

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME THREE
POETS, PROPHETS, AND PROMISES—A SURVEY OF JOB–DANIEL
DANIEL: MAN OF INTEGRITY, MESSAGE OF PROPHECY
A SURVEY OF DANIEL



The Heart of the Matter

It is doubtful that any Old Testament prophet played a more significant role in the history of Israel than Daniel. Taken from his homeland while still a teenager (no more than 15 years old) and pushed through a highly competitive crash course in a foreign culture, Daniel emerged as the premier prophet during the reigns of several monarchs of the captivity era. In this person, we find a model of integrity, flawless to the core. And in his prophecies, we discover a panorama of truth regarding God's plan for the Gentile nations outlined nowhere else in such clear detail. With the book of Daniel's New Testament counterpart, Revelation, we can fit together a fairly complete account of future events set forth in the pages of Scripture.



Discovering the Way

1. Daniel's Circumstances and Character

Daniel exhibited integrity throughout his long life—as a teenager, a counselor, a high-ranking official, and an intercessor.

2. Daniel's Tests and Results

Daniel's integrity held firm when confronted with peer pressure, professional promotion, public praise, physical danger, and issues of everyday private life.

3. Daniel's Visions and Prophecies

Daniel's personal life was marked by integrity. His prophetic life was marked by visions of Gentile nations, the Persian kingdom, and the period of the end-times tribulation.

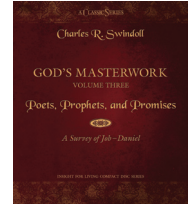


Starting Your Journey

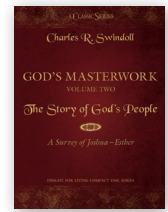
Daniel's message for us today is twofold: a person of integrity is a powerful instrument in the hand of God, and a promise with authority is a calm assurance in the heart of humanity.



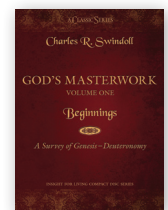
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Theme	God's sovereignty over kingdoms and His unfolding plan for the future			
Key Verses	2:20–22, 44; 4:34–37			
Christ in Daniel	The stone that will crush earth's kingdoms (2:34–35, 44); Son of Man (7:13–14); the coming Messiah who will be crucified (9:25–26)			

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