

# Bel and the Dragon

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# Books of the Apocrypha

## King James Version [[edit](#)]

The English-language [King James Version](#) (KJV) of 1611 followed the lead of the Luther Bible in using an inter-testamental section labelled "Books called Apocrypha", or just "Apocrypha" at the running page header.<sup>[33]</sup> The KJV followed the [Geneva Bible](#) of 1560 almost exactly (variations are marked below). The section contains the following:<sup>[34]</sup>

- [1 Esdras](#) (Vulgate 3 Esdras)
- [2 Esdras](#) (Vulgate 4 Esdras)
- [Tobit](#)
- [Judith](#) ("*Judeth*" in Geneva)
- [Rest of Esther](#) (Vulgate Esther 10:4 – 16:24)
- [Wisdom](#)
- [Ecclesiasticus](#) (also known as Sirach)
- [Baruch and the Epistle of Jeremy](#) ("*Jeremiah*" in Geneva) (all part of Vulgate Baruch)
- [Song of the Three Children](#) (Vulgate Daniel 3:24–90)
- [Story of Susanna](#) (Vulgate Daniel 13)
- [The Idol Bel and the Dragon](#) (Vulgate Daniel 14)
- [Prayer of Manasses](#) (Daniel)
- [1 Maccabees](#)
- [2 Maccabees](#)

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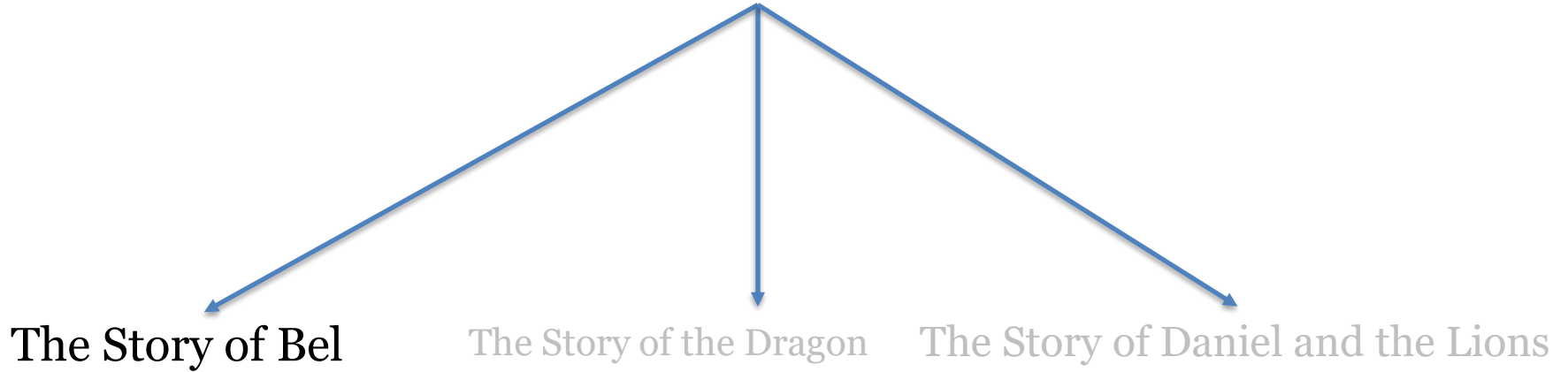
The chapter contains a single story that may previously have represented three separate narratives, which place Daniel at the court of Cyrus, king of the Persians: There Daniel "was a companion of the king, and was the most honored of all his Friends" (14:1)...

The Story of Bel

The Story of the Dragon

The Story of Daniel and the Lions

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### Joshua 3:10

Joshua said, "By this you shall know that **the living God** is among you, and that He will, without fail, drive out from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

### Daniel 6:20

When he had come near the den, he called out to Daniel with a troubled voice. The king said to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of **the living God**, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

### Daniel 6:26

I issue a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to [reverently] fear and tremble before the God of Daniel, For He is **the living God**, enduring *and* steadfast forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be forever.

From Psalms 42 and 84...

My soul (my life, my inner self) thirsts for God, for **the living God**. When will I come and see the face of God?

My soul (my life, my inner self) longs for and greatly desires the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to **the living God**.



“Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hid from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.”

*Collect from the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

From Matthew 18:20 -

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name,  
I am there in the midst of them.”