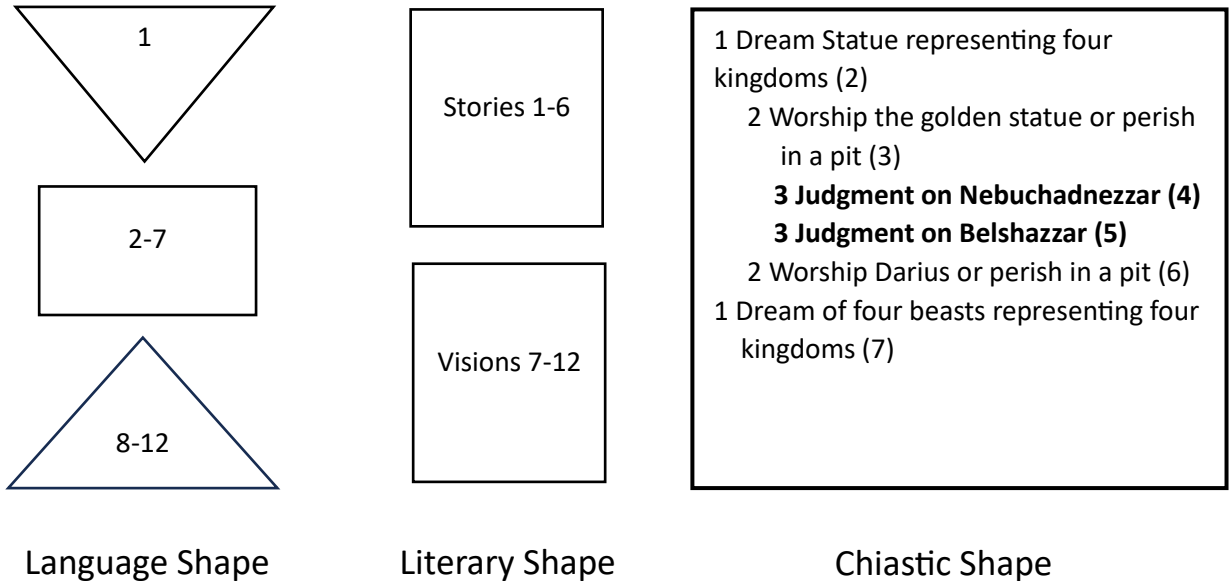


Daniel, Lesson 1 Background

1. The Shape of Daniel



Another Example of Chiastic: Matthew 6:24

- 1 No one can serve two masters
- 2 for either he will hate the one
- 3 and love the other,**
- 3 be devoted to one**
- 2 and despise the other.
- 1 You cannot serve God and wealth.

2. The Date of Daniel

- a. Daniel was written in the 6th century B.C.
 - i. Daniel was taken into exile by Nebuchadnezzar II in 605 B.C. (Daniel 1:1)
 - ii. Daniel interprets dreams for kings of Babylon and Persia until the time of Cyrus II the great (Daniel 1:21; 6:28; 10:1) 590-529 B.C.

3. The Genre of Daniel

a. The Stories are _____ Stories, not _____

b. The Visions are Apocalyptic, not _____

i. Apocalyptic Literature is for _____

ii. Apocalyptic Literature is an Image of the _____

iii. Apocalyptic Literature is to be _____

1. Get the VISION RIGHT
2. Look for clues
3. Grasp the Figurative
4. Let Scripture interpret Scripture

5. Let's Practice: Daniel 8

c. The Genre is _____, not _____

i. Prove it

1. Use of the Wisdom Terms in Daniel 1:4

a. Intelligence _____ times

b. Wisdom _____ times

c. Understanding _____ times

d. Discerning _____ times

2. Dreams, interpretations - Daniel 2, 4, 5

3. Wisdom Extolled Daniel 12:3-4

4. The Lessons of Daniel

a. Living in Exile

b. Vindication of the Saints Daniel 12:1-3.

c. Dare to be a Daniel