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MINOR PROPHETS
BOOK 1 – DANIEL PART 1

The first book of the Minor Prophets is Daniel. It is to me, personally, the most intriguing of the thirteen minor prophets, consequently, we shall spend a little more time with this book than with the other twelve books.

This book comes in two major parts. The first six chapters deal with Daniel's personal life experiences. The last six chapters (7-12) deal with future prophetic events and are usually taught alongside of Revelation Chapters 4 through 22. Today we will look only at chapters 1-6.

Daniel was born to nobility in Judea about 621 B.C. In 605 B.C. at the tender age of 16 or possibly 17, he was taken by Nebuchadnezzar into Babylonian captivity. He and three of his close friends spent the next three years in the court being purified physically and were also trained in the Babylonian language, sciences, laws, and customs.

After three years, Nebuchadnezzar's examination of these four young men proved themselves to be wiser and more knowledgeable than anyone else in the kingdom. Daniel, the wisest, was placed in a very high government position next to the king. His friends were appointed as provincial governors.

For the next seventy years, Daniel maintained a prominent role in the vast Babylonian empire which consisted of 127 provinces from North Africa to India. God used Daniel to interpret dreams and visions. God also showed him the future timeline of history, all the way to the end times.

Tomorrow we shall briefly consider these dreams, visions, and prophecies of his own times, which carries us through chapter 6.