

Unit 6, Lesson 29, Daniel

Daily Readings:

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INTRO, DANIEL

Dani'el= "God is my judge." Daniel experiences the entire 70 years of captivity. Carried away at age 16, he is an old man by the closing chapters of his book. Trained in Babylon's schools. Honored by all. Given a series of visions predicting local and end-time events.

All of this takes place from about the 620's BC, as Babylon is rising to power, until the 530's, well after Babylon has fallen to the Medes. It is one of the few books written entirely outside the land of Israel, in the courts of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, and Cyrus.

As to CHRIST in the book: the Great Stone (2:34,35,44) ; the Son of Man (7:13,14) ; the coming Messiah (9:25,26) ; Christ Himself appears (10:5-9, Revelation 1:12-16).

QUESTIONS, DANIEL

1. II Chronicles 36:48 and Daniel 1:1-2, tell of what historic event?

note: recall that Nebuchadnezzar did this in 3 stages. This was the first one. Daniel is about 16 years old.

2. Who was the king looking for, and name four that he found. (1 : 3 - 7)

3. What was Daniel's new Babylonian name?(1:7)
_____ (it means , "Bel protect his life" ! Bel is Marduk, chief Babylonian god)

4. What test did Daniel propose to the steward?The result? (1:8-16)_____

5. Why do you think Daniel chose not to eat meats and other Babylonian foods?_____

(See I Corinthians 8:1-4, and Acts 10:9-14)

6. Until what king did Daniel serve?(1:21)

7. Why were all of the kingdom's "wise" men about to be killed?(2:1-13)

8. What caused the king's dream, to begin with?(2:29)_____

9. What did he see?(2:31-35)_____

10. Who is the "head of gold"? (2:36-38)

11. Who are the "chest and arms of silver"? (2:39)

12. Who is the "belly/thighs of bronze"? (2:39)

13. Who are the "legs of iron"? (2:40)_____

14. Who are the "feet of iron/c lay"? (2:41-43)

15. Who is the "stone" that destroys the statue? (2:44-45)

note: the Babylonian Empire(Babylon extremely wealthy, the golden city) was defeated by Medo-Persia, 536 BC; Medo-Persia(less wealthy/powerful) was in turn defeated by Alexander in 331 BC (Greece). Greece was slowly phased out by the rising Roman star. By the time of Christ, the world was Roman.(as it is in great measure still).

16. As you read the scene described in 2:46-49, what other story comes to mind?

17. Though Nebuchadnezzar had heard from God, what does he demand in 3:1-7?_____

18. Who refused to worship, and what happened to them?(2:8-25)_____

19. What reversal of kingdom policy is announced in 3:28-30?_____

20. Chapter 4 seems to come straight from Nebuchadnezzar. What does he see now?(4:10-12)

21. What is to happen to the tree, and why?(4:13-17)

22. Who is the tree?(4:20-22)

23. The “chopping”?(4:23-25)

24. The leaving of the stump?(4:26-27)

see 4:28-37 for fulfillment of this prophecy

25. What was the last event of the Babylonian Kingdom?(5:1-4)

note: Nabonidas known to be last King of Babylon. Critics called Daniel false. 1853, inscription of Nabonidas to his god:... “may reverence for thee dwell in the heart of Belshazzar, my first-born...” Belshazzar actual head while Nabonidas in retirement. Hence v.7, “third” ruler!

26. Who told the king how to interpret the words on the wall?(5:5-12)

27. Why rejection of all gifts, do you think?(5:16-17,30)

28. After telling Belshazzar the reasons for the coming judgment, he explains the signs: MENE= _____
TEKEL= _____
UPHARSIN/PERES= _____

29. The jealous leaders in Darius’s kingdom knew only one way to trap Daniel:(6:5)

note: Darius not in inscriptions. Cyrus is main king at this time, but sends this man ahead of him to rule temporarily in his place. Cyrus is Persian, Darius a Median, the two empires were co-regent.

30. What did Daniel do when he knew prayer was against the law?(6:10)

31. What did Darius care about more than a man of God?(6:14-16)

32. How did the lions break their “fast”?(6:22-24)

33. List the 4 animals of Daniel’s next vision, using 7:4-8:

read again ch. 2 and see the similarities of the prophecies. Lion/eagle=Babylon, bear with 2 sides=Medo-Persia, quick leopard=Alexander’s Greece, iron-toothed beast=Rome.

34. What new information do we receive about the coming 4th kingdom in chapter 7?(7:8,19,20-27)

35. What is the origin of the “10 kings”?(7:23-24) (see also Revelation 17:12)

36. And who arises after the 10 kings?(7:7-8,11,20-22,24-26, Revelation 13:1-8 & 17:3,11-12)

37. How does the prophecy end?(7:9-14, 22, 26-27)

38. As Belshazzar’s kingdom (Babylon) is about to fall, Daniel sees a close-up vision of two of the coming kingdoms. What animals are they?(8:3-5) and what kingdoms do they represent?(8:20-22)

39. What is the outcome of the confrontation of these two?(8:7)

40. What happens to the victor?(8:8)

Alexander dies at 33 & his generals divide up the kingdom: Egypt, king of south (Ptolemy) ; Syria, king of north (Seleucus) ; Greece/Macedonia (Cassander) ; Asia Minor, Turkey.

41. Study 8:8,9 with the previous footnote and tell where the “little horn” must come from: _____

or _____ or _____ or _____

42. 8:13-14 tells how long this particular series of ungodly events (8:9-12 & 23-25) will last, but 8:15-19 tells when it will start. When? _____

43. How are these visions affecting Daniel?(7:28, 8:27, 10:7-9)

44. What prompted the long intercessory prayer of Daniel in 9:3-19?(9:1-2)

45. God’s response?(9:20-23)

46. What are some of the things that MUST happen during the 70 “sevens” determined on the Jews?(9:24-27)

47. How many distinct periods of time do you see this prophecy divided into?(9:25-27)

48. Chapter 10 is the intro to the “grand finale” vision of 11-12. How long had Daniel been mourning & praying? (10:2) _____ Where was he?(10:4)

_____ Who appeared to him?(10:5-9, Revelation 1:3,15)

49. How long had Heaven been attempting a contact with Daniel?(10:12-13)

50. Comment on spiritual warfare based on 10:20-21:

chapter 11:3-35 is the history of Alexander and his successors written in advance. Notice the last words of 35, and the first of 36...

51. Who does “the king” of 11:36-45 sound like?

52. Chapter 12 must be speaking about what time?

53. 12:7, 11-12 suggest how long the final tribulation will be. Compare to Revelation 11:2-3, 12:6, 13:5. How long?

54. What part will Daniel have in any of this?(12:8-10,13)