

Take Daniel Along for All of Life

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“The purpose”

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

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1. Remember that God's people have walked this path before you

2. Remember that earthly appearances are not the whole story

3. Get a glimpse into the spiritual realm

4. Trust the God who is sovereign

4:26 heaven rules

1:21 And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus

5. Rely upon the God to whom belongs might

2:20 Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belongs ... might.

6. Listen to the God of all wisdom

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7. Rejoice in the God who saves

Daniel 3:29 There is no other God who is able to rescue in this way.

8. Accept the love that God promises to His people

9:23, 10:11, 10:19 *You are greatly loved*

9. Believe God's promises about the end result

a. Believe what God promises about His kingdom

2:44 *the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed.*

b. Believe what God promises about His King

c. Believe what God promises about your end

12:13 *You will rest, and stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.*

“and to prepare the people of God”

John 17:11, 15 *I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world... I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*

John 20:21 *As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.*

Matthew 5:16 *Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven.*

2/6/2022 The Bible's Most Unusual Prophet | who was Daniel; his prophetic role; chapter-by-chapter overview; approaching Daniel in a healthy way; where did these events take place; when did these events take place

2/13/2022 Daniel, Jesus, and the Future of God's People | criticism of Daniel; Hebrew and Aramaic in Daniel; 7 points about Daniel & Jesus; Daniel & Revelation; Daniel & His Audience's future; the purpose of the book of Daniel; Daniel is for suffering believers, and to prepare believers for suffering

2/20/2022 1:1 A Dark Forecast from a Faithful God | The background to the time of Jehoiakim, including Hezekiah, Manasseh, and Josiah

2/27/2022 1:1-3 Hope in the Darkest Storm | National conquest; spiritual conquest (temple vessels); hope despite conquest (Adonai; Adonai gave)

3/20/2022 1:4-8 A Determined Heart in a Defiling World | What Nebuchadnezzar was doing with these young men; the educational, physical, and identity agendas; Daniel's purpose, with special emphasis on his heart

3/27/2022 1:4-15 Wise Living in a Defiling World | Daniel's education ("God made Daniel wise despite the defilement around him") & decision about the food ("God gave Daniel wisdom to discern what would cause defilement in him")

4/3/2022 1:3-21 God's Quiet Triumphs | Daniel's commitment to walk in wisdom toward outsiders; God's quiet triumphs throughout Daniel 1 and into chapter 2

5/1/2022 2:1-13 Desperate for the Mind of God | The true God has spoken, revealed His mind, and come in the flesh to be with His people

5/8/2022 2:14-28 Daniel's People, Prayer, and Praise

5/15/2022 2:27-45 Towering, Tumbling World Powers | Overviewing the dream and its interpretation; application to the giant of world governments (and wisdom) in comparison to the mountain of God

5/22/2022 2:31-45 The Guaranteed Direction of Human History | Principles about human governments and the overall trends that will continue throughout history

5/29/2022 2:31-45 What Are the Four Kingdoms | Introduction to the four kingdom interpretations and the rest of Daniel

7/3/2022 2:46-3:7 From Worshipper to Idolater | Two scenes to instruct the Christian's heart; to be a Christian is to be one who has fallen on our faces before Jesus; the temptation to idolatry

7/10/2022 3:8-30 Loyal Love at Any Cost | The fiery furnace; their loyal love for God even to the point of death; some things are worth dying for; God's loyal love for us

7/17/2022 4 When Mercy Chases Us Down | God's merciful pursuit of Nebuchadnezzar to humble him completely so that he could receive God's grace

7/24/2022 4 The Sovereignty of the Most High God | Angels; sovereignty; Jesus in Daniel 4; the connection to chapter 5

7/31/2022 5 That Very Night He Was Tragically Lost | Evangelistic sermon from Belshazzar

8/7/2022 5 Bringing Down Arrogance for the Glory of God | Belshazzar's arrogance, the ways in which God humbled him, and why God brings down arrogance for His glory and our good.

8/14/2022 5 The Historical Background of Daniel 5 | Bible study lesson about the historical evidence for the rule of Belshazzar, the location of the party, etc.

8/21/2022 6 Promotion, Persecution, and Prayer | Overview of Daniel 6 with emphasis on prayer

8/28/2022 6 When Christians Are Made Criminals | Daniel's faithfulness; the world tries to trap and vilify Christians for their biblical convictions

9/4/2022 6 Courageous Conviction and Faith-Filled Confidence | non-negotiables; principles for making decisions that aren't clear-cut; what it means that God "saves" His people; and reasons for faith-filled confidence

10/9/2022 7 The Comfort of Judgment | Overview of 7:1-11, with emphasis on the judgment of the little horn and the principle of the comfort of judgment

10/16/2022 7:13-14 The Coronation of the Son of Man | The mystery of 7:13-14 fulfilled in Jesus; focusing our attention on Jesus in a world of beastly rulers

10/16/2022 Why Daniel Is Challenging | Bible study lesson: brief explanation of the genre; explanation of the unfolding / repeating / expanding nature of Daniel's prophecies

10/30/2022 7:15-28 The Saints Possess the Kingdom | focusing on the saints possession of the kingdom

11/6/2022 8 Meet One Terrifying Politician | overview and lessons from Antiochus IV

11/13/2022 9:1-23 O Lord, Pay Attention and Act | Daniel's prayer

11/13/2022 What Does the Bible Say About the "Antichrist"? | Bible study overview of all of the relevant passages

11/20/2022 9:24-27 The God of the Seventy Sevens | Daniel's 70 Weeks [Q&A Followed]

1/8/2023 10:1-12 How to Survive Bible Prophecy | the right approach; the Lord's reassurance, comfort, and strength; primary emphasis on looking to Jesus

1/8/2023 Daniel 1-9 Review Lesson

1/15/2023 10:1-11:1 Be Encouraged and Challenged by the Ministry of Angels

1/15/2023 11:2-45 The Historical Setting of Daniel 11 | Bible study lesson with timelines

1/22/2023 11:2-35 From Cyrus to Antiochus: Why? | Textual and historical overview of Daniel 11:2-35 concluding with five reasons why God may have revealed and preserved these things for us

1/29/2023 11:36-45 The End of the Antichrist | Study of the possible meaning of the information in 11:36-45 about the future terrible ruler; celebration of our perfect King Jesus

2/12/2023 12:1 The God of Rescue | 12:1 with an overview of rescue in Israel's story, the book of Daniel, and the Christian's story

2/12/2023 12:1 Tribulation and Rapture | Overview of the biblical teaching about a future tribulation and the possibility of a rapture

2/19/2023 12:2 Raised to Shame and Everlasting Contempt | the resurrection of unbelievers

2/19/2023 12:2 The Hope & Timing of the Resurrection | 10 ways the OT hints at resurrection, and an explanation of when the resurrection happens

2/26/2023 12:3-4, 9-10 The Word at the End of the World | God's people shine, the Word speaks, and eternal destinies are determined at the end of the world

3/5/2023 12:1-13 God's Personal Message for Daniel | Summary of Daniel 12 with emphasis upon the personal message for Daniel in verses 8-13

3/12/2023 Take Daniel Along for All of Life | Review of the purpose statement