



## Intro Letter

Daniel

Welcome to the INTRUTH Bible Study on Daniel.

### **Studying the Word of God transforms lives!**

The Bible is God's message of redemption, as well as our instruction book for life. God wants us to search the Bible so we can understand the TRUTH of His character and His desire for us. The book of Daniel puts God's sovereignty on display. It reveals His wisdom, power, and faithfulness through one of Israel's greatest prophets.

This study includes 6 lessons, a cover sheet, a dictionary and an illustration of the prophecies. Each lesson has a memory verse, 15-20 questions, a Take Away and a Blessing. They are written with the New Living Translation (NLT), but any translation will add to your experience.

These lessons are beneficial to anyone but are geared toward 10-15 year olds. This age group is experiencing major changes developmentally - physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. It is a time of having questions about God, about self and about where they fit in the world. These lessons were created to help students think critically and wrestle through who they are and what they believe.

Teenagers are inundated with technology but starving for relationship. If possible, complete the lesson on your own and then discuss it together to learn from each other.

Daniel is a great example of integrity and witness among a culture that does not honor God. As you study Daniel, consider how God will use you each day as He did Daniel, miraculously and boldly in your culture.

May the Lord use these lessons to help you develop a personal, life-long love for God's Word and encourage you to connect in a community that prays, supports and shares life together!

Enjoy!



## Daniel



THEME VERSE: "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars."  
Daniel 2:20-21

## Author

Daniel

## Dates

Approximately 535 B.C., recording events that occurred from 605 to 535 B.C.

## Written

To the captives in Babylon and God's people everywhere.

## Overview

Daniel was taken captive and sent to Babylon. He served the government during the reigns of four Kings. He recorded his experiences and prophecies for the Jewish exiles. Daniel is the last of the major prophets and He faithfully served the Lord in a land and culture not his own. Daniel's integrity as a man of God gained him respect and favor with the powerful rulers he served, yet he refused to compromise his faith in God.

## Key Points

1. God's Control
2. Uncompromising
3. Perseverance
4. God's Faithfulness

## Lessons

- Lesson 1: Keeping Pure In The Face Of Adversity (Daniel 1)
- Lesson 2: God Is In Control Of History (Daniel 2)
- Lesson 3: Taking A Stand For God (Daniel 3-4)
- Lesson 4: Honor God With Your Life (Daniel 5-6)
- Lesson 5: God Tells Us The Future (Daniel 7-9:19)
- Lesson 6: God's Kingdom Will Come (Daniel 9:20-12)



## ☆ ☆ Commentary ☆ ☆

In 605 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar invaded and conquered Israel. He removed a number of the young Jewish nobility to Babylon, where he could train them in Babylonian ways and put them to work in his kingdom. Among those taken were Daniel and several of his friends. These teenagers were ripped from their homes, their family, their whole way of life.

The book of Daniel can be divided into two parts.

In the first six chapters: Daniel and others are taken to Babylon; Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream of an image; his friends survive the fiery furnace; he interprets the handwriting on the wall; he survives the lions' den. Daniel and his friends are loyal to God and they become a living testimony to God in a strange land.

In the last six chapters: Daniel has vivid, symbolic visions about the future of Israel, world kingdoms, and the kingdom of God—exposing us to some of God's long-term plan for the world. Everything that God has predicted has come true exactly as He predicted and we should believe and trust that the things He has predicted for the future will one day occur exactly as God has declared. The last days prophesied here seem frightening, but don't be afraid. Keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus.

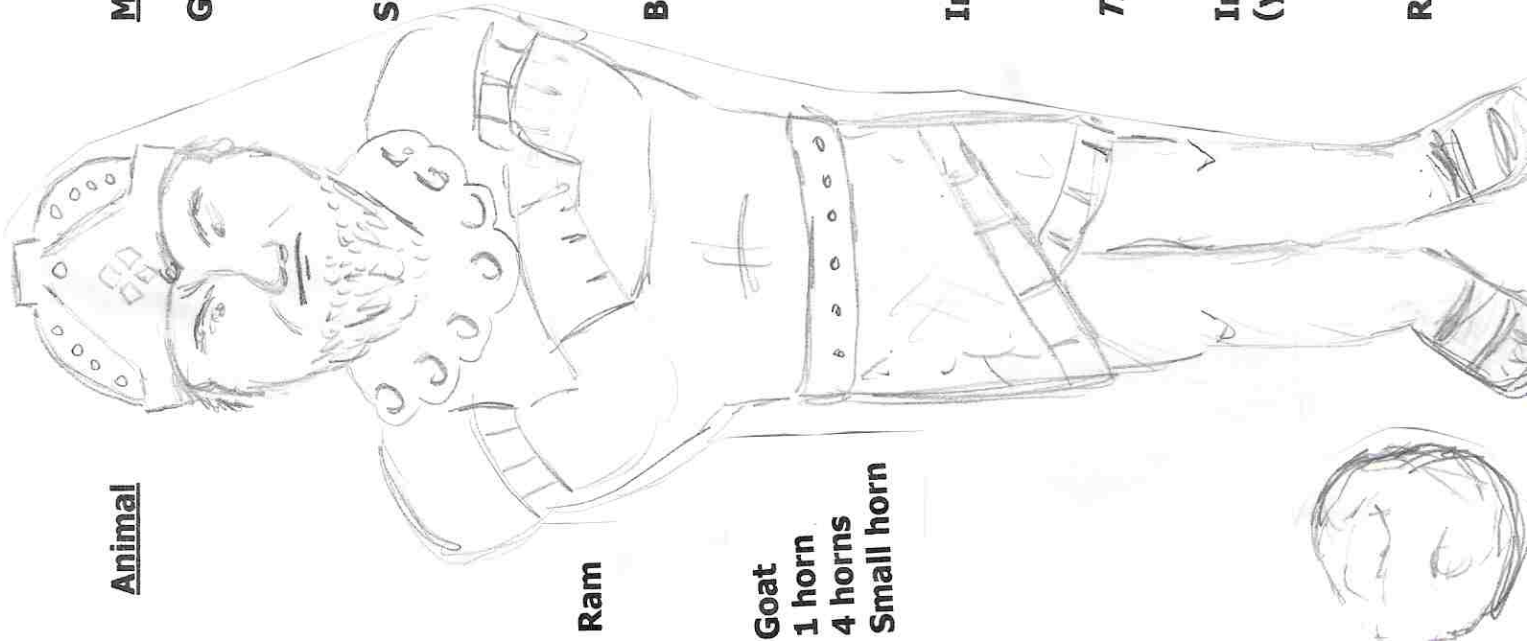
Daniel's integrity as a man of God gained him favor with the world, yet he refused to compromise his faith in God. Even under the intimidation of kings and rulers, Daniel remained steadfast in his commitment to God. Daniel also teaches us that, no matter whom we are dealing with, no matter what their status is, we are to treat them with compassion.

Like Daniel, we are surrounded by our own "Babylon." We live in a world that has set itself against God. God is greater than any persecution that could come upon us. Whether God chooses to deliver us or not, He is always worthy of our trust. God knows what is best, and He honors those who trust and obey Him. It is up to us to choose to follow His ways or the world's. We must determine in our hearts to obey and be faithful to the ways of the Lord. And when we do, He blesses us and leads us through whatever comes our way.

Who is the main character in the Book of Daniel? God Himself—the Revealer of Mysteries, the Sovereign King over all kings and governments. God had a plan for Israel and God continues to work his plans even when all seems lost.



**Prophetic Overview of Daniel**



**Animal**

**Ram**

**Goat**  
**1 horn**  
**4 horns**  
**Small horn**

**Metal**

**Gold**

**Silver**

**Bronze**

**Iron**

**TIME GAP**

**Iron & Clay**  
**(yet to come)**

**ROCK**

**Kingdom**

**Babylon**

**Medo-Persia**

**Greece**

**Rome**

**Extension of**  
**Roman Empire**

**Satan**

**Jesus**  
**(God's)**

**Definition**

**Strong**

**Inferior**

**Will rule over**  
**all the earth**

**Strong will**  
**crush & shatter**

**Divided – 10 kings**  
**part strong/part brittle**

**7 years**

**Never destroyed**  
**Endure Forever!**

**Beast**

**Lion**  
**with eagle's wings**

**Bear**

**Leopard**  
**with 4 bird wings**  
**& 4 heads**

**Terrifying**  
**Dreadful**  
**Beast (TDB)**

**10 horns**

**Little horn**



## Dictionary

### Daniel

<b>Abomination of Desolation</b>	an indescribable evil, horrible, detestable thing to occur in the last days.
<b>Ancient One</b>	refers to God the Father in a way that stresses His eternity, dignity, and power.
<b>Anointed One</b>	name for Jesus; Christ is from a Greek word meaning “anointed”.
<b>Angel</b>	messenger; heavenly being created by God.
<b>Antichrist</b>	evil figure to come during the last days who will oppose everything of God.
<b>Babylon</b>	wicked city that came to stand for evil and opposition to God.
<b>believe</b>	to accept as true or real; trust; have confidence in; have faith in; make a commitment to. Faith.
<b>Bible</b>	God’s autobiography; God’s plan for the world; a love letter to us; an instruction manual on how to act and live.
<b> blessing</b>	an affirmation of God’s love and approval. It is a deep, abiding sense that we are secure in His presence.
<b>Book (of Life)</b>	a book with the names of those who will have eternal life instead of judgment and punishment.
<b>burlap &amp; ashes</b>	display of extreme remorse or repentance or grief ; rough clothing and markings with ashes.
<b>Christ</b>	Jesus Christ; anointed Son of God; the Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
<b>compassion</b>	sharing the hurts of another and wanting to help.
<b>concubine</b>	in the Old Testament, additional wives usually acquired by purchase, gift, or war victory.
<b>conform</b>	agree, follow, act according to socially acceptable standards; become similar in character.
<b>courage</b>	taking a stand; doing what is right even when you are afraid.
<b>culture</b>	shared and accepted attitudes, values, goals, and practices in a society.
<b>defile</b>	make unclean, dirty or corrupt especially in the religious sense.
<b>demons</b>	beings that are ruled by Satan; they work to tempt people to sin; they were created by God, but are fallen angels who joined Satan in his rebellion.
<b>destiny</b>	a predetermined course of events.
<b>eternity</b>	forever; time without a beginning or an end.

<b>faith</b>	trust, loyalty, belief; accepting God's Word as fact; deciding to surrender and live your life to follow Jesus.
<b>fasting</b>	to go without food or drink for a certain length of time as a way to focus on and draw closer to God.
<b>fear of the Lord</b>	to respect who God is, what He says, and what He does; a respect that leads to obedience and love of God; profound reverence and awe toward God; true honor, devotion, obedience and love of God.
<b>Gabriel</b>	an angel of God that brought messages to people on earth.
<b>glorify</b>	praise; worship; glorify God by obeying Him and living His way.
<b>glory</b>	divine quality; splendor, beauty and radiance of God's presence.
<b>God</b>	The One who is all-powerful; all-knowing; present everywhere at once; unchanging; above the bounds of time; absolutely right to govern His creation; Holy.
<b>Good News/ gospel</b>	"good news"; story of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. The message that God sent His Son Jesus to take away our sins by dying on the cross and resurrecting to life again to save all who trust in Him.
<b>grace</b>	God's free and undeserved love toward sinful humans that never quits. God's favor. God's power to help us do whatever we need to do.
<b>heart</b>	inner thoughts and feelings; the real me living inside that thinks, feels, and decides; my character or personality.
<b>heaven</b>	God's home and where those who have believed in Jesus as their Savior go when they die.
<b>hell</b>	a place of punishment for those who die without believing in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
<b>holy</b>	set apart for use by God; a continual work by the HS in the lives of Christians. A life like God wants you to live.
<b>Holy Spirit (HS)</b>	God's Spirit. Lives within all Christians to help them, communicate God's truth to them, convict them of sin, convince them that God's ways are right, empower them to obey Jesus and comfort them when sad.
<b>humility</b>	a modest view of one's own importance; seeing ourselves as God sees us; recognizing that all we have comes from God.
<b>Idol</b>	anything that is more important to us than God.
<b>Israelites</b>	God's chosen people; Jews; God promised the land of Israel to these people.
<b>Jesus</b>	The Christ; anointed Son of God; true Messiah; Savior of the world. Paid the complete penalty for sin for the whole world.
<b>Kingdom of God</b>	Jesus' reign now and a future time when Jesus will rule over all humanity. Jesus has come but He will come again.
<b>law</b>	God's rules for living; commandments; makes people aware of sin and their sinfulness.
<b>mercy</b>	deep caring, loving, forgiveness, and kindness when it is not deserved.
<b>Messiah</b>	Jesus Christ. Messiah is a Hebrew word for the person chosen by God to die for our sins.
<b>Michael</b>	an angel; messenger of God; stands guard over the Jews.

<b>mystery/secret</b>	hidden truth that is revealed only to the initiated.
<b>obey/obedience</b>	believing and doing what God says; living like Him; pleasing Him; serving Him; getting to know Him better. Obeying God shows our trust in Him and His will.
<b>offering</b>	symbolizing the repentance and faith required to have a right relationship with God.
<b>pride</b>	excessively high opinion of oneself; conceit.
<b>prince of the kingdom of Persia</b>	evil angel that was assigned to see to it that the king of Persia did what Satan wanted.
<b>prophecy</b>	a God-inspired message or prediction of something that will happen in the future.
<b>prophet</b>	a person who speaks for God to His people; one who gives God's message to the people.
<b>providence</b>	God's plan and purpose for the world. His providence is demonstrated by His active involvement in moving His creation to a goal. Intentional and purposeful.
<b>peace</b>	God-given contentment which results in total confidence in God for everything.
<b>persecution</b>	treating someone in a cruel way because he/she is different; mistreatment of an individual or group by another group.
<b>redeem/redemption</b>	buy back; to rescue with a ransom; Jesus paid the price for our release from sin - He redeemed us.
<b>repent</b>	regret something you have done; ask God to forgive you; and want to change your ways; turn away from sin.
<b>righteous/righteousness</b>	being in a right relationship with God; without guilt or sin. God declares believers not guilty/righteous because of their faith in Jesus.
<b>sackcloth &amp; ashes</b>	a display of extreme remorse or repentance or grief; rough clothing and markings with ashes.
<b>sacred</b>	dedicated or set apart for the service or worship of God.
<b>saints</b>	holy ones; not perfect people but those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.
<b>salvation/saved</b>	rescued or delivered from the penalty and power of sin in your life because you believe that Jesus, God's Son, came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He resurrected to life again to save all who trust in Him. Saved.
<b>Satan</b>	God's enemy; powerful angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven; tempts people to sin.
<b>Savior</b>	Jesus Christ is "The Savior" because He delivers us from being punished for our sins.
<b>servant</b>	one who belongs to another; serves another.
<b>sin</b>	any action or attitude that falls short of God's perfect standard; separates us from a holy God. When we sin we show contempt for God. Sin keeps the world from working as God originally intended it to.
<b>Son of Man</b>	a title for Jesus; it refers to the fact that Jesus had a true physical body. He was fully man.
<b>sovereign</b>	having complete power and authority.

<b>submit</b>	to submit to others means respecting a person's authority; to submit to God means surrendering our own will to His; submitting is ongoing with every choice.
<b>Temple</b>	house or place of worship; can also refer to a Christian—because it is where God dwells.
<b>temptation</b>	anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God's will.
<b>transformation</b>	God's promise and His work in believers' lives—radical and thorough change, both outward and inward—to be more like Jesus.
<b>times of the Gentiles</b>	as long as Gentiles have political control over Jerusalem.
<b>tribulation</b>	period of excessive troubles near the end of the world or before the Lord's return.
<b>wisdom</b>	God-given understanding; the ability to make good decisions; the ability to distinguish between right and wrong; comes from God.
<b>worship</b>	giving reverence and honor to God; expressing our love and praise to Him.
<b>world</b>	the values and ways of life found in the world that oppose the ways of God. People who live as though there is no God.
<b>wrath</b>	anger; God's consistent attitude and response to sin.



## Keeping Pure in the Face of Adversity



MEMORY VERSE: “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

### DAY 1

### DANIEL 1:1-4 — Nebuchadnezzar Conquers Jerusalem

1. Who wins the battle between Judah and Babylon? Why? vv.1-2
  
2. Why would God allow His chosen people, the Israelites, to be taken captive by their enemies? Refer to Deuteronomy 28:1,7,15, 25.
  
3. Read verse 2. Why do you think God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to take sacred objects from the temple to Babylon?
  
4. Whom did King Nebuchadnezzar order brought to him? What were these young men to be taught? vv. 3-4

### DAY 2

### DANIEL 2:5-7 — Daniel’s Training in Babylon

5. What did the king assign them a daily ration of? How long were these teenagers to be trained/educated? v. 5

6. Name the four main young men (14-16 year-old-teenagers) and the new name that was given to each. vv. 6-7 Why do you think the king changed their names?

7. All of the young men's lives dramatically changed through no fault of their own. How might these captives felt towards Babylon and even towards God?

### DAY 3 DANIEL 2:8-16 — Daniel's Decision to Be Faithful

8. What does Daniel ask permission for? Why? v. 8

9. What does God grant Daniel? What was the chief of staff afraid of? vv. 9-10

10. What did Daniel ask him to do? What happened after 10 days? vv. 11-15  
Why do you think they were healthier?

11. How do you handle the pressure to compromise? Do you think it is easier to say no to temptation if you have already committed to say no? Why?

### DAY 4 DANIEL 1:17-21 — Daniel in King Nebuchadnezzar's Court

12. What did God give these four young men? v. 17

13. What happened when they were presented to King Nebuchadnezzar? What happened when the king consulted them? vv. 18-20

14. Instead of being changed, Daniel and his friends did the changing! What can you learn from this?

## DAY 5 DANIEL 1 — Wrap Up

15. Give some examples of how you are pressured by your culture in ways that oppose God.

16. Daniel found a way to live by God's standards in a culture that did not honor God. What can you learn from the way Daniel handled the situation?

17. What does Romans 12:1-2 reveal about resisting the pressures to conform to the world?

### TAKE AWAY

Don't allow your values to be shaped by the culture. Make a list of temptations you are determined and committed to not compromise. Pray, as Daniel did, that our God will provide exactly what you need when you need it. Trust Him!

### BLESSING

Daniel dared to be different. Dare to be like Daniel! God is with you. Stand for the truths in His Word.

## Keeping Pure in the Face of Adversity

Daniel, along with a number of other Hebrew teenagers, were captives held hostage in Babylon.

We are not told about the attitudes and actions of any of the other Hebrew hostages, but it is probably safe to assume they did not respond the way Daniel and his friends did.

For Daniel and his friends, it required commitment and perseverance along with . divine strength and supernatural motivation.

As a result of their actions, Daniel and his three friends are given wisdom which far surpasses that of all the others in Babylon, whether Jew or Gentile.

Daniel is a great example of integrity and witness among a culture that does not honor God. As you study Daniel, consider how God will use you each day as He did Daniel, miraculously and boldly in your culture.

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## God Is in Control of History



MEMORY VERSE: "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars."  
Daniel 2:20-21

### DAY 1 DANIEL 2:1-18 — Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

1. What happens to King Nebuchadnezzar? Whom did he summon? What were they to do? vv. 1-3
2. What would happen to the astrologers if they did not tell both the dream and the interpretation? What would happen if they did? vv. 4-6
3. How do the astrologers reply to the king when he tells them he won't tell them the dream? vv. 10-11
4. What orders does the king give? What does Daniel do? vv. 12-18
5. How was Daniel able to remain calm? What have you learned about praying during a crisis?

### DAY 2 DANIEL 2:19-7 — Daniel

6. What happens? What do you learn about God from Daniel's prayer? vv.19-23

7. What does Daniel say to Arioch? v. 24

8. Who did Daniel say had revealed the secret of the dream? vv. 26-28

### DAY 3 DANIEL 2:29-45 — Daniel Interprets the Dream

9. What does God want the king to know? vv. 29-30

10. What did the king dream about? v. 31

What is it made of? vv. 32-33

Head

Chest and arms

Belly and thighs

Legs

Feet

11. What do you learn about the rock? vv. 34-35

12. What did Daniel tell King Nebuchadnezzar the dream meant? vv. 37-45

1st kingdom

2nd kingdom

3rd kingdom

4th kingdom

What will God be doing during the reigns of these kings?

13. Daniel explains that the dream represents the rise and fall of various earthly kingdoms. Israel will be restored, but it won't happen during the lifetimes of the Israelites alive at the time. How do you think the Jewish people who heard this might have felt?

## DAY 4 DANIEL 2:46-49 — Nebuchadnezzar Awards Daniel

14. What did King Nebuchadnezzar do? What did he say to Daniel?

15. What happened to Daniel? What did Daniel request? vv. 49-49

16. What can you learn from Daniel about how he relied on, supported and treated his friends?

## DAY 5 DANIEL 2 — Wrap Up

17. When was the last time you faced the impossible? Did you lean on God during that time? What did you learn through that experience?

18. How does God's sovereignty and providence help you see yourself and the world?

19. The Lord will establish His perfect kingdom. Are you ready for that day to come?

### TAKE AWAY

Daniel confidently went to God with his needs. What wisdom do you need from God today? Take a few minutes today to pray and listen for what God has to say.

### BLESSING

When we are faced with the impossible, we must have faith to ask God for help through prayer. Then, we seek His wisdom in His Word, and we believe He will help us through the impossible.

## God Is in Control of History

In Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar comes to have respect not only for Daniel but also for his God. King Nebuchadnezzar was greatly disturbed by a recurring dream. He asked his wisest counselors to read his mind. Nobody in the kingdom was able to, but God could.

After Daniel and his friends prayed, God revealed the dream and its meaning to Daniel.

Remember, God still speaks with us today. God is still very much alive, active,

and involved in our lives.

The interpretation revealed that, while this king's reign will last, each following reign will be weaker and weaker until one day the people of Israel will once again return to power.

As we see nations rise and fall, we are not to be alarmed but to be reminded that the Lord is sovereign and these are His plans for the world. Jesus has triumphed and His kingdom is coming!

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## Taking a Stand for God



MEMORY VERSE: "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us... But even if He doesn't... we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

Daniel 3:17-18

### DAY 1 DANIEL 3:1-18 — Nebuchadnezzar's Gold Statue

1. Read verses 1-7. What did King Nebuchadnezzar build? What command was given to the people when the music sounded? Who bowed down and worshiped the statue?
2. Read verses 8-15. What did the king say to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
3. How did these young men answer the king? vv. 16-18
4. Read Exodus 20:3-5. What do you think of their answer?
5. When you face peer pressure, where will you find the courage to stand?  
Refer to Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10, Ephesians 6:10.

### DAY 2 DANIEL 3:19-30 — Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the Fire

6. What did the king order? What does the king see? vv. 19-25

7. Sometimes we are aware of Jesus' presence in our trials and sometimes we are not – but He is there nonetheless. How might this change your attitude and perspective of trials?
  
8. What do you learn about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? vv. 26-27
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What did the king say? What did the king decree? What happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? vv. 28-30
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What did God accomplish through this event? (for Himself, the king, the Jews, YOU)

### DAY 3

## DANIEL 4:1-17 — Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Tree

11. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's message to all people? vv. 1-3
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Read verses 4-16. After his wise men could not interpret another dream, the king tells his dream to Daniel. How did the tree in the king's dream provide for the world? vv. 10-12 What did the messenger say would happen to the tree after it was cut down? vv. 13-16
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Why does the king have this dream? vv. 17

**DAY 4****DANIEL 4:18-37 — Daniel Interprets the Dream**

14. Read verses 18-27. What does Daniel tell the king? What does the dream mean? vv. 22, 25, 26

15. Read verses 28-36. What does the king do and say after the seven periods of time had passed? What did God restore to Nebuchadnezzar?

16. What is God able to do? v. 37

**DAY 5****DANIEL 3-4 — Wrap Up**

17. How does the world see suffering? How do you think God sees suffering?

18. What do you find yourself taking pride in? What would it look like to use the attention from that success to point others to Jesus?

**TAKE AWAY**

Remember God's power every day! Write down the amazing things God has done for you. Keep it in your Bible!

**BLESSING**

There's no need to be fearful, for God will be with you through the fiery trials of life. And when the trial is over, you'll come out stronger and closer to Jesus.

## Taking a Stand for God

God has promised to be with us when life is hard, but often our hearts struggle to believe it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego didn't know they'd find Jesus in the fire when they walked in the furnace. As a result of their faith, the king acknowledged God's power, and people stood in awe. They allowed their faith, not their fear, to guide their actions.

Our faith might lead to suffering. Are you in a situation where you feel like you're choosing between God and others?  
It's easy to read Nebuchadnezzar's story

and assume it could never happen to us. But no one is immune to pride. Pride is an attitude of independence from God. The truth is nothing we have and nothing we build is ours - it is all from God.

When God brings pride to our attention, it's not to shame us but to save us. How much heartache could we miss if we were to listen and repent?

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## Honor God with Your Life



MEMORY VERSE: "He rescues and saves His people; He performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."  
Daniel 6:27

### DAY 1 DANIEL 5:1-23 — The Writing on the Wall

1. What does King Belshazzar, successor of Nebuchadnezzar, do? What did they do as they drank? Then, what happened? vv.1-6
2. Read verses 7- 16. What did the king offer Daniel?
3. How does Daniel respond? v. 17 Why do you think Daniel answered this way?
4. Read verses 18-23. What does Daniel remind Belshazzar about? What did Daniel tell Belshazzar that Belshazzar had done to the Lord?
5. How do people today openly show disrespect for God and the things of God?

### DAY 2 DANIEL 5:24-31 — Daniel Interprets the Message

6. What is the meaning of the message God sent a hand to write? vv. 24-28

7. What happened to Daniel? What happened to Belshazzar that very night?

8. When have you seen the handwriting on the wall? How did you respond?

9. That night God brought in the second kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. What does this teach you?

### **DAY 3** DANIEL 6:1-16 — A Plot Against Daniel

10. Why did King Darius want to put Daniel over the entire empire? vv. 1-3

11. Read verses 4-9-22. What trap do the officers come up with? Why?

12. What did Daniel do after he learned the law had been signed? v. 10

13. Read verses 11-16. When the officials found Daniel praying, what did they do? What did the king say to Daniel?

### **DAY 4** DANIEL 1:17-21 — Daniel in the Lion's Den

14. How does Daniel reply to the king the next morning? What did they find when Daniel was lifted from the den? Why?

15. What did the king do to the men that set out to destroy Daniel? v. 24  
What happened to Daniel? v.28

16. What do you learn about God from the king's decree? vv. 26-27

17. Daniel was faithful to God in a hostile culture. Why might God allow people and circumstances to come against us even when we are being faithful to him? Refer to James 1:2-4 and 1 Peter 2:9.

## DAY 5 DANIEL 5-6 — Wrap Up

18. When we live in a world where holiness is no longer valued, there is a danger that we will grow numb to the sacred things of God. How can you protect yourself against this?

19. What are the "lions" in your life right now? What feelings come to mind when you think about these situations? Are those feelings - fear and insecurity or faith and trust?

### TAKE AWAY

When you obey God in the small things, it becomes easier to obey Him in the big things. Start today!

### BLESSING

God's truth, as revealed in His Word, is the only truth we need to be saved and to live godly lives in this world.

## Honor God with Your Life

In chapter 5, Daniel is still living in Babylon serving yet another wicked King. Like his father, Belshazzar did not see God for who He is and he had not honored God who gave him the “breath of life and controls his destiny.”

Do you know the greatness of God? Do you realize your every breath and your life is a gift from God?

How can you honor and bless God with your life through the things you do, say, watch, read, wear, etc.?

Things went from really great to really bad fast for Daniel in Chapter 6.

Maybe you’ve been there, too. We may not be in an actual pit with real lions, but the “lions” in our lives are just as ferocious.

When you are scared, insecure, or doubtful, tell God. You are not alone. Ask Him to give you the faith, trust, and wisdom to make it through the situation stronger and closer to God.

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## God Tells Us the Future



MEMORY VERSE: “But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever.”  
Daniel 7:18

### DAY 1 DANIEL 7:1-12 — Daniel’s First Vision

1. Daniel dreams about the future. See Daniel Handout. Describe each beast. vv. 1-7  
Lion  
  
Bear  
  
Leopard  
  
Terrifying, Dreadful (TD)
2. Another smaller horn appears on the TD beast with the 10 horns. How is this little horn described?  
v. 8
3. Review the definition of Ancient One. What was the Ancient One about to do? vv. 9-10
4. What happened to the beast with the “little horn”? What happened to the other three beasts?  
vv. 11-12
5. Who arrived? What was given to Him? vv. 13-14

### DAY 2 DANIEL 7:13-28 — The Vision is Explained

6. What did the man by the throne say the vision meant? vv. 15-18

7. Read verses 19-22. What did Daniel see the “little horn” doing? Until when?
  
8. Read verses 23-26. What do the fourth beast and its horns represent? What will happen after “time, times and half a time” (3½ years)?
  
9. God’s kingdom will last forever. What will all rulers do? v. 27
  
10. When you think of this vision of end times are you more afraid, intrigued or excited? How does knowing that God’s power and justice will always prevail, help you?

### **DAY 3** DANIEL 8:1-27 — Daniel’s Second Vision

11. Read verses 1-12. Daniel has another dream. The Medes/Persian kingdom has been represented by silver, a bear, and now a ram. The Greek kingdom has been represented by bronze, a leopard with four heads, and now a goat. What does the one-horned goat do? What does a later small horn do?
  
12. What did the holy ones say? vv. 13-14
  
13. Read verses 15-27. Review the definition of Gabriel. Why did Gabriel appear to Daniel?
  
14. Greece was led by Alexander the Great (large horn) but when he dies, four generals (four horns) divide the kingdom. Later Antiochus IV Epiphanes (small horn) led and dealt ruthlessly with the Jews. Read the definition of Antichrist. What will both Antiochus and the Antichrist do? v. 25

15. Even though Daniel was sick with grief (vs. 27) he trusted God. Do you trust God with all the frightening stuff in the papers, news, etc.? Why?

#### **DAY 4** DANIEL 9:1-19 — Daniel's Prayer for His People

16. What did Daniel learn in the first year of Darius' reign? What did Daniel do? vv. 1-3

17. Read verses 4-19. Which of these traits of God mean the most to you—TODAY? Why? What can you learn from Daniel about prayer?

#### **DAY 5** DANIEL 7-9:19 — Wrap Up

18. What do you think God wants you to take away from these visions?

19. As a believer, does knowing you are on the winning team change the way you see your life? See the world?

### **TAKE AWAY**

Where do you turn when you're scared, you get bad news, or your world falls apart? Daniel turned to prayer. Like Daniel, you are precious to your Father in heaven. God hears you, and He loves you so turn to Him!

### **BLESSING**

Do not be afraid of the future. It may seem frightening, but remember that God is in control and that He loves you! God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

## God Tells Us the Future

The book of Daniel switches from biographies of courage and faith to prophetic visions, covering the promised appearance of Jesus and the Antichrist.

God did not reveal this prophecy so that we might understand completely His plan or be able to recognize every event as it is fulfilled but to reveal to us some of what lies ahead, and to assure us that His purposes and promises will be fulfilled.

God's message was not to bring fear and despair but instead to give hope. The message of Daniel 7-8 is the same message we see throughout the Bible: Satan is vanquished, evil is defeated, and victory is ours in Christ!

The world, ourselves included, needs to know who God is and His sovereignty. As believers, we will face difficult times, but our future is bright and will last forever and ever, Amen!

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## God's Kingdom Will Come



MEMORY VERSE: "Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever."  
Daniel 12:3

### DAY 1

### DANIEL 9:18-27 — Gabriel's Brings the Answer to Daniel's Prayer

1. What happened while Daniel was praying? vv. 20-23
  
2. What six specific things must happen in the 70 sets of 7 for the Jews and the city of Jerusalem?  
v. 24
  
3. These six items are God's calendar for the Jews and will be fulfilled in the 70 sets of 7 or last 490 years. Most Bible scholars agree that God revealed to Daniel His plan for both the first and second coming of the Anointed One/Messiah/Christ. From the time it was decreed that God's Temple would be rebuilt until Christ's death on the cross, 69 sets of 7 (483 years) have been fulfilled. The last set of 7, which is yet to come, is often referred to as the Tribulation.  
What will the "ruler who will come" (Antichrist) do? v. 27
  
4. The Antichrist will sign a covenant with the Jewish nation. After 3½ years he will break the covenant, seize the temple, put up his image there, and force the world to worship him. He will reveal that he is a tool for Satan and a cruel world dictator. We still have the last 3½ years to learn about, but what ultimately happens to Satan when Christ returns?  
Refer to Daniel 7:26, 11:45, and Revelation 19:20.

## DAY 2 DANIEL 10 — Daniel's Vision of a Messenger

5. Read verses 1-9. How would you feel if you were face-to-face with this messenger from God?
  
6. Read verses 10-19. What was happening with Daniel? How was he encouraged and helped by God's messenger?
  
7. Read verses 13, 20-21. The prince of Persia is a fallen angel that serves Satan. Michael is an archangel who stands guard over the Jews. What happened?
  
8. There is an invisible war going on between the forces of evil and the forces of God. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What does it mean to you that a spiritual war is being waged around you?

## DAY 3 DANIEL 11 — Kings of the South and North

9. Daniel 11 adds detail to Daniel's previous visions, including a ruler who has not yet come. Explain how you think these details were written so far in advance with such accuracy?
  
10. What do you think the last ruler's biggest flaw is? vv. 36-39
  
11. The end will be marked by great conflict, ending with the world's armies gathering at the Promised Land to do final battle. The end has an appointed time that only our Lord knows. Why do you think God revealed things about the end of the world when only He knows the timing? See Matthew 24:35-36.

## DAY 4 DANIEL 12 — End Times

12. Read verses 1-3. Who will be rescued at the time of anguish? What will happen to those dead and buried? How can you shine like the stars forever?
13. Read verses 4-12. What does the man in linen tell Daniel in verse 10 and 12?

## DAY 5 DANIEL 9:20-13 — Wrap Up

15. What are your reflections on:

Daniel

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

The Kings (Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius and Cyrus)

God

16. What is your hope during times of difficulty or uncertainty? How do you explain your source of hope to others?

### TAKE AWAY

How could we ever doubt God's control over the world? Pray faithfully for all countries and their leaders to know and follow Jesus!

### BLESSING

Do you feel anxiety about the end times? Don't be afraid. Keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus. Accept Him as your Savior and know that He will be with you every day of your life.

## God's Kingdom Will Come

In chapters 9-13, Daniel was frightened by the vision God gave him, but God's messenger reassured him. Likewise, God meets us in our fear and reassures us of His presence and His promises. Remember, God always hears our prayers and we can trust Him.

Even though we know how the story ends, like Daniel, we are left with more questions than answers.

But remember that God has a plan and

God in control of the future. Everything that God has predicted has come true exactly as He predicted. Therefore, we should believe and trust that the things He has predicted for the future will one day occur exactly as God has declared.

Those of us who know Jesus will endure no matter what. And even though we won't understand everything about the end times we know that we are His, and we will be with Him in the end.

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