**
- B) In the middle of the 70<sup>th</sup> week, the Anointed One would be put to death. **9:27.**
- C) After (beyond) the 70 weeks (or 490 years) Jerusalem is to be destroyed. **9:26.** It was destroyed in A.D. 70.