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Daniel

Faithful witness under changing empires

AUTHORSHIP · Traditionally Daniel; composition disputed

DATE & CONTEXT · Sixth-century BC setting; many scholars date final form to second century BC

The big picture

Stories of Daniel and his companions show faithful life under foreign rule: wise service, refusal of idolatry, and courage under threat. Later visions portray empires as temporary before God's enduring kingdom. Apocalyptic imagery offers hope to pressured communities, not a license for confident date-setting. The book joins everyday integrity to a larger confidence that human power is not ultimate.

Words to carry

"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:"

Daniel 2:20 · KJV · excerpt

Live it

- 01 Practice integrity in an environment that rewards compromise.
- 02 Pray consistently, especially when circumstances feel unstable.
- 03 Hold political or institutional power in perspective before God.

Pause & reflect

What does quiet faithfulness look like where I have little control?

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