

Neb.: A Politician Turned out to Pasture (Daniel 4)

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INTRODUCTION

WHERE DOES DANIEL 4 FIT WITHIN DANIEL? DATE-STAMPS AND DANIEL 4

Daniel 1:1	The third year of Jehoiakim	605 BC	1
Daniel 2:1	Nebuchadnezzar's second (accession) year	603-602 BC	2
Nebuchadnezzar's Conquest of Jerusalem		586 BC	
Daniel 4		570-563 BC	
Nebuchadnezzar's Death		562 BC	
Daniel 5:31	Darius conquered Babylon	early 539 BC	<u>5</u>
Daniel 7:1	First year of Belshazzar	553 BC	3
Daniel 8:1	Third year of Belshazzar	551 BC	4
Daniel 9:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	6
Daniel 10:1	Third year of Cyrus	536 BC	<u>8</u>
Daniel 11:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	7

CHIASM IN DANIEL 2-7: A REASON FOR A NON-CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT

DANIEL 2:	Neb's vision: A sketch of prophetic history
DANIEL 3:	Punishment for worshipping the Lord: The fiery furnace
DANIEL 4:	Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar
DANIEL 5:	Humiliation of Belshazzar
DANIEL 6:	Punishment for worshipping the Lord: The lions' den
DANIEL 7:	Daniel's vision: A sketch of prophetic history

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PROCLAMATION ABOUT DANIEL'S HIGH GOD (4:1-3)

ONLY DANIEL COULD INTERPRET NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SECOND DREAM (4:4-7)

DANIEL INTERPRETED NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (4:8-18)

Nebuchadnezzar Called his Men and then Called Daniel (4:8-9)

Nebuchadnezzar Told the First Part of his Dream: The Great Tree (4:10-12)

Neb then Told the Second Part of his Dream: The Watcher's Words (4:13-17)

Neb then Told Daniel that God Would Enable him to Interpret it (4:18)

DANIEL INTERPRETS NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SECOND DREAM (4:19-27)

Daniel's Perplexity, Neb's Encouragement to him, and Daniel's Concern (4:19)

The Interpretation of the Great Tree (4:20-22)

The Interpretation of the Watcher's Words (4:23-27)

THE DREAM'S FULFILLMENT (4:28-33)

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S RESTORATION (4:34-37)

CONCLUSION