

***The Most High Rules: Preparing to Study Daniel***

Daniel 4:17

- I. What is the book of Daniel? It is an OT book written by the prophet Daniel.
  - A. Jesus affirmed that Daniel was the author of the book when he spoke about the Abomination of Desolation (Mt. 25:14; cf. Dan. 9:27).
  - B. Daniel was one of the writing prophets, the 4<sup>th</sup> of OT classes of prophets.
- II. When was the book published? The book of Daniel was probably published just after 536 BC.
  - A. According to the book itself, Daniel was alive from at least 605 BC to 536 BC.
  - B. Liberal scholars disagree with the early dating, because they do not believe in the supernatural.
- III. What do we find in this book? We find pretty easy reading until chapter 7.
  - A. The book is divided in half with the first half being historical narratives (chs. 1-6) and the second being visions (chs. 7-12).
  - B. (The book is divided by language (Hebrew, 1:1-2:4; ch. 8-12; Aramaic, 2:4-7:28).
- IV. What was Daniel trying to communicate in this book? Daniel wanted to reveal the sovereignty of God, for he rules of all kingdoms forever.
  - A. The key verse is Daniel 4:17.
  - B. This book reveals that God is sovereign: he is the supreme ruler over all forever.