



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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DANIEL

CHAPTERS 1 TO 12

Chapter 1

Four of the Hebrews are sure of their stuff,
Standing their ground, entertaining no bluff,
Firmly refusing the meat and the wine,
Trusting Jehovah, their faces do shine.

Chapter 2

Nebuchadnezzar has hair-raising dream,
Visions an image with power and gleam.
Daniel comes forth and assuages his fears,
Showing his dream and its meaning in years.

Chapter 3

Three of the Hebrews are quick to reply,
Promptly are thrown in the furnace to die.
Then comes the Master to join in their game,
Giving them victory over the flame.

Chapter 4

Tree grown to heaven, then cut to the earth,
Thus does the monarch envision his worth.
Seven full years he is bowed eating grass;
Then is restored being humbled at last.

Chapter 5

Now king Belshazzar provides a great feast;
Suddenly though his weak joints are released.
Fingers of destiny write on the wall.
Daniel interprets; Belshazzar must fall.

Chapter 6

Princes are jealous of Daniel's estate,
Plan his demise to accomplish their hate.
Daniel is spared from the mouth of the lion.
Schemers are slain as the hungry beasts dine.

Chapter 7

Lion with the wings of an eagle does rise.
Bear follows closely, three ribs as his prize.
Then comes a leopard with four wings and heads.
Fourth beast and Daniel instinctively dreads.

Chapter 8

Ram with two horns by the river does stand.
Then comes a goat never touching the land.
Four horns spring up to replace the great one.
One horn then rises to reach to the sun.

Chapter 9

Daniel confesses the sins of his land,
Importunes God for His merciful hand.
Gabriel comes to explain and give light.
Seventy weeks are Jerusalem's plight.

Chapter 10

Praying and fasting the space of three weeks,
Daniel, the aged, enlightenment seeks;
Then comes the Angel of God, much delayed,
Bringing the light for which Daniel had prayed.

Chapter 11

Fourth Persian king will encamp against Greece.
All will go down, and their kingdoms will cease.
Warfare will rage to the south and the north.
Mighty destruction will catapult forth.

Chapter 12

Perilous times will arise on the earth,
Then resurrection to joy or to dearth.
Some things are shown which are not to be penned.
Daniel will rest but will rise in the end.