

**The Book of Daniel**  
**Introduction Lesson 1**  
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**I Brief Historical Background**

*Exodus 12:1-3* Israel was born a Nation the night of the Passover

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: Exodus 12:1-3

*Genesis 15:13* a prophecy of their 400 years bondage in Egypt

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; Genesis 15:13

*Exodus 12:40-41* their sojourn in Egypt was for 430 years

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:40-41

*Exodus 4:22* God calls Israel “My son”. Their sufferings being typical of the sufferings of Christ  
And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:  
Exodus 4:22

*Hosea 11:1* out of Egypt have I called my son. Only history?

When Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. Hosea 11:1

*Matthew 2:14* Reveals Hosea was a prophecy of Jesus being taken to Egypt

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: Matthew 2:14

*Acts 13:20* after Joshua the Nation was under Judges for 450 years

And after that he gave *unto them* judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. Acts 13:20

*Acts 13:21* then under King Saul for 40 years

And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. Acts 13:21

*1 Kings 2:10-11* under King David for 40 years

So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. *1 Kings 2:10-11*

*1 Kings 11:42* under King Solomon for 40 years. A United Kingdom for 120 years.

And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years. *1 Kings 11:42*

*2 Chronicles 10:1-15* King Rehoboam was the cause of the Divided Kingdom

Northern Kingdom of Israel (10 Tribes) Southern Kingdom of Judah (2 Tribes) At this time in the history, Daniel appears.

And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed. And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this people? And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the and of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. *2 Chronicles 10:1-15*

*2 Kings 17:23* The Northern Kingdom taken captive by Assyria (712 BC) Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets.

So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. *2 Kings 17:23*

*2 Chronicles 36:15-21* The Southern Kingdom taken Captive by Babylon (606 BC) And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. *2 Chronicles 36:15-21*

## **II The Periods of the Writings of the Prophets**

- 1 Before the fall of Israel in 712 BC Isaiah,  
Hosea, Joel, Amos , Jonah, Micah
- 2 After Israel's Fall, but before Judah fell Jeremiah ,  
Nahum, Zephaniah,  
Habakkuk
- 3 During the 70 years in Babylon Ezekiel and Daniel
- 4 After the return from Babylon Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi