



The Deuterocanonical Books and Chapters 13 & 14 of The Book of Daniel

Introduction to the Deuterocanonical Books:

- ❖ The Deuterocanonical books are a part of the Holy Bible. The Protestants removed them from their Bible (their copies and prints) saying they were not the word of God, Although there are many evidences and historical proofs to verify them.
- ❖ The books/chapters of the Deuterocanonical books are as follows:
 1. **Tobit:** Contains of 14 chapters, and it follows The Book of Nehmia in order.
 2. **Judith:** Contains of 16 chapters, and it follows Tobit in order.
 3. **Esther:** The rest of the Book of Esther, and contains chapters from 10 to 16.
 4. **Wisdom:** For Solomon the King, and contains of 19 chapters, and it should be after The Book of the Songs of Songs.
 5. **Joshua Son of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus):** Contains of 51 chapters, and it follows The Wisdom of Solomon in order.
 6. **Baruch:** Contains of 6 chapters, and it follows The Book of Lamentations of Jeremiah in order.
 7. **Daniel:** The rest of The Book of Daniel, and contains of the rest of Chapter 3, in addition to two extra chapters: 13, 14.
 8. **First of Maccabees:** Contains of 16 chapters, and it follows The Book of Malachi in order.
 9. **Second of Maccabees:** Contains of 15 chapters, and it follows The Book of Second Maccabees in order.
 10. **Psalm 151:** After Psalm 150 by King David the prophet.

Introduction to Chapters 13 & 14 of the Book of Daniel:

- ❖ The story of Susanna is one of the readings in “Apocalipse” night.
- ❖ Susanna was innocent and the Lord saved her from the evil judges and from death as Jesus was innocent too and he has risen from the death.
- ❖ Bel was the idol of Babylon and was made of wood from inside and covered by copper from outside.
- ❖ The Babylonians worshiped the dragon because they were afraid of it.
- ❖ Daniel gave the dragon deadly substances; that’s why it burst out after eating them.
- ❖ The Babylonians were angry because Daniel destroyed their idol and killed the dragon that they worshiped. They pressured the king to put Daniel into the lions’ den.
- ❖ God saved Daniel from the lions’ den.
- ❖ These stories of Susanna, Bel, and the Dragon are proofs of the great wisdom of Daniel.