

Discovered:

- Daniel & other young, handsome, smart nobility were taken to Babylon to learn how to serve the King Nebuchadnezzar defeated Jehoiakim & Jerusalem.
 - ↳ educated 3 years, given a portion of King's food & wine daily.
 - ↳ Daniel → Belshazzar, Hananiah → Shadrach, Michael → Meshach & Azariah → Abendego
- Daniel did not want to defile himself with King's food, asked for veggies & water.
 - ↳ had a 10 day test, they were stronger than the others eating King's food.
- God blessed their learning, most wise, David was given ability to interpret dreams.
- King N had a dream no one could interpret, Daniel offered to interpret when none did.
- God revealed the mystery of the dream to Daniel & interpreted for King N & was rewarded - given responsibilities over Babylon.
- King N had a huge golden image made & everyone was to worship it when music played or be thrown into fiery furnace.
 - ↳ King N found out Shadrach, Meshach & Abendego would not worship & when confronted they refused so King N had furnace turned up 7x hotter & threw them in the furnace.
 - ↳ 4 men were seen in the furnace walking in the fire unharmed, King N then decreed that anyone who spoke against their God would be punished.
- Daniel interprets a 2nd dream for King N: his Kingdom would be taken from him.
 - ↳ immediately driven, ate grass & wet with dew. He was eventually restored & he praised the Lord.
- King Belshazzar had a feast & used gold dishes from temple to serve wine & a hand wrote on wall.
 - ↳ Daniel interprets writing: your days are at the end, you have been found wanting & your kingdom will be delivered to Medes & Persia.
 - ↳ King was killed & Darius of Mede became King.
- King Darius signed a decree to throw anyone who worshipped anyone but the King would be thrown into lion's den.
 - ↳ Daniel continued to worship God & was thrown into lion's den, God sent an angel to protect Daniel
 - ↳ King Darius told the people to worship Daniel's God.
- Daniel had a vision of 4 beasts, the 4th beast was killed & son of man was given glory & the kingdom: the saints will destroy the beast & have an everlasting kingdom.
- Daniel had a vision of a powerful ram overpowered by a goat.
 - ↳ ram = Media & Persia, goat = Greece, Greece will rule over Media & Persia.
- Daniel prays for forgiveness of Israel & to restore them. Gabriel appears & tells of 70x7.
- Daniel has a vision of a messenger.
- Daniel given prophecy of 3 Kings & their future and of an eventual 4th King (Antichrist) that will reign.
- At the end of times, the people whose names are written in the book of names will be delivered.
- Daniel did not understand all of what was told to him.

Help me to remember:

the Lord rewards those who serve & walk with Him with unwavering faith.

Lord, I ask that

even when faced with unfavorable consequences, I choose to put You first.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
that you are with us always.