

The Book of Daniel

Introduction:

1. One of the more fascinating books of the Bible is the book of Daniel...
 - a. The first six chapters contains _____
 - b. The last six chapters are filled with _____
2. It is a book that has often been attacked and abused...
 - a. Attacked by liberals _____
 - b. Abused by many who have taken _____
3. When properly read and understood, the book of Daniel can...
 - a. Inspire us to greater _____
 - b. Strengthen our faith in _____

I. DANIEL AND HIS TIMES

A. The Man...

1. The name "Daniel" means _____
2. He was a person of deep and abiding _____.
3. God blessed Daniel because of his _____.
4. Daniel was contemporary with Jeremiah and Ezekiel.
5. Nothing is known of his personal life outside of the _____.

B. The Time in Which HE Lived...

1. Some key dates to remember
 - a. **612 B.C.** - Fall of Nineveh, capital of Assyria
 - b. **605 B.C.** - Battle of Carchemish, establishing Babylonian domination
 - c. **597 B.C.** - A second remnant taken to Babylon
 - d. **586 B.C.** - Fall of Jerusalem and the temple destroyed
 - e. **536 B.C.** - The first remnant returns to Jerusalem
 - f. **457 B.C.** - A second remnant returns to Jerusalem
2. **Daniel** lived through much of these times (605-534 B.C.)

Daniel is the one book in the Old Testament which repeatedly speaks of "the time of the end." It is preeminently a book for the "latter days," as Christ recognized when He exhorted those watching for His coming to understand Daniel the prophet. **Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14;**