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STORIES ABOUT
DANIEL & HIS FRIENDS
VISIONS OF
DANIEL
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DANIEL

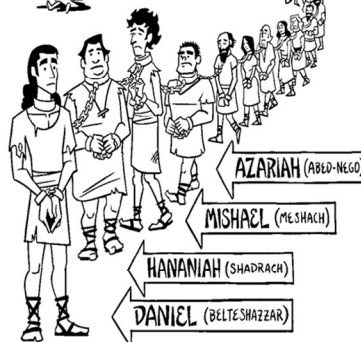
HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS

THE POINT OF DANIEL:
*a Pattern
& a Promise*
FOR ALL GENERATIONS

HUMAN BEINGS BECOME
BEASTS
WHEN THEY DON'T ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S KINGDOM.

GOD WILL ONE DAY CONFRONT THE
BEAST
AND RESCUE HIS WORLD.

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1 RECRUITED TO SERVE IN BABYLON

PRESSURE TO GIVE UP JEWISH IDENTITY

FAITHFULNESS TO THE TORAH LEADS TO EXALTATION

2 THE KING'S DREAM

BABYLON

TRAIN OF KINGDOMS FOLLOWING BABYLON

GOD'S KINGDOM WILL ONE DAY HUMBLE ALL KINGDOMS.

7 DANIEL'S DREAM

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS

SYMBOLIZING ARROGANT KINGDOMS

A KING WHO EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD & PERSECUTES GOD'S PEOPLE

THE SON OF MAN AN IMAGE OF GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE & THEIR KING

8 DANIEL'S 2ND VISION

MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

GREEK EMPIRE

THE EVIL KING:
- ATTACKS JERUSALEM
- EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE GOD
- DESTROYED BY GOD

3 THE FIERY FURNACE

REFUSAL TO WORSHIP THE EMPIRE

FRIENDS EXALTED

6 THE LION'S DEN

REFUSAL TO WORSHIP THE KING AS A GOD

DANIEL EXALTED

WHAT DOES ALL THIS REFER TO?

1 EXPLOITS OF THE SYRIAN KING ANTIOCHUS IN THE 160s B.C.

2 ROMAN EMPIRE'S DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 70 A.D.

3 EVENTS YET TO HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS

IN A SENSE, THEY'RE ALL RIGHT

- THE BOOK OFFERS HOPE TO ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS
- JESUS USED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE JERUSALEM'S LEADERS
- JOHN (AUTHOR OF REVELATION) ADAPTED DANIEL TO DESCRIBE ROME & ALL FUTURE EMPIRES

9 DANIEL'S PRAYER

HOW LONG O LORD?!

1 JEREMIAH 25: ISRAEL'S EXILE WILL LAST 70 YEARS

2 ISRAEL'S SIN HAS CONTINUED - EXILE & OPPRESSION WILL LAST SEVEN TIMES LONGER (490 YEARS!!!)

4 NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PRIDE

I'M SORRY, GOD!

RESTORED AS KING

5 BELSHAZZAR'S PRIDE

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD'S KINGDOM!

NO WAY!

MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN

WHAT EVER?

ASSASSINATED

10-12 DANIEL'S 3RD VISION

LESSER KINGDOMS

GREECE

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

THE KING OF THE NORTH

PERSIA

...COMES TO RUIN.

IMAGERY FROM GENESIS 1-2 & PSALM 8

HUMANS:
THE ROYAL IMAGE of GOD
to rule on God's behalf
..... but.....
(WHEN HUMANS REBEL & MAKE THEMSELVES GOD, THEY BECOME

BEASTS

HEBREW

ARAMAIC

HEBREW