

DANIEL

AUTHOR:

Daniel was a Jewish prophet who became an advisor to the Babylonian king.

DATE:

Daniel was born around 620 B.C. and died after 530 B.C., finishing his book in approximately 532 B.C. Daniel was captured by the Babylonians before becoming an advisor to the king and a prophet for the Lord.

AUDIENCE:

The Book of Daniel is written to the Israelites of his day. Daniel is also quoted 5 times in the New Testament and referenced several other times.

CONTEXT:

The nation of Israel had been invaded by the Babylonians. Many Israelites, including Daniel, were captured and taken to Babylon. This was a dark time of unrest and uncertainty for the people of God.

PURPOSE:

The book of Daniel tells the story of the Israelites exile to Babylon during the 6th century B.C. Throughout the book we see how God was always in control and ready for His people to trust Him regardless of the circumstances. Some of the book is apocalyptic in nature, which means that it tells us things that will happen during the end times and generally uses highly symbolic, non-literal, language.

