



Daniel

Background

- What is the nature of the book of Daniel? What two types of literature make up this book? How does this help us to read and understand this book? How is this book connected to history? What difference does this make?
- In what time period are the events of this book set? What are the two possibilities of the relation of the time of the events to the time of the writing? What are the reasons given for each possibility? Which option does the Lecture suggest is correct? Why? What does this tell us about this book? Why does this matter?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of this book? What is his relation to the events described in the book? How does this apply?

Outline

- How is the book of Daniel organized? What are the two main sections of Daniel? What does each section generally cover? What are the subsections in each? What does this all tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Daniel?
- What is the main point communicated in each of the two major sections? What does this tell us about God and His involvement in the history of His people? How should we respond?

Content

- What are the key verses of Daniel? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Daniel? What does each tell us about how God deals with His people?
- How does each key verse exalt God and declare His purposes in history? What does this tell us about how we should expect God to be involved in our own situations? How should we respond?
- What promises of the future were given in the key verses of Daniel? How were they fulfilled? What difference does this make?
- Describe each of the symbolic dreams highlighted in Daniel and the symbols described in each of them? According to the Lecture, what does each represent? How did all of these things prepare for the New Testament? Why is this significant?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Daniel? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- How does the second theme give a powerful motivation for the first theme? How can we put this into practice?
- How are the third and fourth themes dependent on the second theme? How are they a demonstration of the second theme? What should we learn from this about our own situations? How does this apply?

Review

- Review the two main sections of Daniel and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the key themes of Daniel and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the one-word book summaries for the Major Prophets and work toward committing them to memory.