

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at
the Old Testament

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The Biblical Context of Daniel

❖ Lamentations as a bridge to exile:

- ❖ Lam 1:1, 3. How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she who was great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a slave. . . .³ Judah has gone into exile because of affliction and hard servitude; she dwells now among the nations, but finds no resting place; her pursuers have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

❖ **Lamentations as a bridge to kingdom hope:**

- ❖ **Lam 3:21–24**. This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- ❖ **Lam 5:19–22**. But you, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations. ²⁰ Why do you forget us forever; why do you forsake us for so many days? ²¹ Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old—²² unless you remain exceedingly angry with us.

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Dan 1:20. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

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❖ **Nebuchadnezzar's statue dream (ch. 2)**

- ❖ **Dan 2:20–22**. Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. ²¹ He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²² he reveals hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
- ❖ **Only Daniel's God can reveal mysteries (2:28).**

Kingdoms in Daniel



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Stone, mountain			God's kingdom (2:44)

- ❖ **Dan 2:47**. Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries.

❖ The fiery furnace (ch. 3)

- ❖ Dan 3:15–18. “Who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands? ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in the matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God who we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

- ❖ **Dan 3:28–29**. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”

❖ **Nebuchadnezzar's judgment and restoration (ch. 4)**

- ❖ Dan 4:34–35, 37. At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; ³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?” . . . ³⁷ Now, I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

❖ Handwriting on the Wall (ch. 5)

- ❖ God is over all the kingdoms of the earth and has declared an end to the kingdom of Babylon.

❖ Daniel in the lions den (ch. 6)

- ❖ Dan 6:26–27. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. ²⁷ He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.

Dan 2:44. In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.