

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF DANIEL

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The CONTEXT for the book of Daniel

1. Israel had been warned that with the *conditional covenant* that God had made with them...
 - a. their obedience would bring great _____ (Deut. 28:1-14)
 - b. but their disobedience would bring swift _____ (Deut. 28:15-68)
 - c. and the ultimate form of discipline would be subjugation by foreign _____
_____ (verses 48-68)
2. Among Israel's many sins, they had refused to give the _____
_____ from farming and harvest every 50 years; as a result there would be a punishment of _____
years. (Lev. 25:8-12; 2 Chron. 36:21; Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10)

B. WORLD EVENTS leading up to the writing of Daniel

1. Israel had a civil war and in 931 B.C.; _____ tribes to the south (which would be known as Judah) separated from the _____ tribes to the north which would be identified as Israel (or Samaria).
2. In 722 B. C. Assyria was the world power and they conquered Israel and took the 10 northern tribes and _____ them among the pagan nations.
3. In 605 B. C. Babylon became the new world power when they defeated Egypt and Prince Nebuchadnezzar invaded Palestine; on his return trip he _____
_____ the first of three deportations of Israelites.

C. The AUTHORSHIP and the DATE of this book

1. Jesus Christ settled the issue of authorship in His Olivet Discourse when He said, "*when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' _____ of by _____ the prophet...*" (Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14; Dan. 11:31)

2. The cry from _____ scholarship for a latter 2nd century B. C. date stems from their _____ of the accuracy of the prophetic revelation concerning world history before it even happened.
3. The internal evidence in this Canonical book places the date of writing during the _____ century (500's) B. C.

D. The APOCALYPTICAL character of this composition

1. The book of Daniel is the _____ comprehensive prophetic revelation found in the Old Testament; it gives the only total view of _____ from Babylon to the 2nd Advent of Christ.
2. The book of Daniel provides the _____ to correctly interpreting the prophetic book of Revelation.

E. The SIGNIFICANCE of this Canonical book

1. The book of Daniel reveals that God is sovereign over the affairs of man and He has a program for the _____ world powers as well as a plan for His beloved _____.
2. While Daniel does not expend a great deal of ink on the 1st Advent of Christ, he does mention Israel's rejection of her _____ (AD 33), and the destruction of _____ as a result (9:26).
3. The 2nd Coming of Christ is given a great deal of attention in chapters _____ and _____.
4. The primary theme running through this writing is the _____ of _____, and this is seen in the key verse (4:17b), *"In order that the living may know that the Most High _____ in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men."*

* From what you have seen thus far, how can you be encouraged by the book of Daniel?