

**BIBLE IN A YEAR- Daniel**

**Historical Context**

1. Daniel as character is unique: God only says **good**; Ministry in different **culture**.
2. Theme: “The Most High (God) is **sovereign** over the kingdoms **of men**.” (4:17; 5:21).
3. Unique aspects of Daniel that bring the theme together:
  - a. **Chiastic Structure** – Four Empires and God’s Kingdom (Ch. 2); Trial and Deliverance (Ch 3); A King warned and delivered (Ch. 4); King warned and deposed (Ch. 5); Trial and Deliverance (Ch. 6); Four empires and God’s kingdom (Ch. 7).
  - b. **Language Shift**– Begins and ends in Hebrew but the middle (2:4b-7:28) is in Aramaic.

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<b>Theme</b>	God’s sovereignty over kingdoms and His unfolding plan for the future		
<b>Key Verses</b>	2:20–22, 44; 4:34–37		
<b>Christ in Daniel</b>	The stone that will crush earth’s kingdoms (2:34–35, 44); Son of Man (7:13–14); the coming Messiah who will be crucified (9:25–26)		

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**Prophetic Practice**

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