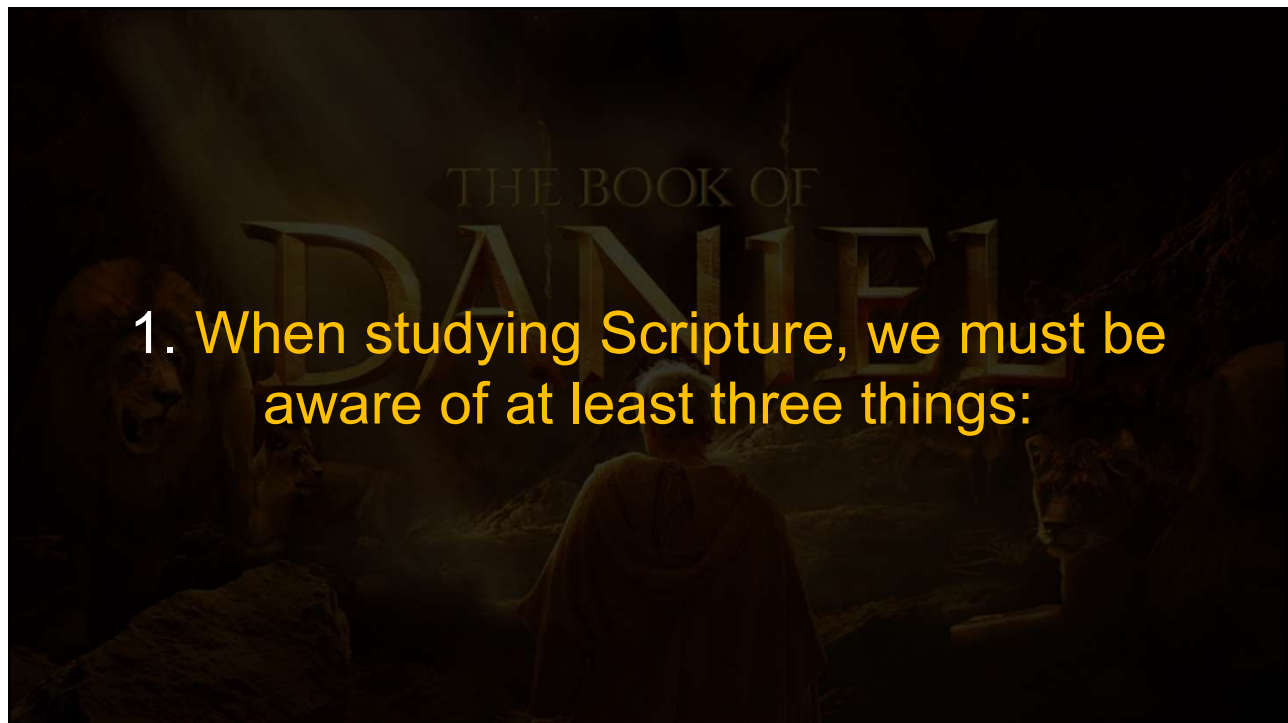
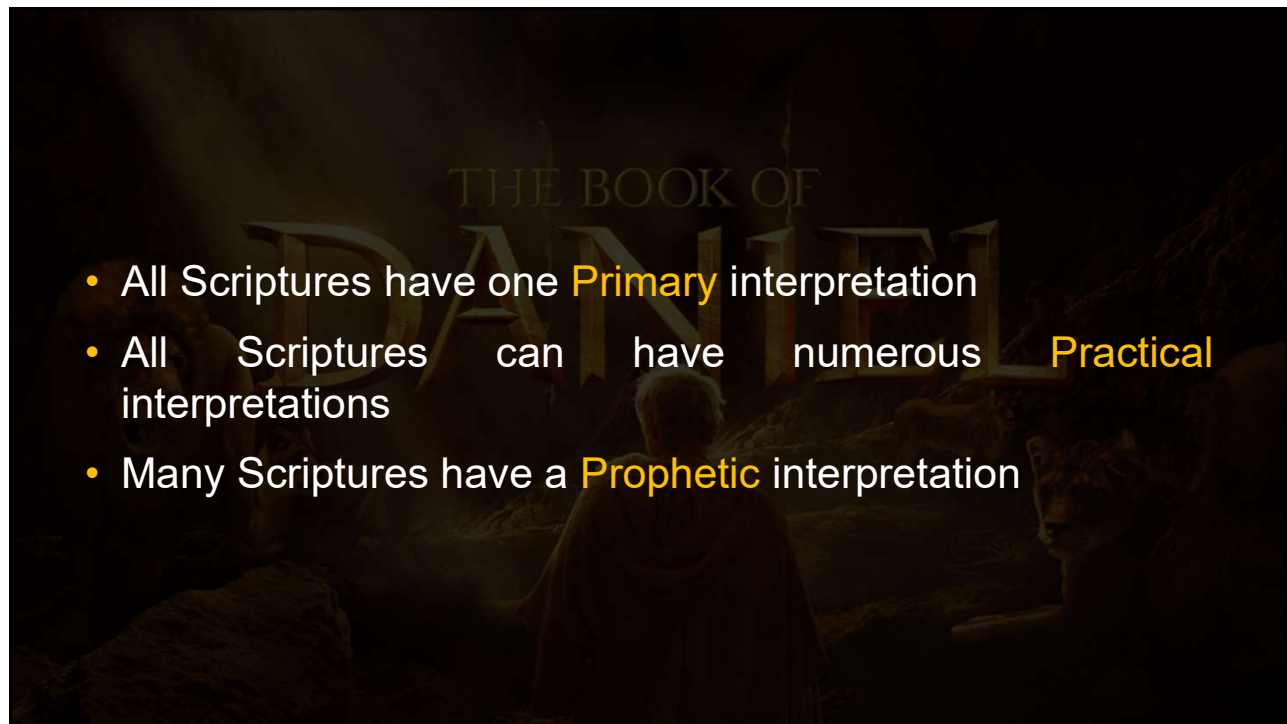


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1. When studying Scripture, we must be aware of at least three things:

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### The critics' claims:

- The man, Daniel, never existed
- Daniel did not write the book – it is a forgery
- The book is too supernatural since Daniel claimed to see all the world's governments from his time until the end
- Daniel wrote after the events he prophesied took place

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### 3. Did Daniel actually exist?

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- Ezekiel compares Daniel with Noah & Job

**Ezk 14:14** Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” says the Lord GOD.

- Jesus authenticated Daniel in Matt 24:15

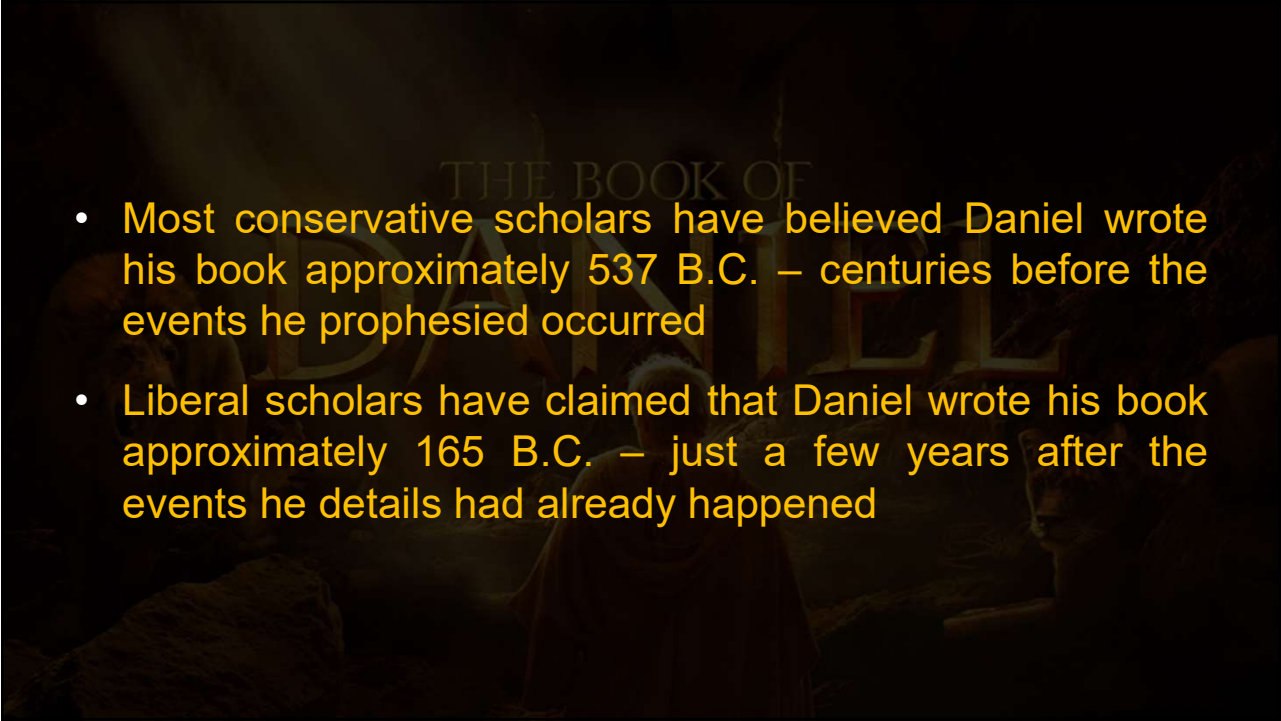
**Mt 24:15** Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand),

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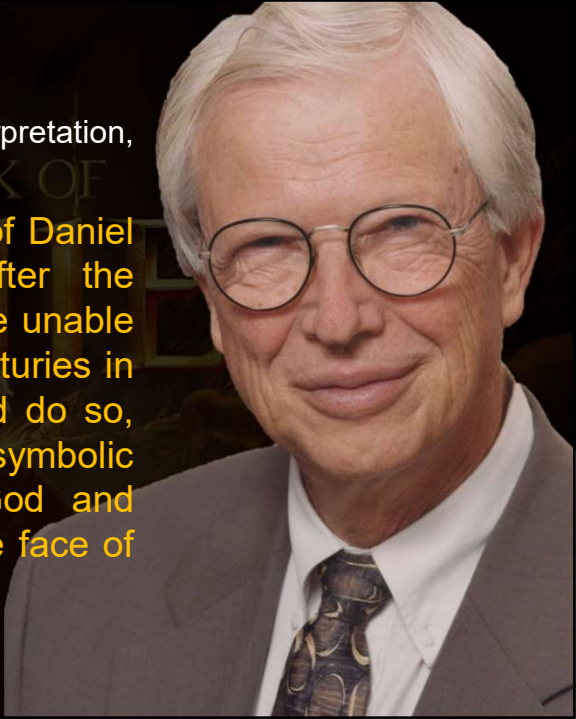
#### 4. Was Daniel a prophet or historian?

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- Most conservative scholars have believed Daniel wrote his book approximately 537 B.C. – centuries before the events he prophesied occurred
  - Liberal scholars have claimed that Daniel wrote his book approximately 165 B.C. – just a few years after the events he details had already happened

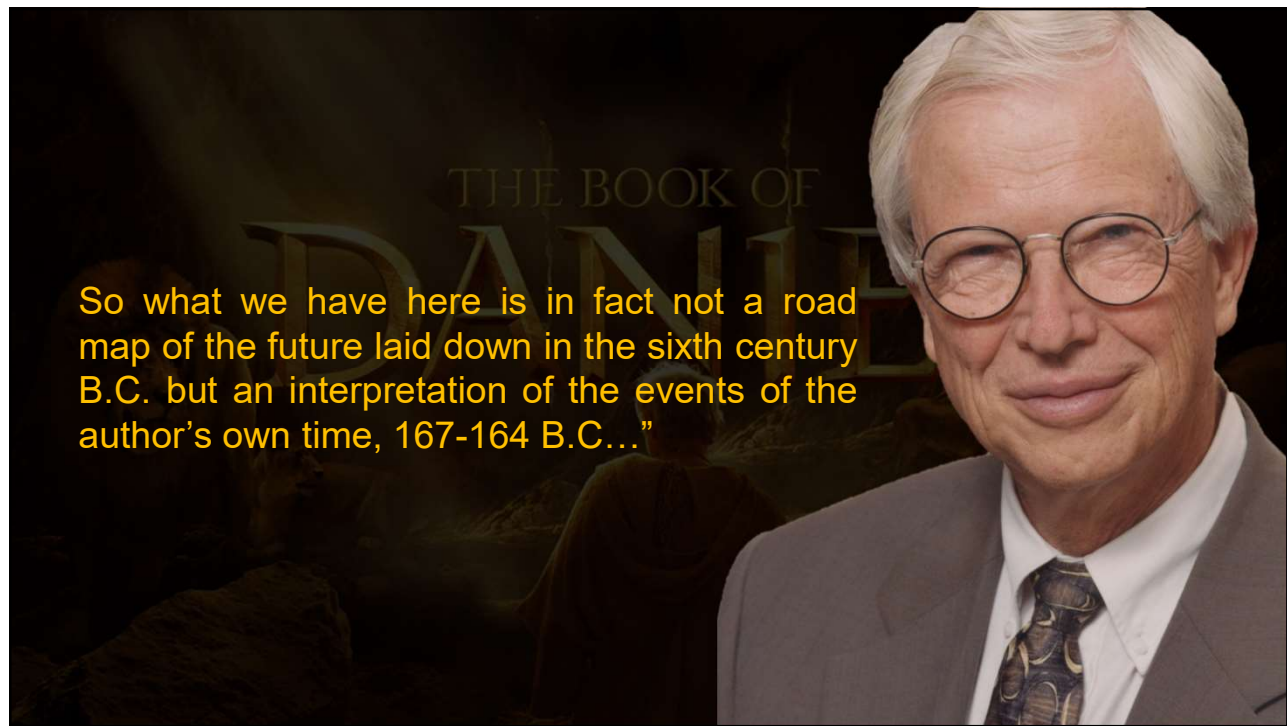
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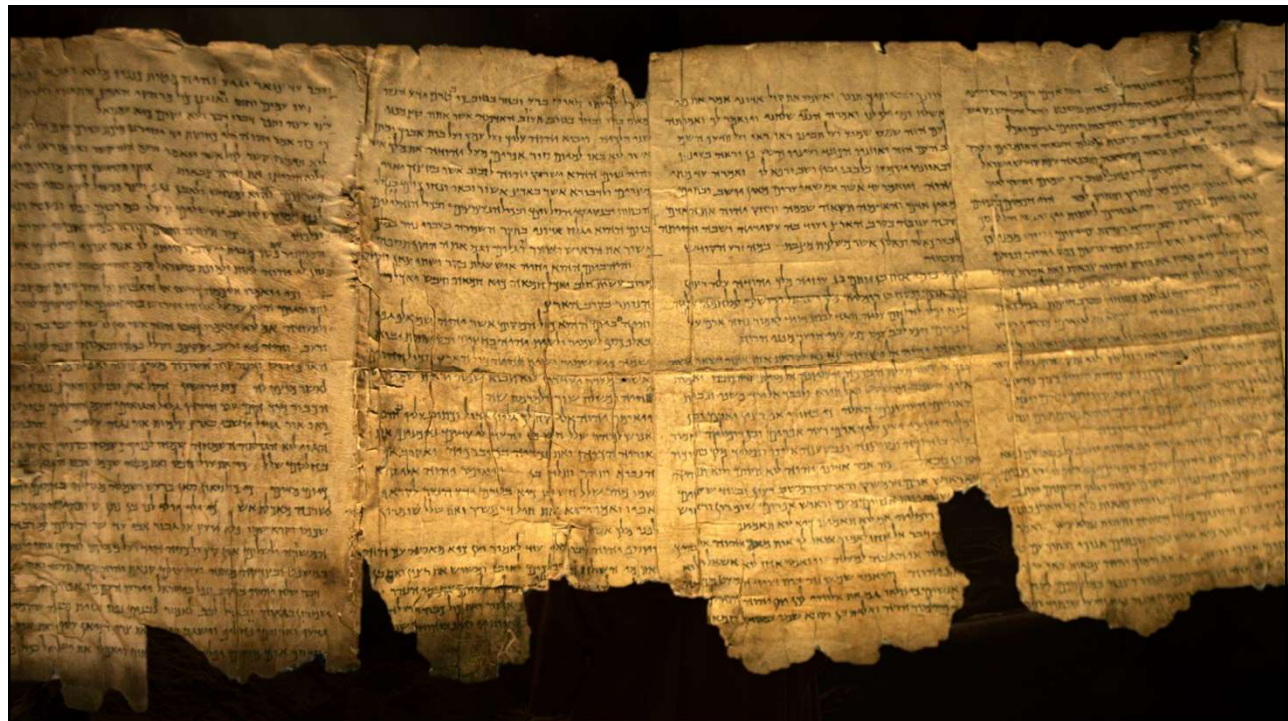
Dr. Sibley Towner, Professor biblical interpretation,  
Union Presbyterian Seminary:

“We need to assume that the vision [of Daniel 8] as a whole is a prophecy after the fact. Why? Because human beings are unable accurately to predict future events centuries in advance and to say that Daniel could do so, even on the basis of a symbolic revelation vouchsafed to him by God and interpreted by an angel, is to fly in the face of the certainties of human nature.

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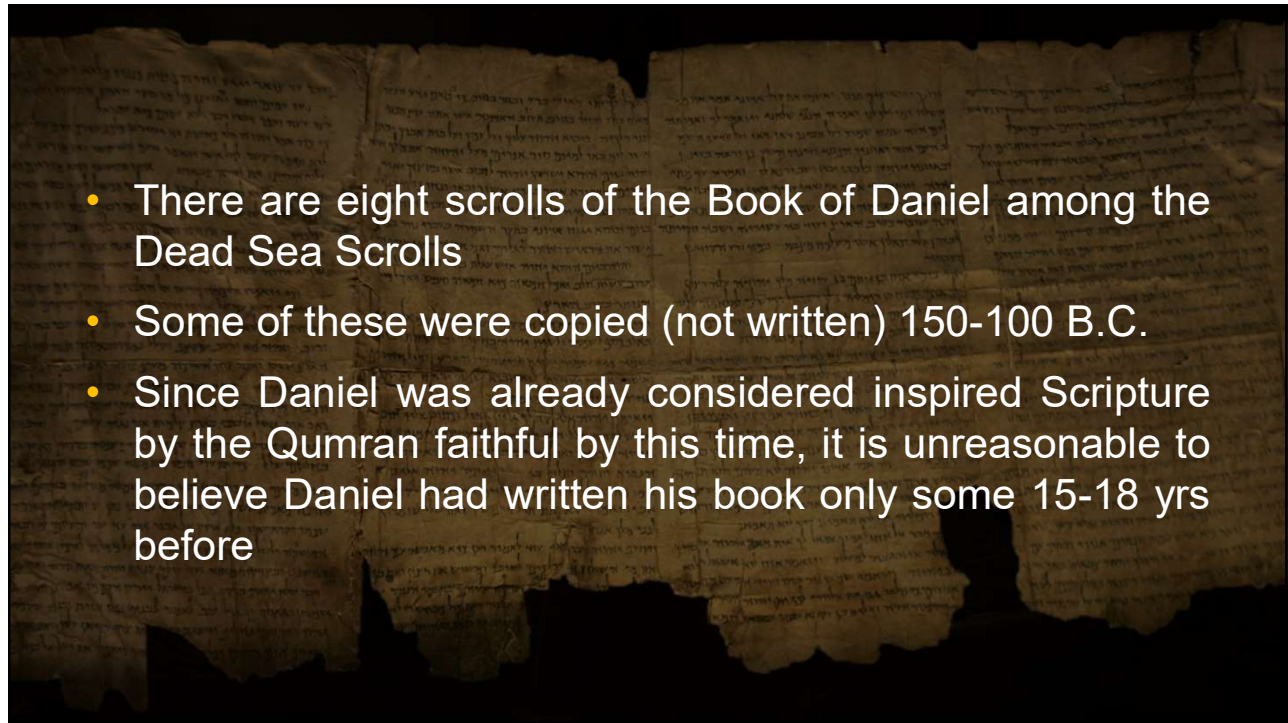


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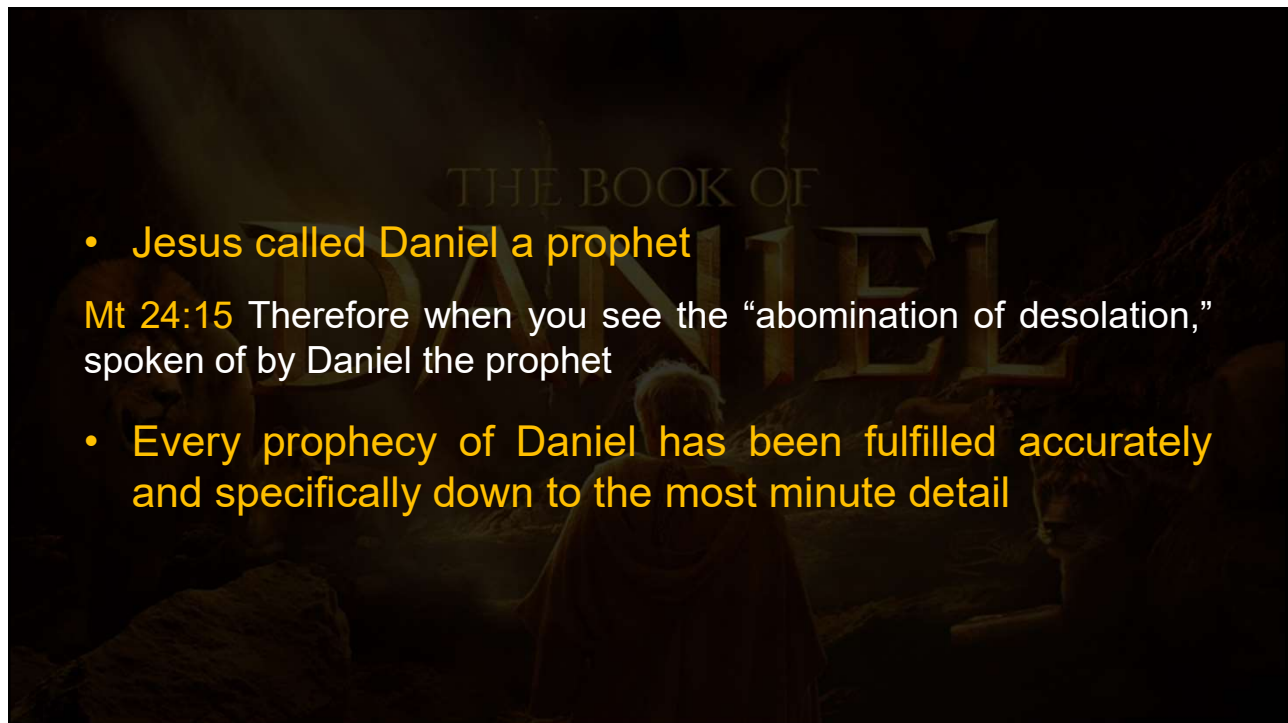
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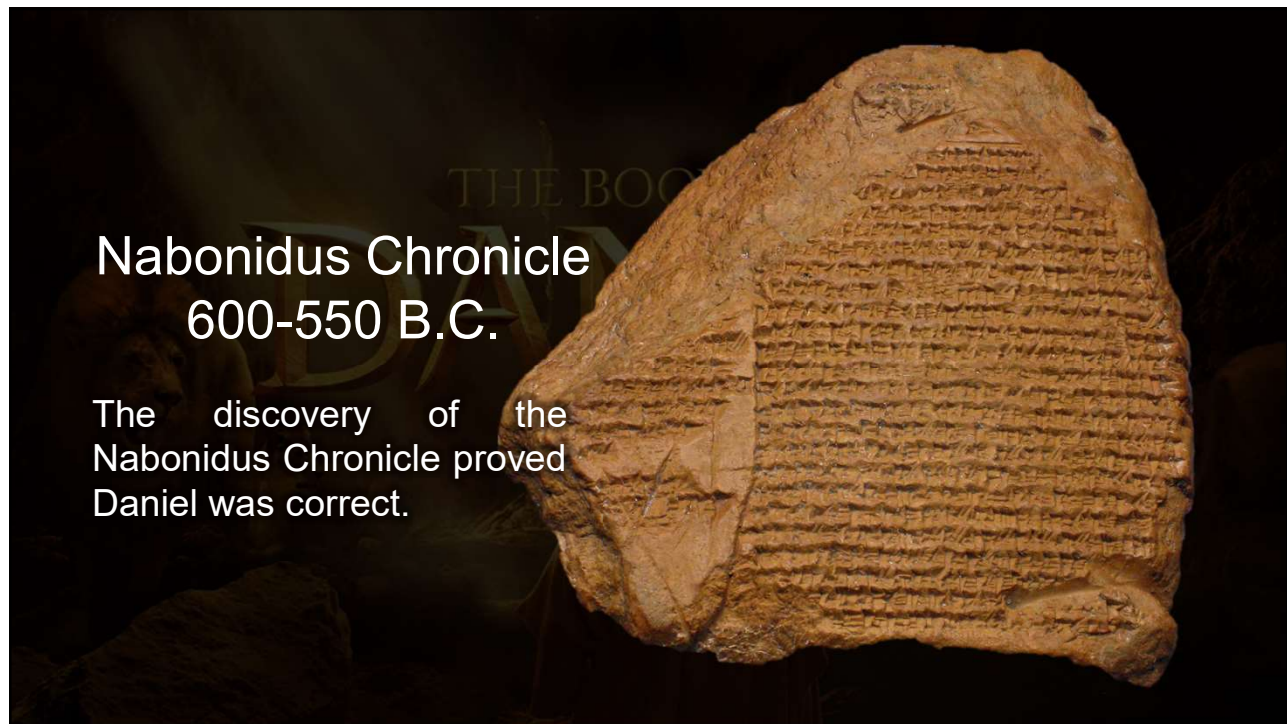
- There are eight scrolls of the Book of Daniel among the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Some of these were copied (not written) 150-100 B.C.
- Since Daniel was already considered inspired Scripture by the Qumran faithful by this time, it is unreasonable to believe Daniel had written his book only some 15-18 yrs before

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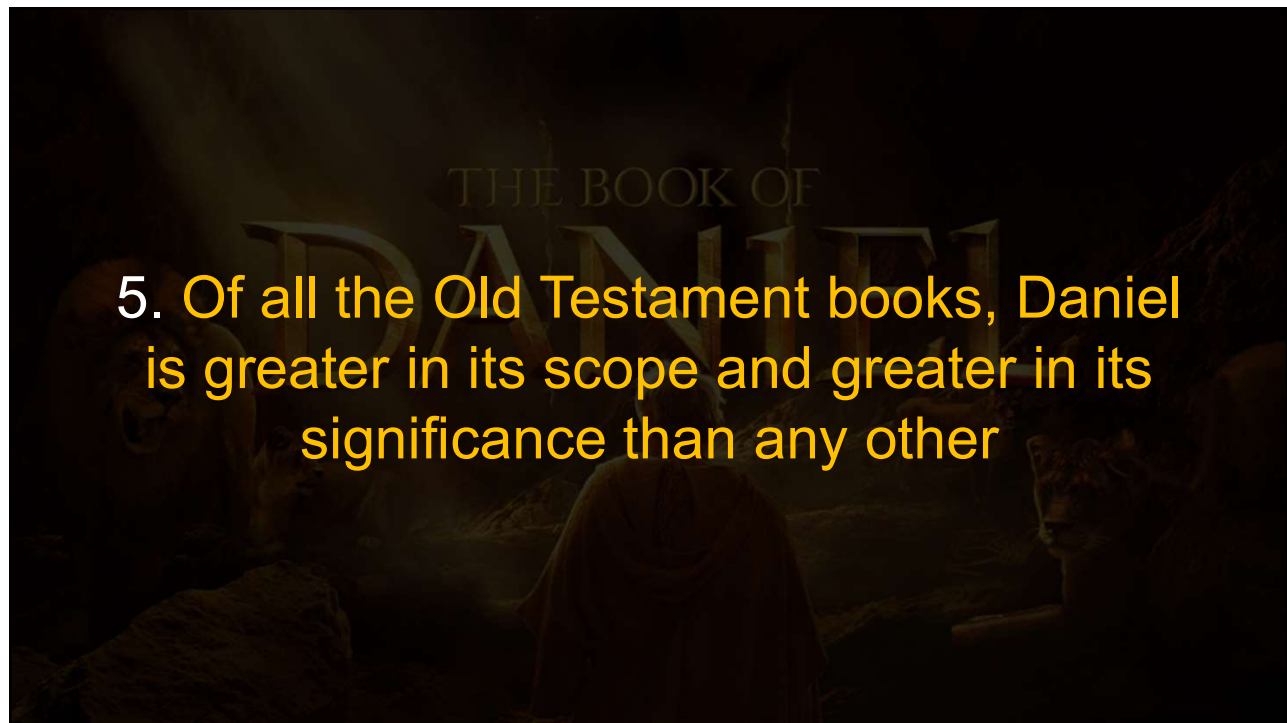


- Jesus called Daniel a prophet
- Mt 24:15** Therefore when you see the "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet
- Every prophecy of Daniel has been fulfilled accurately and specifically down to the most minute detail

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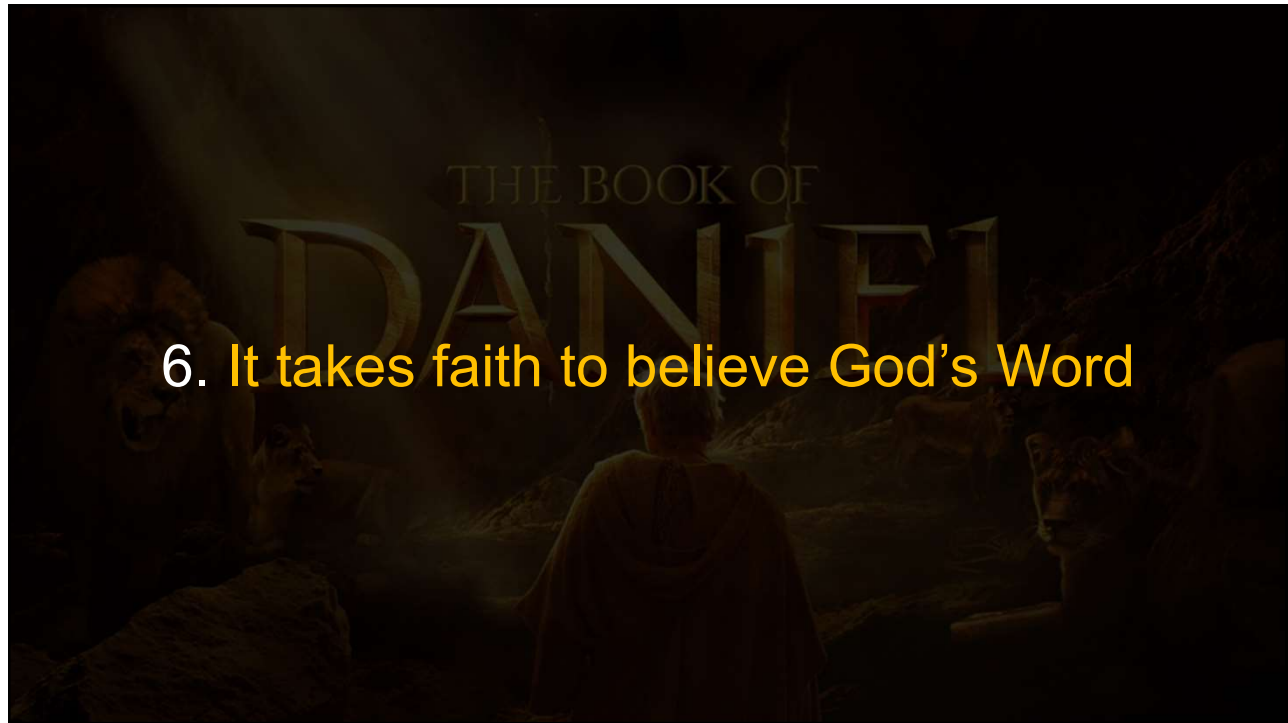


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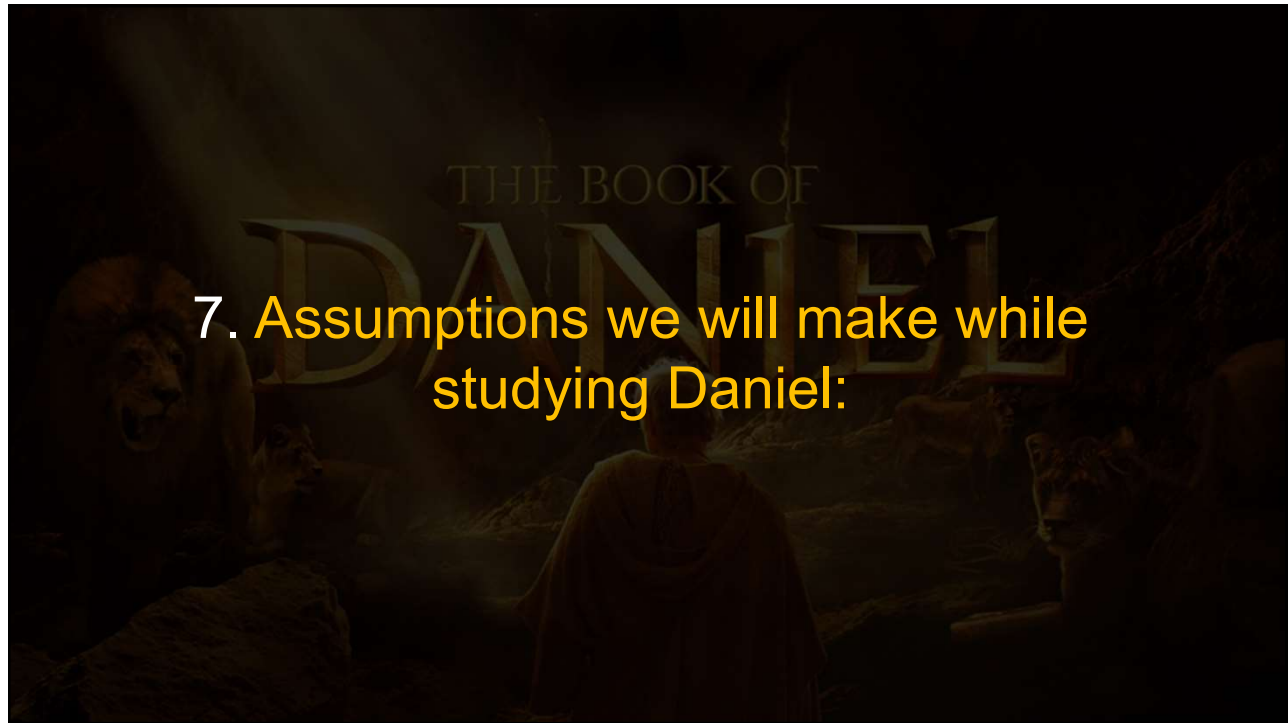
## 6. It takes faith to believe God's Word

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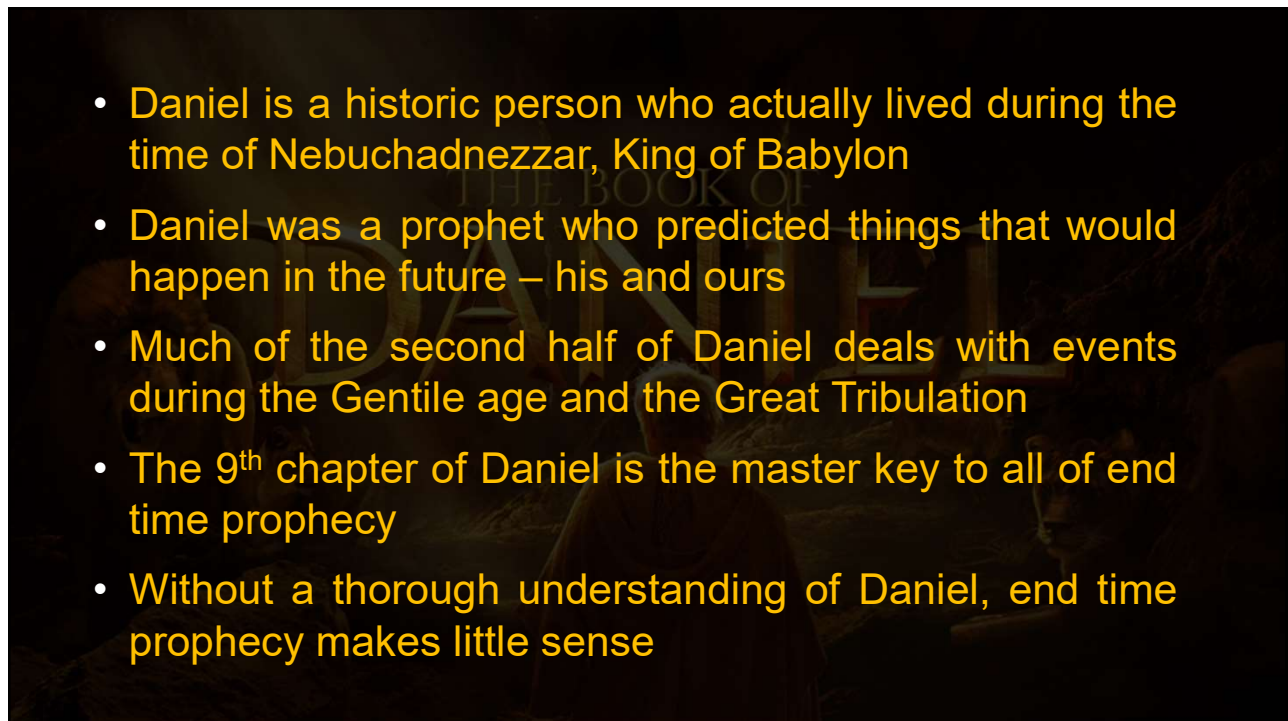
**Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Heb 11:3, 7-8** By faith we understand that the <sup>[c]</sup>worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. ... <sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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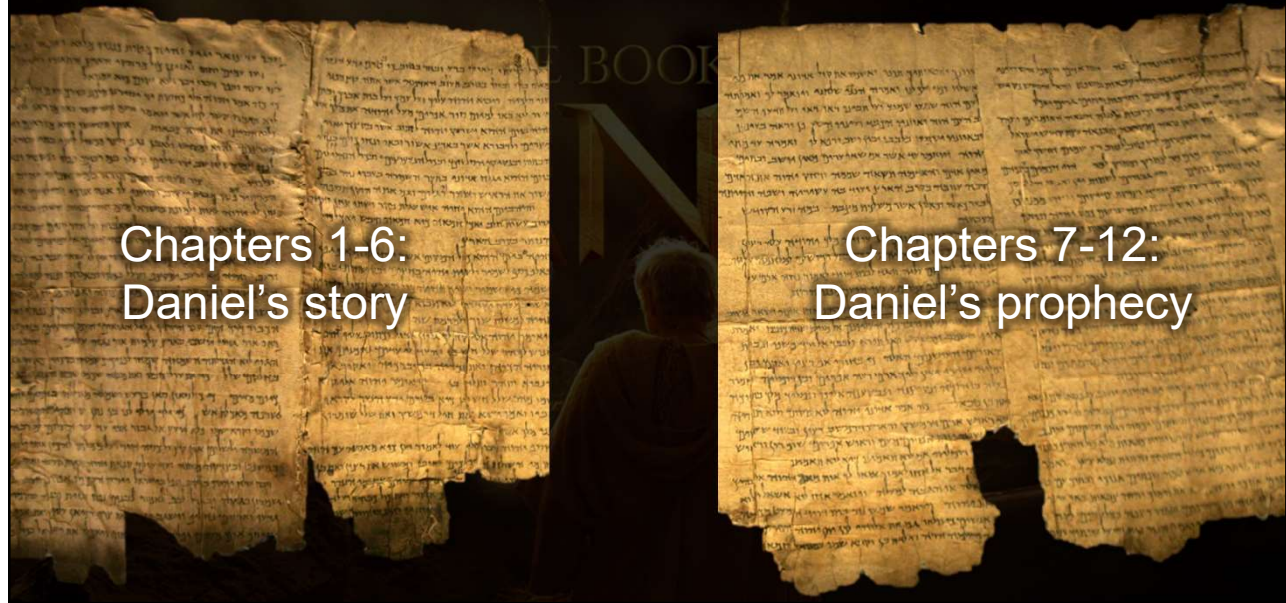


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## 8. Daniel can be divided in the following way:



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