

Daniel 1 – God Given Wisdom - Biblical Discussion

The book of Daniel was written by, well, Daniel, in 537 B.C. Daniel identifies himself as the author of the book in 12:4 and Jesus also identified him in Matt 24:15. That's good enough for me! Daniel was led into exile as a youth in 605 B.C. There he lived until the third year of Cyrus in 536 B.C.

Jeremiah predicted – Jeremiah 25:8-11

Josiah -> Jehoahaz -> Eliakim (Jehoiakim) -> Zedekiah - 2 Kings 23

Jehoiakim was installed as king of Judah by pharaoh Necho II in 608 BC, who deposed his younger brother Jehoahaz after a reign of only three months and took him to Egypt, where he died.[2] Jehoiakim ruled originally as a vassal of the Egyptians, paying a heavy tribute. To raise the money he "taxed the land and exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land according to their assessments." [7] However, when the Egyptians were defeated by the Babylonians at Carchemish in 605 BC, Jehoiakim changed allegiances, paying tribute to Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon.



After three years, with the Egyptians and Babylonians still at war, he switched back to the Egyptians and ceased paying the tribute to Babylon. In 599 BC, Nebuchadnezzar II invaded Judah and laid siege to Jerusalem. In 598 BC, Jehoiakim died [4] and his body was thrown out of the walls.[8] He was succeeded by his son Jeconiah (also known as Jehoiachin). Jerusalem fell within three months.[5][6] Jeconiah was deposed by Nebuchadnezzar, who installed Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's younger brother, in his place. Jeconiah, his household, and many of the elite and craftsmen of Judah were exiled to Babylon.[9] while Zedekiah was compelled to pay tribute, and continued to be king of the devastated kingdom. According to the Babylonian Chronicles,[10] Jerusalem eventually fell on 2 Adar (March 16) 597 BC. The Chronicles state:

The seventh year (of Nebuchadnezzar-599 BC.) in the month Chislew (Nov/Dec) the king of Babylon assembled his army, and after he had invaded the land of Hatti (Syria/Palestine) he laid siege to the city of Judah. On the second day of the month of Adar (16 March) he conquered the city and took the king (Jeconiah) prisoner. He installed in his place a king (Zedekiah) of his own choice, and after he had received rich tribute, he sent (them) forth to Babylon.[11]

Daniel ("God is judge") become Belteshazzar ("May Bel protect his life")

Hananiah ("Yahweh is gracious") becomes Shadrach ("command of Aku") Aku being the moon god

Mishael ("Who is like God ") becomes Meshach ("Who is what Aku is")

Azariah ("Whom Yahweh helps") becomes Abed-nego ("Servant of Nebo")

Daneil 1 – God given Wisdom (If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you **James 1:5**)

¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. ²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.