

The Structure of the Aramaic Chapters in Daniel + 3 Final Tests

Daniel chapters **2 through 7** are written in **Aramaic** rather than Hebrew, and they show a specific literary order, called a "chiasm" or chiastic structure, according to the theme of related chapters (most likely for easier memorization). There is a forward-then-backward progression of themes in an A-B-C, C-B-A order.

A. Chapter **2** is prophecy about the rise and fall of **kingdoms**.

B. Chapter **3** is narrative about the **persecution** of Daniel's friends.

C. Chapter **4** is prophecy about the **fall of the King**, Nebuchadnezzar
(and his restoration).

C. Chapter **5** is prophecy about the **fall of the King**, Belshazzar
(and his destruction).

B. Chapter **6** is narrative about the **persecution** of Daniel.

A. Chapter **7** is prophecy about the rise and fall of **kingdoms**.

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3 Final Tests in Daniel & Revelation

Chapters 1-6 show how God's people are to live at the end of the world.

Chapters 7-12 show what happens at the end of the world.

1st Test, Dan. 1 & Rev. 18:1

Health Reform, symbol of the Spirit of Prophecy, empowered on 9/11 by angel of Rev. 18:1.

2nd Test, Dan. 2 & Rev. 18:2-3

The Feet of Iron and Clay = Union of Church & State in USA = "Image of the Beast" = Rev. 18:2-3.

3rd Test, Dan. 3 & Rev. 18:4

The Sunday Law in the USA = the "door" of human probation begins closing = Rev. 18:4.

1st Test, Dan. 4 & Rev. 14:6-7; 1st Angel's Message = Nebuchadnezzar = who rejects, but later accepts the message.

2nd Test, Dan. 5 & Rev. 14:8; 2nd Angel's Message = Belshazzar = who fully rejects the 1st Angel's message, and also rejects the example of acceptance by his forefather (his own "foundation experience"), and is finally lost = Millerite-time Protestants = end-time "Laodicea" = churches of Global Babylon.

3rd Test, Dan. 6 & Rev. 14:9; 3rd Angel's Message = Sunday Law persecution upon those who accept the 1st + 2nd Angel's Messages.