

# The Structure of the Book of Daniel

## I. The Court Tales

### **A. Introduction—Four Jewish Heroes Keep the Faith and Do Well in Babylon**

**(1:1-21)**

[In Hebrew]

B. Contest Tale—Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the Four-part Statue

(2:1-49)

[Hebrew until 2:4a; then Aramaic]

C. Conflict Tale—Rescue from Death (The Three Young Men and the Fiery Furnace)

(3:1-23, 91-97 in NAB)

D. Contest Tale—Judgement of Empire (Nebuchadnezzar's Madness)

(3:98-4:34)

E. Contest Tale—Judgement of Empire (Belshazzar's Feast)

(5:1-6:1)

F. Conflict Tale—Rescue from Death (Daniel in the Lion's Den)

(6:2-29)

## II. The Visions

A. Dream/Vision of the Four Beasts

(7:1-28)

[In Aramaic]

**B. Vision of the Ram and the He-Goat**

**(8:1-27)**

[Return to Hebrew]

**C. Vision of Gabriel and the Seventy Weeks of Years**

**(9:1-27)**

**D. The Great Apocalypse—Vision of the Hellenistic Wars**

**(10:1-12:13)**

## III. Additions (in Greek)

A. The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Young Men

(3:24-90 in NAB)

B. Susannah and the Elders

(13:1-64 in NAB)

C. Bel and the Dragon

(14:1-42 in NAB)