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# Introduction

One of the ways I've been studying the Word of God is by making a list of everything that each book of the Bible teaches. This has resulted in more than a thousand pages of material. Although it's interesting and I've learned a lot from writing it, that's a lot of bullet points to read through!

The purpose of this book is to extract the most interesting insights from that massive list. This isn't intended to summarize each book of the Bible because that's what my "Chapter Summary of the Bible" is for. It's also not intended to list the major points of each book because you're probably already familiar with them. Finally, it's not intended to offer in-depth commentary because that's what my regular commentary is for. This book is simply a collection of points that I found interesting.

I hope there's some material here that you find edifying.

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# Daniel

- God gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim (Daniel 1:2). This means God is the one who decides the outcome of battles.
- Nebuchadnezzar's invasion during the third year of Jehoiakim didn't destroy the temple. The temple remained standing, and some of the temple vessels remained behind as well (Daniel 1:2). (The temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar years later, during the reign of Zedekiah.)
- There are times when God gives the victory to wicked people (Daniel 1:2). There are even times when God allows wicked people to take holy things and put them in unholy places.
- Nebuchadnezzar wanted the princes of Judah to be turned into eunuchs and made his servants (Daniel 1:3).
- Nebuchadnezzar wanted servants who were wise, cunning, filled with knowledge, had no physical blemishes, and who had a good understanding of science (Daniel 1:4).
- The Jewish trainees were put into a three year training plan (Daniel 1:5). Once the three years were over, the Jewish trainees would begin serving the king.
- Nebuchadnezzar took Daniel out of Judah in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim (Daniel 1:6). He met the qualifications to be one of Nebuchadnezzar's servants.
- Daniel was willing to serve Nebuchadnezzar, but he wouldn't eat the king's provisions. Serving Nebuchadnezzar wasn't sinful, but eating his food was (Daniel 1:8).

- Daniel tried to resolve his moral problem peacefully and respectfully. He went through the proper channels and asked that an allowance might be made for him (Daniel 1:8).
- Even though Daniel was willing to serve Nebuchadnezzar, he wasn't willing to do anything that would defile him. Daniel was willing to serve a wicked king in a wicked nation, but he refused to do anything wicked himself (Daniel 1:8).
- God has the ability to cause one person to like someone else, and give them great favor (Daniel 1:9).
- Nebuchadnezzar held Ashpenaz personally responsible for the health of the Jewish trainees. If something happened to them, Ashpenaz would be put to death (Daniel 1:10). This means Nebuchadnezzar required Ashpenaz to take good care of the Jewish trainees.
- If Nebuchadnezzar's servants displeased him, they risked being executed (Daniel 1:10).
- Daniel didn't simply refuse to eat the food. Instead he was very humble. He talked with the people who had authority over him, he addressed their concerns, and he worked within the system to achieve his goal (Daniel 1:13).
- Daniel was extremely careful about sin. He went through a lot of trouble to avoid a diet that he believed would defile him (Daniel 1:13).
- The only Jews who objected to eating the king's food were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. No one else joined them, even after the 10-day trial (Daniel 1:15).



- The Jewish eunuchs who God blessed with knowledge, skill, and wisdom were the ones who refused to defile themselves. They were specifically the ones who sought to walk in His ways and do what was right (Daniel 1:17).
- The ability to understand visions and dreams comes from God (Daniel 1:17).
- Even though Nebuchadnezzar was wicked, it wasn't a sin for Daniel to serve him (Daniel 1:19).
- Even though Babylon was wicked, it wasn't a sin for Daniel to be one of its rulers (Daniel 1:19).
- Daniel continued to have a position of leadership in the government of Babylon until the first year of king Cyrus (Daniel 1:21).
- Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of the golden statue during the second year of his reign. However, the training period for Daniel was three years, so it seems this happened during that training period (Daniel 2:1).
- God gave Nebuchadnezzar (a wicked and pagan king) a prophetic dream (Daniel 2:1). This means there are times when God gives prophetic visions to pagans.
- Nebuchadnezzar rewarded people who were good at their jobs and pleased him (Daniel 2:6).
- Nebuchadnezzar believed that if a person could tell him what he had dreamed then that person could also be trusted to provide the correct interpretation of that dream (Daniel 2:9).
- Nebuchadnezzar wanted the truth. He didn't want to be deceived (Daniel 2:9).

- Nebuchadnezzar didn't trust his own advisors (Daniel 2:9).
- The Chaldeans told the king that the gods were out of reach, because they didn't have physical bodies or live on the earth (Daniel 2:11). It seems the Chaldeans didn't believe their gods could tell them what the king had dreamed.
- Daniel didn't simply accept his fate and die. Instead he sought to speak with Arioch, to see what he could do about his situation (Daniel 2:14).
- Daniel didn't lash out at Arioch or rebuke him. Instead he spoke with wisdom and care (Daniel 2:14).
- Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed to Daniel at night (Daniel 2:19).
- God is the one who changes the times and seasons (Daniel 2:21). He removes kings and sets them up.
- The only way we can know the deep and secret things is if God chooses to reveal them to us (Daniel 2:22).
- Daniel did more than ask that his own life be spared. He also asked that all the other wise men of Babylon be spared as well (Daniel 2:24).
- Daniel didn't take credit for providing the interpretation of the dream (Daniel 2:28). Instead he told the king that there was a God in heaven, and He was the one who gave Nebuchadnezzar this dream.
- Nebuchadnezzar had been wondering about what would happen in the future. While he was doing this, God gave him the vision of the future (Daniel 2:29). The Lord gave a wicked and pagan king a vision of the end times.

- Daniel did more than tell the king what he had dreamed. He also told the king where he was when he saw the vision, and what he was doing before he was given the vision (Daniel 2:29).
- What God showed Nebuchadnezzar would come to pass. It wasn't something that *might* happen, but was something that would definitely happen (Daniel 2:29).
- Daniel kept Nebuchadnezzar's focus on God. Daniel emphasized the greatness and power of God, and didn't seek to magnify himself (Daniel 2:29).
- Since Nebuchadnezzar had a desire to know the future, God revealed it to him (Daniel 2:29).
- Nebuchadnezzar was a king of kings (Daniel 2:37). God was the one who gave him his kingdom and put him in that position.
- God gave Nebuchadnezzar authority over people, livestock, and birds (Daniel 2:38).
- The fourth kingdom that would one day rule over this world would be divided (Daniel 2:41-42). It would be partly strong and partly broken.
- Each world kingdom was inferior to the one that came before it (Daniel 2:42).
- Daniel said that "they" will mingle themselves with the seed of men (King James Version). In other words, something that's not of mankind will have offspring with mankind, and create beings that are partly human and partly non-human (Daniel 2:43). The humans are the clay and the non-humans are the iron. The result is a mixture of iron and clay – something that's partly strong and

partly broken.

- The fourth world kingdom will contain nephilim (Daniel 2:43).
- While all of these world kingdoms are rising and falling, God is going to be setting up another kingdom (Daniel 2:44). This kingdom will be different and distinct from all of the other world kingdoms. It won't come from any of the previous kingdoms; instead it will come from outside it.
- The kingdom that God is establishing will one day destroy all of the other world kingdoms and replace them (Daniel 2:44).
- The kingdom that God is establishing will never be destroyed or given to anyone else (Daniel 2:44).
- Although Nebuchadnezzar commanded that offerings and incense be offered, it seems that his intent was to worship God because that's who he gave the credit to (Daniel 2:46-47). The interpretation of his dream convinced him that Daniel's God was a God of gods and a Lord of kings.
- Nebuchadnezzar understood that the only way Daniel could have revealed this secret was if God gave it to him. That's why the king gave all of the credit to God, and not to Daniel (Daniel 2:47).
- When the Jews were in captivity, God arranged for a wise and godly Jew (Daniel) to be in charge of the province of Babylon, and a trusted advisor of the king (Daniel 2:48). This means God watched over the Jews while they were in captivity in Babylon.
- Nebuchadnezzar gathered all of the leaders of Babylon,

and all of the important people in his government, to Dura to force them to worship the golden idol that he had created (Daniel 3:2). However, it seems that he didn't invite Daniel to this gathering.

- It seems that it wasn't a sin to go to Dura and stand in front of the idol, because Daniel's three companions were willing to do that. The sin was to bow down to it and worship it (Daniel 3:3).
- The people who accused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to Nebuchadnezzar were Chaldeans (Daniel 3:8). It should be noted that Nebuchadnezzar would have put the Chaldeans in his government to death for failing to interpret his dream, except Daniel intervened and saved them.
- The Bible repeats the fact that people were commanded to worship the idol when the music played (Daniel 3:10).
- The only Jews who refused to worship the idol were Daniel's three companions. Everyone else went along with it (Daniel 3:12).
- Nebuchadnezzar believed that the God of the Jews couldn't rescue them from his power (Daniel 3:15). That means Nebuchadnezzar turned this into a contest between him and God. He believed that if he was able to kill the three Jews then that meant he was stronger than the God of Israel.
- The three Jews weren't afraid of Nebuchadnezzar, even though he was full of rage and fury (Daniel 3:16).
- The three Jews didn't know if God would save them. All they knew was that God had the power to save them, if He chose (Daniel 3:17).

- The three Jews were willing to serve Nebuchadnezzar, but they weren't willing to carry out a sinful order. They would serve a sinful and wicked man, but they wouldn't do anything sinful themselves (Daniel 3:18).
- The three Jews didn't condemn the king for being an idolater. Instead they told him that they wouldn't join him in his idolatry (Daniel 3:18).
- Nebuchadnezzar commanded the mightiest men in his army to cast the three Jews into the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:20). This means the mightiest men in Nebuchadnezzar's army died while casting the three Jews into the furnace (Daniel 3:22). It also means the only people who died in the furnace were the soldiers who picked up the Jews and cast them into the fire.
- The name of Daniel isn't mentioned anywhere in chapter 3. He's completely absent from everything that happened with the idol and the furnace.
- None of Nebuchadnezzar's counselors (who were with him at the time) asked the king to spare the three Jews, or spoke up on their behalf (Daniel 3:24).
- Nebuchadnezzar recognized that there was something different about the fourth man who was in the fire with the three Jews. He recognized that the fourth man was divine (Daniel 3:25).
- Because the three Jews refused to worship the idol, they obtained a powerful testimony that magnified the Lord (Daniel 3:25). They also got to meet the preincarnate Christ, which was an extremely rare privilege.
- Because the three Jews refused to worship the idol, Nebuchadnezzar's opinion of their God changed (Daniel

3:26). He understood that this miracle was done by God's power (Daniel 3:28).

- Nebuchadnezzar recognized that no one else could perform the miracle that he had witnessed. Only the God of Israel could save people like that (Daniel 3:29). This convinced him that the God of Israel was more powerful than anyone else.
- Nebuchadnezzar commanded that anyone who said something bad about the God of Israel should be put to death (Daniel 3:29).
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego reigned over the Jews during their time in captivity in Babylon, along with Daniel (Daniel 3:30). That means the people who reigned over the Jews during their time in captivity were actually more righteous than most of the kings who reigned over Israel or Judah.
- The fourth chapter of the book of Daniel was written by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:1). This means God used Nebuchadnezzar to write part of the Bible.
- Nebuchadnezzar, who conquered many nations, began his letter by wishing peace upon the entire world (Daniel 4:1).
- Nebuchadnezzar wrote this letter because he wanted to share his testimony with all nations. He wanted the entire world to know how God had humbled him (Daniel 4:2). He also wanted them to know the greatness of the God of Israel.
- God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom (Daniel 4:3).
- There are times when the wicked flourish and have great power – right before judgment comes and destroys them

(Daniel 4:4). This means it's not always possible for the wicked to see their judgment approaching. Sometimes it comes suddenly.

- God warned Nebuchadnezzar in advance that his day of judgment was coming (Daniel 4:5).
- Nebuchadnezzar didn't summon Daniel and ask him for the interpretation of his second dream. Instead he asked literally everyone else first (Daniel 4:6).
- Nebuchadnezzar knew that Daniel was filled with the Holy Spirit (Daniel 4:9).
- There are watchers in Heaven, who watch the events that take place in the world (Daniel 4:13).
- There's a difference between the heart of a human being and the heart of an animal (Daniel 4:16).
- The watchers have the power to change the very nature of people (Daniel 4:17).
- The watchers have power over the kings of the world (Daniel 4:17).
- The reason the watchers turned Nebuchadnezzar into an animal was so the whole world would know that God was the one who was in control, that God reigned over the world, and that God gave power to whoever He chose (Daniel 4:17). The reason the kings and rulers of this world are in power is because God put them there.
- The reason Nebuchadnezzar believed that Daniel could interpret his dream was because he knew that Daniel had the Holy Spirit within him. The king believed that the Holy Spirit would provide the interpretation of the dream (Daniel 4:18).



- Daniel didn't want any harm to come to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:19).
- Even though the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream was very wild and seemed extremely unlikely, Daniel was honest about what it meant. He didn't hide anything or try to make it seem more reasonable (Daniel 4:25).
- There are times when God does things that, before they happen, seem completely ridiculous and impossible (Daniel 4:25).
- The prophecies of God are always fulfilled literally, no matter how unlikely they may seem (Daniel 4:25).
- God *hates* pride (Daniel 4:25).
- God wants the entire world to know that He is sovereign, and He is the one who reigns (Daniel 4:25).
- Although God was going to humble Nebuchadnezzar, He wasn't going to take away his kingdom (Daniel 4:26). The purpose of this was to teach Nebuchadnezzar that God was in control and ruled over the world (Daniel 4:26).
- Daniel said that if Nebuchadnezzar repented, it was possible that this judgment might be delayed for a time (Daniel 4:27). This means Daniel preached the truth to the king, but he also told the king what to do in order to avoid this judgment. Daniel preached repentance.
- God wants kings to show mercy to the poor (Daniel 4:27).
- Even though what Daniel said was very unlikely, and nothing like it had ever happened before, it still came to pass exactly as he said (Daniel 4:28).

- The vision was fulfilled a year after Nebuchadnezzar received it (Daniel 4:29).
- Although the wicked may believe they're invincible, the truth is that God can remove them from power at any moment (Daniel 4:31).
- It's not wise to boast about our greatness (Daniel 4:31).
- Nebuchadnezzar ate grass like an ox for seven years, until he knew that God ruled over the kingdoms of men (Daniel 4:32).
- God can transform people into animals (Daniel 4:33).
- No one can stop God, or oppose Him, or achieve victory over Him (Daniel 4:35).
- God isn't accountable to anyone in this world (Daniel 4:35).
- Belshazzar threw a feast during a war, when the enemy was right outside the city gates. Instead of protecting the city of Babylon, he threw an enormous party and got drunk (Daniel 5:1).
- Nebuchadnezzar had taken the holy vessels from God's temple and placed them in an idolatrous temple, where they had been kept safe for many years (Daniel 5:2).
- Belshazzar decided to use God's holy vessels for an unholy and depraved purpose (idolatry) (Daniel 5:2).
- In spite of everything that happened to Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar had no fear of God (Daniel 5:2). Belshazzar wanted to use God's holy vessels as a deliberate insult to Him. The king made a deliberate choice to do this because the vessels weren't close at hand and they had

been left alone in a treasury for decades.

- No one at the party objected to using God's holy vessels in such a depraved and profane manner (Daniel 5:3-4). Apparently no one had any fear of God, even though the city was literally surrounded by an enemy army. In spite of Nebuchadnezzar's testimony, and in spite of all the well-documented miracles that God had done, these people chose to mock God by using His holy vessels to worship idols.
- When Belshazzar saw the hand write on the wall, he had a bowel movement (Daniel 5:6).
- Belshazzar was only the second highest ruler in the kingdom. There was someone greater than him, who apparently wasn't at Babylon when this happened (Daniel 5:7).
- The queen hadn't previously been at the feast (Daniel 5:10). This means she wouldn't have been among those who used God's holy vessels worship idols.
- Daniel wasn't the master of the wise men when this happened (Daniel 5:11). However, he was in Babylon at the time.
- The queen knew that the Holy Spirit was within Daniel and that he was extremely wise (Daniel 5:11).
- When the writing on the wall couldn't be interpreted, no one at the party thought to call Daniel, even though he was available (Daniel 5:11).
- The queen called Daniel by his Hebrew name, not his Babylonian name (Daniel 5:12).
- The queen didn't mention Daniel's heritage, or the fact

that he was one of the captives from Judah. Instead she talked about his wisdom and his spirit (Daniel 5:13).

- Belshazzar ignored the fact that Daniel was the master of the wise men during Nebuchadnezzar's reign, and instead referred to him as one of the captives of Judah. Belshazzar refused to see Daniel as an honorable man with great wisdom, and instead looked at him as nothing more than a worthless slave (Daniel 5:13). Belshazzar proved that he was a vindictive and petty man by deliberately insulting Daniel.
- Daniel rejected the rewards that the king offered. He didn't want a reward or a high position in Belshazzar's government (Daniel 5:17). Although Daniel didn't reject Nebuchadnezzar's rewards, he did reject what Belshazzar offered him.
- Daniel instantly knew the interpretation of the writing on the wall as soon as he saw it (Daniel 5:17).
- Daniel told Belshazzar that the reason Nebuchadnezzar was great was because God made him great. Nebuchadnezzar's success came from God (Daniel 5:18). Daniel used this opportunity to glorify God.
- Daniel testified that the things Nebuchadnezzar wrote in his letter (about him being turned into an animal) were true and really happened (Daniel 5:21).
- Belshazzar knew what the most high God had done to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 5:22). In spite of this, Belshazzar refused to humble himself. This means he had no excuse for his pride. He couldn't claim ignorance.
- Belshazzar knew of the power of the most high God, and yet he chose to attack God anyway (Daniel 5:23).

Belshazzar deliberately decided to use the holy vessels of God to prove that he was greater than the God of heaven.

- There are times when God punishes the wickedness of kings by destroying their kingdoms (Daniel 5:26).
- Kings and rulers aren't immune to God's judgment (Daniel 5:27).
- There are times when God punishes a nation by giving it into the hands of its enemies (Daniel 5:28). God has the power to take away a kingdom and give it to someone else.
- Daniel told Belshazzar that God had given his kingdom to the Medes and Persians. Even though the Medes were at the city gate, Belshazzar didn't take this seriously (Daniel 5:29). The king had a chance to repent, and he saw the hand write upon the wall with his own eyes, and yet he didn't repent.
- The message that was written on the wall came to pass that very night – and it was fulfilled literally (Daniel 5:30).
- Belshazzar was killed a few hours after he decided to insult God by using His holy vessels to worship idols (Daniel 5:30).
- Daniel was over Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, and during the reign of Darius (Daniel 6:2).
- The reason Daniel was preferred over others was because he had an excellent spirit within him (Daniel 6:3).
- The presidents and princes couldn't find any fault in Daniel (Daniel 6:4).

- The fact that Daniel was without fault didn't change the opinion of the princes and presidents. They didn't care that he was wholly innocent (Daniel 6:4). They decided to get rid of him even though he was without fault.
- The presidents and princes knew that Daniel was faithful to his God, and would never stop worshiping or serving him (Daniel 6:5).
- The presidents and princes decided to trick the king (Daniel 6:6). Apparently they thought that if they tricked the king into killing someone that he loved and depended on, the king wouldn't be angry with them once he discovered what they had done. (In the end, that bit of stupidity got them killed.)
- The presidents and princes lied. They said all of the presidents agreed on this law, but that wasn't the case. Daniel hadn't agreed to it (Daniel 6:7).
- Darius didn't have a problem with forcing everyone in his empire to worship him alone (Daniel 6:9). Darius also thought it was appropriate to put people to death for worshiping someone other than him.
- After the law was signed, Daniel didn't change his habits. Before the law was signed he publicly prayed three times a day and gave thanks to God, and after the law was signed he continued to do that (Daniel 6:10).
- When Daniel prayed he faced Jerusalem (where the temple once stood) (Daniel 6:10).
- Darius was hoping that Daniel's God could save him from the lions (Daniel 6:16). The king saw this as a test of whether Daniel's God was powerful enough to save him from the lions.

- Even in the Old Testament, God was called the living God (Daniel 6:20).
- If Daniel had been eaten by the lions, Darius would have interpreted that to mean Daniel's God lacked power and couldn't save (Daniel 6:20).
- The way God saved Daniel was by sending an angel to close the mouth of the lions so that they couldn't hurt him (Daniel 6:22). This means angels have the ability to stop lions from eating people.
- There are times when God uses angels to save people's lives (Daniel 6:22).
- It was good for Daniel to reject the unjust law of the king, which forbade the worship of God (Daniel 6:22). Even though Daniel broke the law, he was innocent in God's sight.
- The reason God saved Daniel was because he believed in Him. In other words, Daniel was saved by faith (Daniel 6:23).
- Darius put innocent people to death. The children and wives of the rulers of Babylon had nothing to do with this scheme against Daniel, but Darius killed them anyway (Daniel 6:24).
- Because Daniel was faithful, even unto death, God was magnified in the whole world (Daniel 6:26).
- The garment of the Ancient of days was white as snow, and His hair was white like pure wool (Daniel 7:9).
- The throne of the Ancient of days was like a fiery flame (Daniel 7:9). It had wheels, and the wheels were like burning fire.

- Millions ministered to the Ancient of days, and a hundred million stood before Him (Daniel 7:10).
- At the judgment, which will take place at the throne of the Ancient of days, books will be opened (Daniel 7:10).
- The Son of man came to the Ancient of days (Daniel 7:13). This means the Son of man and the Ancient of days aren't the same.
- The Ancient of days decreed that all peoples and nations should serve the Son of man (Daniel 7:14).
- The dominion of the Son of man is an everlasting dominion (Daniel 7:14).
- There are times when God depicts kings as ferocious and dangerous animals (Daniel 7:17).
- In the end, the saints of the most High will possess the kingdom forever (Daniel 7:18).
- The little horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them (Daniel 7:21). During the tribulation, the devil will overcome the saints and defeat them (Revelation 13:7).
- The little horn prevailed until the Ancient of days came (Daniel 7:22). That's when the saints possessed the kingdom. The saints won't be able to possess the kingdom until the Ancient of days comes.
- There will only be four kingdoms before the kingdom of the Ancient of days has dominion over all the world (Daniel 7:23).
- Everything under heaven will be part of the kingdom of the most High (Daniel 7:27).



- The saints won't possess the kingdom until the little horn is defeated (Daniel 7:24-27).
- The little horn became as great as the host of heaven (Daniel 8:10).
- The little horn cast some of the host of heaven down to the ground, and stamped upon them (Daniel 8:10).
- The little horn magnified himself to the prince of the host (the archangel) (Daniel 8:11).
- The little horn took away the daily sacrifice (Daniel 8:11).
- The little horn cast down the place of the sanctuary (Daniel 8:11).
- The end would be at the time appointed (Daniel 8:19).
- Prophetic visions can negatively impact a person's health and make them sick (Daniel 8:27).
- It seems that Daniel did serve in the government of Belshazzar, because he was in the province of Elam to perform the king's business (Daniel 8:27). Since he worked in Belshazzar's government it's very unlikely that Belshazzar didn't know who Daniel was.
- There were times when the prophets of the Old Testament didn't understand the prophecies that they were given (Daniel 8:27).
- Jeremiah prophesied that Jerusalem would be desolate for 70 years (Daniel 9:2).
- Daniel studied and believed the prophecies of Jeremiah (Daniel 9:2). He paid attention to the numbers in prophecy, and prophetic years.

- God keeps His covenant with those who love Him and keep His commandments, and shows mercy upon them (Daniel 9:4).
- God was the one who drove the Jews out of the promised land and scattered them among the nations (Daniel 9:7).
- The words of God are confirmed by the wrath of God (Daniel 9:12).
- Before God destroyed Jerusalem He spoke against it (Daniel 9:12).
- Daniel said that what God did to Jerusalem was worse than what had been done to any other city (Daniel 9:12).
- The terrible things that God did to Jerusalem didn't cause the Jews to repent or obey Him. Instead the Jews continued on in their sins (Daniel 9:13).
- God wants people to respond to His judgments by praying, repenting, and seeking the truth (Daniel 9:13).
- God is righteous in all His works (Daniel 9:14).
- Jerusalem is the holy mountain of God (Daniel 9:16).
- Daniel wanted God to raise up His temple, which had been made desolate (Daniel 9:17).
- When Daniel interceded on behalf of his nation he was relying on the mercy of God, not the righteousness of the Jews (Daniel 9:18).
- Daniel prayed for mercy even though the Jews were still wicked and hadn't repented. He sought God's mercy for a wicked and unrepentant nation (Daniel 9:18).
- Daniel asked God to do all these things for His sake. Since

the Jews were called the people of God, and since Jerusalem was called the city of God, Daniel prayed that God would have mercy on them (Daniel 9:19).

- The angel Gabriel visited Daniel while he was still praying (Daniel 9:21).
- Daniel was clothed in sackcloth, and was wearing ashes, when Gabriel came to him (Daniel 9:3, 21).
- There are times when God uses angels to give people an understanding of prophecy (Daniel 9:22).
- There are times when God uses angels to answer people's prayers (Daniel 9:22).
- It takes time for angels to travel from heaven to earth (Daniel 9:23).
- God had set aside 70 "sevens" (70 periods of 7 years, or 490 years) for the Jews and for Jerusalem (Daniel 9:24). This period of time is intended to bring an end to the sins of the Jews, to make reconciliation for their iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to anoint the most Holy.
- This 490 year period is specifically for the Jews and the city of Jerusalem. It's a Jewish period of time, not a Gentile period of time, and the Jews are its focus (Daniel 9:24).
- God doesn't plan on destroying the Jews. Instead He plans on saving them (Daniel 9:24).
- The total time between the command to rebuild Jerusalem and the death of the Messiah was 483 years (Daniel 9:25-26). This leaves 7 years unaccounted for, which is the 7 years of the tribulation period.

- The Messiah wasn't going to die for Himself. Instead He would die for others (Daniel 9:26).
- Since God revealed when the Messiah would die, that means He also revealed when the Messiah would come. If the Jews had been students of prophecy they could have known when it was time for the Messiah to be born (Daniel 9:26).
- The antichrist would come from the same people who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple (Daniel 9:26).
- Before the second temple was built, God revealed that it was going to be destroyed (Daniel 9:26).
- In the final period of seven years (the tribulation), the antichrist would confirm a covenant with many people (Daniel 9:27).
- In the middle of the final period of seven years (the tribulation), the antichrist would cause the sacrifices to cease (Daniel 9:27). This means after the second temple was destroyed, there would be a third temple – and sacrifices would be made in that temple.
- There are times when God gives someone a vision, but the people who are around him can't see it (Daniel 10:7).
- Even though Daniel was greatly beloved, and was a holy man who was righteous and upright and good, seeing the preincarnate Jesus filled him with a sense of corruption. Jesus was infinitely more holy than Daniel and made him look very corrupt by comparison (Daniel 10:8).
- Those who have seen God's holiness are filled with a sense of their own corruption (Daniel 10:8). This is because God is infinitely holier than we are.

- Throughout the Bible, angels repeatedly tell people to not be afraid. When people see angels they immediately become terrified (Daniel 10:12).
- Daniel chastened himself for 21 days because he wanted to understand (Daniel 10:2, 12). During that time he mourned, ate no pleasant bread, and drank no wine. If you lack understanding, one of the things you can do to gain understanding is to chasten yourself before God.
- Demons can block angels from completing their mission (Daniel 10:13). The angel that God sent to Daniel was blocked for 21 days. This means demons can interfere with the answers to our prayers. For that reason it's good to be persistent in prayer.
- Michael was one of the chief princes of the angels (Daniel 10:13). This means there are other chief princes besides Michael.
- The devil greatly resisted this angel in order to prevent him from giving this prophetic information to Daniel. Since this didn't happen previously, it seems that there's material in this prophecy that the devil didn't want Daniel to learn (Daniel 10:13).
- The devil resists prophecy and is opposed to it. He doesn't want it to be given to mankind (Daniel 10:13).
- God wants us to know the words of prophecy. He wants us to have this information and understand it (Daniel 10:13).
- Angelic battles have been fought over prophecy. Demons have battled angels to try to keep mankind from receiving prophetic information (Daniel 10:13). This means that both angels and demons believe that prophecy is

important. In fact, it's so important that it's worth fighting over.

- The prophecy which is found in chapter 10 is focused on what will happen to the Jews in the end times (Daniel 10:14).
- Daniel didn't think he was worthy to even be talking to this angelic being (Daniel 10:17).
- This chapter repeatedly mentions the fact that when Daniel saw these things, there was no strength left in him (Daniel 10:17).
- Daniel couldn't receive this prophecy with his own strength. He had to be given strength by an angel before he could hear it (Daniel 10:18).
- There are times when powerful nations are backed by powerful demons, who fight against one another for control of the world (Daniel 10:20).
- The demons fight one another for control of the world. They're not all on the same team, trying to achieve the same objective (Daniel 10:20).
- Michael (the archangel) was the prince of the Jews (Daniel 10:21).
- Michael was the only prince who was good. The rest of the angelic princes were evil (Daniel 10:21).
- The angel who was speaking to Daniel strengthened Darius in the first year of his reign (Daniel 11:1). This means one of the activities of angels is strengthening rulers.
- Angels intervene in the lives of kingdoms and kings. They

take actions which influence political power (Daniel 11:1).

- The land of Israel is called the glorious land (Daniel 11:16).
- The vile person (the antichrist) wouldn't be given the honor of the kingdom (Daniel 11:21).
- The vile person would take the kingdom through flattery (Daniel 11:21).
- The vile person would become strong with just a few people (Daniel 11:23).
- The vile person would be more vile and wicked and violent than his ancestors (Daniel 11:24).
- The lies and schemes of kings can't change the course of history which God has set. Although they may try to change the fate of kings and kingdoms, events will still unfold as God has ordained (Daniel 11:27).
- Even the actions of vile people are appointed by God. The course of wicked nations is determined by the Lord (Daniel 11:29).
- The vile person would pollute the sanctuary (Daniel 11:31).
- The vile person would take away the daily sacrifice (Daniel 11:31).
- The vile person would be responsible for the abomination of desolation (Daniel 11:31).
- Since the vile person is responsible for the abomination of desolation, which Jesus said was still in the future (Matthew 24:15), that means this vile person is someone from the future, not the past (Daniel 11:31). These events

have not yet been fulfilled.

- The vile person will corrupt people through flattery (Daniel 11:32).
- In those days there will be some people who understand, and who instruct many (Daniel 11:33).
- The purpose of this period of time (the tribulation) is to test the Jews, to purge them from sin, and to make them righteous (Daniel 11:35).
- The vile person would magnify himself above God and speak against Him (Daniel 11:36).
- The vile person would prosper until the time of God's indignation was over (Daniel 11:36).
- The vile person would magnify himself above everything and everyone (Daniel 11:37).
- The reason the vile person would divide the land of Israel was for the purposes of gain (wealth) (Daniel 11:39).
- The vile person would have a palace in Jerusalem (Daniel 11:45).
- When it was time for the vile person to die, no one would help him (Daniel 11:45).
- In the latter part of the tribulation, after the antichrist has defiled the temple with the abomination of desolation, Michael (the archangel) shall stand up (Daniel 12:1).
- Michael is the great prince who stands for the Jews (Daniel 12:1).
- In the latter part of the tribulation, after the antichrist has defiled the temple with the abomination of desolation,



there will be the worst time that has ever happened in the entire history of the world (Daniel 12:1). This means the second half of the tribulation will be much worse than the first.

- The Jews who will be delivered out of the tribulation period are those whose names are written in the book of life (Daniel 12:1).
- There will be a resurrection of the dead (Daniel 12:2).
- This resurrection spoken of in the book of Daniel will include both the righteous and the wicked (Daniel 12:2). This is a reference to the final resurrection that takes place after the millennium, at the time of the Great White Throne judgment.
- When the saints are resurrected, those who turn many people to righteousness will forever shine as brightly as the stars (Daniel 12:3). The wise will as well.
- In the end times, knowledge would increase (Daniel 12:4). This means that knowledge of what this prophecy means will be increased when the time of its fulfillment is at hand.
- There are some prophecies that will remain sealed until it's time for them to be fulfilled (Daniel 12:4). That means they can't be understood until then.
- There's a recurring theme in the Bible of angels appearing beside rivers (Daniel 12:5).
- Angels are interested in prophecy (Daniel 12:6).
- Angels are interested in knowing when prophetic events will take place (Daniel 12:6).

- There are times when God deliberately prevents us from understanding things (Daniel 12:9).
- In the end times, many people would be purified and made righteous (Daniel 12:10).
- In the end times, none of the wicked will understand what's going on (Daniel 12:10).
- From the time that the antichrist takes the daily sacrifice away and sets up the abomination of desolation, to the end, will be 1290 days (Daniel 12:11). This means the seven-year tribulation will take place during a period of time when there's a 30 day "leap month" in the Jewish calendar. Normally 3.5 years would be 1260 days.
- Although the tribulation will end 1290 days after its midpoint (when the antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation), the millennial kingdom won't begin until 1335 days later. This means there's a gap of 45 days between the end of the tribulation and the beginning of the millennium (Daniel 12:12).
- Some people will survive the tribulation and enter into the millennium without having been killed or martyred (Daniel 12:12).
- The dates and times of the future have all been established by God. He is in control of history, and things will unfold exactly as He has planned (Daniel 12:12).
- At the end of Daniel's life he would stand in his lot (his property in Israel). He would see his homeland again and would die there in peace (Daniel 12:13).