

A word-search puzzle from the Bible Pages.

Theme: The book of Daniel.

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54 words are hidden in this puzzle. They are printed across, or up or down, or diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line, with no letters skipped. Each letter may form a part of more than one word. All letters do not belong to words, and there is no “hidden message”.



List of words (regarding the choice of these words, see page 2): ABEDNEGO, ABOMINATION, AHASUERUS, AZARIAH, BABYLON, BEASTS, BELSHAZZAR, BELTESHAZZAR, BRASS, BURNING, CAPTIVES, CHALDEANS, CLAY, CYRUS, DANIEL, DARIUS, DESOLATE, DREAMS, FINISHED, FURNACE, GABRIEL, GOLD, HANANIAH, HEAVEN, IMAGE, INTERPRETED, IRON, JUDGMENT, KINGDOM, LIONS, MEDES, MENE, MESSIAH, MICHAEL, MISHAEL, NEBUCHADNEZZAR, NUMBERED, PERSIANS, PRINCE, PROPHECIES, PROVINCE, RIVER, SEVENTY, SHADRACH, SHUSHAN, SILVER, STONE, TEKEL, TIMES, TREE, UPHARSIN, VISIONS, WEEKS, WRITING

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Some notes regarding the choice of the words in this puzzle. (In the following, the first occurrence of the words that appear in the maze on page 1, is highlighted in **bold** style.)

The book of **Daniel** in the Old Testament contains many **prophecies**. The **prophet** Daniel was one of the **captives** who were taken from the land of Israel to **Babylon**, in the days of king **Nebuchadnezzar**. That book mentions even other Israelites, among them **Azariah**, **Hananiah** and **Misael** whose names the Babylonians or **Chaldeans** changed to **Abednego**, **Shadrach** and **Meshach**. Daniel was called **Belshazzar** (not to be confused with Nebuchadnezzar's grandson whose name was **Belshazzar**).

Daniel 1:17 tells us that the prophet "had understanding in all **visions** and **dreams**". At one time, the king Nebuchadnezzar had in a dream seen a great **image**, whose head was of **gold**, breast and arms of **silver**, belly and thighs of **brass** (bronze), legs of **iron** and feet a mix of iron and **clay**. A **stone** hit that image and broke it to pieces. The prophet Daniel **interpreted** that dream to the king. Because of this, the king made Daniel "the ruler over the whole **province** of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon". In another dream, Nebuchadnezzar saw a huge **tree** (Daniel 4). In that dream, a "watcher and a holy one" came down from **Heaven** and had that tree cut down. Daniel interpreted even that dream.

Daniel 3 records an event when Azariah, Hananiah and Misael were thrown into a **burning furnace**. God saved them, so that they came out of the fire, unharmed.

Daniel 5 records that when Nebuchadnezzar's grandson **Belshazzar** became the ruler, he was proud and purposely used at a feast vessels (bowls, or something similar) which had belonged to the temple in Jerusalem. At that time, there appeared a **writing** on a wall, with the words "**mene, mene, tekel, upharsin**". Daniel interpreted that dream. Because of this, Belshazzar declared that Daniel was to be made "the third ruler in the **kingdom**". Daniel told Belshazzar that the word *mene* meant, "God has **numbered** your kingdom, and **finished** it". *Tekel* meant "you have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting", and *upharsin* (plural of *peres*) "your kingdom has been divided, and given to the **Medes and Persians**". Belshazzar was killed that same night, and the Median ruler **Darius** took over Babylon. (Daniel 9:1 calls him "Darius the son of **Ahasuerus**, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans".)

Darius "set over the kingdom 120 princes", and over them "three presidents, of whom Daniel was first". Some of those other rulers made plans for the purpose of getting rid of Daniel. That matter is recorded in Daniel 6. A part of the story is that as a result of those people's scheming, Daniel was thrown into a pit with **lions**. God saved him. After that, the king fed the lions with Daniel's enemies.

Daniel 8 records that when Daniel was in a palace in **Shushan**, he saw a vision with symbolic **beasts** (animals). In that vision, Daniel was by the **river** Ulai.

Daniel 9 records how a messenger from God, called **Gabriel**, told Daniel about certain things, including a note that from the time when an order was given to rebuild Jerusalem, to the coming of "the **Messiah the Prince**" (the Anointed ruler, that is, Jesus), was to be "seven **weeks** and sixty-two weeks" (apparently counted in the "a day for a year" manner). Even **seventy** weeks are mentioned. Daniel 7 contains in a way similar prophecy which talks about "time and **times** and the dividing of time" (apparently the same as 3½ years = 1260 days, counted as years). Daniel 7 mentions also a time of **judgment**.

Daniel 10 records an event when the prophet was by the river Hiddekel, and saw in a vision a mighty being who told him about things to come. That being mentioned that he had been helped by "**Michael**, one of the chief princes". Daniel 13 mentions an "**abomination**" that makes "**desolate**"; there are many kinds of interpretations as to what that might have meant and referred to.

At one time, even the ruler "**Cyrus the Persian**" was in control over Babylon (Daniel 1:21, 6:28, 10:1).