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Daniel

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study guide
**Beloved, what a joy** it is to share this series with you...so that you might begin to have an understanding of the times we live in through this wonderful book of prophecy...and so that you might “dare to be a Daniel”—a man or woman after God’s own heart!

**We are so excited you want to study God’s precepts for life with us in this series on Daniel!**

This book is God’s blueprint for prophecy!

You’ll see how Daniel was a man who knew the Word of God, and the God of the Word. You’ll discover how he made an impact on the people around him in a very ungodly culture.

**Can you live as a Daniel in these critical days?**

How can you get to know the Most High God as Daniel did? You’ll see for yourself as we walk through this fascinating book verse by verse.

Beloved, you couldn’t have chosen to do a better thing than to sit at Jesus’ feet, listening to His every word. God’s Word, the Bible, has the answer for every situation you’ll face in your life. Listen to what God is saying in Daniel—and to you—and you’ll find yourself face-to-face with the Truth, Truth that can transform your life!

**Inductive Study Method**

To study the Word of God and understand it, we use the Inductive Bible Study Method. We begin with the Bible itself as our main source of truth. Rather than seeking biblical insights from another person or book, we encourage you to get into the Word of God yourself and begin by observing the text.

To observe the text, you simply slow down to carefully study what it says. We’ll show you how to “interrogate” the text, like a good reporter or scientist, with **the 5 W’s and an H**—who, what, when, where, why and how. This is a very interactive process, well worth the time it takes, because the truths you’ll discover for yourself are profound!

In a book like Daniel, it’s good to begin observing the text by discovering who wrote the book and to whom it was written. Then you’ll want to discover what you learn about them from the book itself.

You’ll also want to watch for references to time so that you can know when something
happened. Asking **where** gives you the geographical context, which will give you special insights as we study the book of Daniel.

When you ask **why**—like “Why was this said or done?” or “Why should they, or I, do that?”—you learn so much. And finally, asking **how** gives you greater understanding and practical insights for application.

So as we study the book of Daniel together, our careful **observation** will lead to **interpretation**—discovering what the text **means**.

The more you observe, the greater will be your understanding of God’s Word. Scripture is the best interpreter of Scripture, so you and I will be looking at other Scripture passages besides those in the book of Daniel to get a clear understanding of God’s message.

Where do **observation** and **interpretation** lead? To practical **application** for your life today. Although the Bible is a very old book, it’s God’s Word, His instruction manual, which gives us everything that we need to know in order to live a life pleasing to God.

After we’ve observed the text and discovered what it means, we need to think and live accordingly. The result is a transformed life—the more you and I are in the Word of God and adjusting our thinking and behavior to its precepts for life, the more we will be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ! He is the living Word of God who became flesh, the Savior of the world, and our coming King of kings!

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**So Where Do You Begin?**

At the end of this study guide you will find a printout of the entire book of Daniel. It’s taken from one of the best and most accurate translations of the Bible, the Updated New American Standard version. Use these “**Observation Worksheets**” to mark key words and phrases as we study together, then you can transfer them into your Bible later, if you’d like to.

First, read through the book of Daniel all at one sitting to get a general sense of this book. Then begin your **observation** by reading through each chapter again, this time slowly, looking for who wrote Daniel and **when** it was written. To discover the answers, get out some colored pencils and mark your **Observation Worksheets** in the back of this study guide like this:
• Pick a color for the *author* (I use blue) and color every reference to him. Also mark (in the same color) all pronouns like *I*, *me*, *my* that refer to him.

• Mark every reference to time with a **green clock**, including each reference to a certain year and also to the king who was ruling then. As you do, you'll see an outline of the book begin to emerge. Try to write the year in the margin of your *Observation Worksheets*.

It would be good to do this marking as soon as you receive this booklet and before you listen to the next program.

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**What’s Next?**

• As you listen to each program on radio or the Internet, keep a pen or pencil handy to write down or mark key words I’ll point out during the program. You’ll find many of these key words on the back cover of this study guide, with suggested colors and symbols to use in marking them so that you can spot them quickly in the text. Try to mark each key word in the same way throughout the text.

  ♦ You can mark these key words ahead of time or after the program, whichever is easier. You can also get the CD or DVD of the program and mark the key words later while studying.

  ♦ Feel free to mark them your own way. There’s nothing sacred about the particular symbols I use!

• All the cross-references I’ll mention in these programs are given to you under the sections called *Where's That Verse?* Try to look them up with me. You can write these in the margin of the *Observation Worksheets*, or if you have a *New Inductive Study Bible*, there are wide margins where you can write them. I suggest you use a pencil, then write them in ink later.

• At the end of each day’s lesson, think about what you learned and how you can apply those truths to your life. Write out these personal applications on the pages at the end of this study guide entitled, *My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today*
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• Try to stay one lesson ahead of me. That way, you’ll be learning directly from the Word of God, and our radio time together will be like a “discussion group” as we reason together through the Scripture passage you have already read and studied. You’ll get much more out of our time together if you’ve done this preparation than if you just join me for the radio program cold.

• Always begin your study with prayer. Ask God to lead you into all truth.

• Read these chapters of Daniel over and over. If you read them aloud, you will find yourself automatically memorizing them. When you read something three times in a row, on three separate occasions during the day, you usually end up memorizing it quickly.

• Try to memorize a key verse or for every lesson covered in the book of Daniel. God will bring these to your remembrance when you need them!

• Pray about what you learn each day. Ask God to remind you of these truths and to give you another person with whom you can share them. These two exercises will accomplish amazing things in your life.

• Get the CD set of this series and listen to them when you get ready in the morning, do chores, or have family devotions. Listen with an open Bible and digest what is taught and what you can apply to your life. Get together with a friend, listen to the message, and discuss it.

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That’s my vision for YOU, Beloved!
The Chaldean Empire in Daniel’s Time
“My Judge Is God!”

**SYNOPSIS**

You are beginning an exciting adventure, Beloved! As we study the book of Daniel together, you’re about to see God unfolding the future to you before it happens! Every bit of prophecy in the rest of the Bible fits into the book of Daniel. And it’s not just about the future, but about what God is doing in your world today…in your lifetime!

We’ll also study Daniel himself—a man who is a living example showing us how we can stand in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation with integrity…holding forth the Word of life without compromising. Let’s get started!

**QUESTIONS**

1. Mark in the Observation Worksheets at the end of this study guide all the references to Daniel in chapter 1 (perhaps in blue), including the pronouns referring to him. What do you observe about Daniel in the first chapter?

2. Mark all references to Nebuchadnezzar in this first chapter in another color (maybe red). What do you learn about him in this first chapter?

3. Find the two cities mentioned in Daniel 1:1. Mark these geographical references in your Observation Worksheets by double-underlining them in green and then find them on your map of the Chaldean Empire.

4. Check the historical timeline on pages 72-73. What year is this in which Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem?

5. Highlight in yellow on your Observation Worksheets the key phrase, “The Lord gave.”

6. What difficult circumstances has God recently brought into your life, perhaps to get your attention and to draw you closer to Him?

**Prayer**

Father God, I know you are a God I can trust! What You say is true and what You say about the future is surely going to happen! Father, help me to trust You for my future. Help me to diligently study Your Word and to come to know You better through this study—more personally and intimately than ever before.
“I Have Spoken to You”

SYNOPSIS

Are you willing to make yourself a slave of God? Think back to times in your life when the Lord spoke to you clearly through His Word or through godly counselors. Were you quick to listen and obey His voice? Or did you close your ears and go on living your own way, like the children of Israel? We’ll see today how God warned them of a coming captivity if they refused to listen.

QUESTIONS

1. I want you to understand the background and context of the book of Daniel, so let’s read Jeremiah 25:1-11 and mark the word listen with a green ear on your Observation Worksheets. When a verse says, not listened, draw a slash through that ear to indicate the people didn’t listen.

2. In this same passage, mark the key word, obey (I circle it in red and color the circle blue; if it’s not obeyed, I draw a slash through the circle).

3. Look again at the historical time line on pages 72-73. Mark the three sieges of the Southern Kingdom of Judah and write the dates here along with who was taken captive in each siege:
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 

4. What has God been telling you that you are not obeying? Record what you’ve learned on pages 75-78 entitled, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I Learned Today.

Prayer

Lord God, I don't want to ignore Your voice! Forgive me for closing my ears to Your instruction and being disobedient. I’m beginning to see how I’ve brought on my own problems and been a slave to sin. Have mercy on me, O God! Cleanse me from my past failures and rebellion. Draw me back into a right relationship with You. I’m so thankful You’re not finished with me yet! In Christ's precious name, Amen.
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A Tender Heart

SYNOPSIS

Is your heart tender and humble before God, Beloved?
Are you seeking Him through His Word and desiring to walk in His ways? He wants you to believe Him and obey Him. He loves you and is actively pursuing you to mold you into the disciple of Jesus Christ He created you to be!

QUESTIONS

1. Read 2 Kings chapters 22 and 23. Check on the historical time line on pages 72-73 to see when Josiah was king. How many years before Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem did this story of Josiah take place?

2. In what ways does 2 Kings 22–23 say King Josiah pleased God?

3. How does your life measure up? In what ways is your lifestyle displeasing to Him?

4. Are there “altars” in your life God wants you to tear down? Are there unclean thoughts and actions you should confess to Him?

5. Ask God to reveal to you through this passage how He would like you to live differently from the culture around you—as one of His “separate people.”

Prayer

Holy Father, I know I don’t measure up to Your standards. I want to live according to Your precepts rather than by the world’s standards, but I desperately need Your help to do it. Forgive me, Father, for the dirt in my life. Clean me up and turn me around, so I can hear Your voice and live for You as the holy person You’ve called me to be. Please continue Your work in me through the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name I pray, Amen.
God’s Man

SYNOPSIS

What’s your mental image of Daniel and his lifestyle when he was taken captive, moved far from his homeland and groomed for King Nebuchadnezzar’s service? Read chapter 1 again and try to understand what it was like for this fifteen-year old to be taken to live with the enemy.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Daniel go along with at the king’s palace and where did he draw the line? Why?

2. Why did the commander of the officials object to Daniel’s “diet”? What was Daniel’s solution to the dilemma?

3. What do you learn from the text about Daniel’s knowledge about God to help him accept what happened to him? How does this understanding of God help you deal with situations and circumstances in your life?

4. What specific areas of your life are you working to change so they will measure up to God’s standards and honor Him?

5. Make a list of what you learn about God from this first chapter of Daniel.

6. Check the historical time line on pages 72-73 to see how long Daniel’s prophetic ministry was, from the third year of Jehoiakim’s reign through the first year of Cyrus’s rule. Although Daniel’s birthdate is not marked on the timeline, we know it was sometime during Josiah’s reign.

7. Record the theme of chapter 1 on the Daniel at a Glance chart on page 74.

Prayer

Lord, I want to stand up for You in the midst of my culture. I want to be faithful to serve Your purposes in my generation. Make me bold like Daniel, Lord. Keep me from defiling myself with the things of this world. I want to be strong and faithful to You! Please mold me into a “Daniel.” In Christ’s name I pray, Amen.
One More Move!

**SYNOPSIS**

Daniel is a fascinating book! Read chapter 2 today and mark every reference to *dream (mystery, vision)* (perhaps with a blue cloud around it colored pink). Write in the margin of your Observation Worksheets who had the vision and what it was about. Take a moment to draw a simple picture of it so you’ll be able to better remember what it was about.

**QUESTIONS**

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar tell his master astrologers in Daniel 2:4-5?

2. How did they answer when he refused to tell them his dream?

3. King Nebuchadnezzar made a decree in anger. What was it? Who did it include?

4. What did Daniel ask his friends to do (vv. 17, 18)?

5. What’s the first thing you should do when you’re tempted to panic?

6. Mark every reference to God in chapter 2 with a purple triangle colored yellow, then write in the margin of your Observation Worksheets what you observed there about God.


**Prayer**

O Lord, how I want to be wise and run to You whenever I’m anxious. Forgive me for trying to solve my problems and find my way of escape instead of turning to You in prayer. Help me see the circumstances in my life as opportunities for You to show Your power and greatness through me. Help me trust You and not be a worrier. Help me bring every thought captive to Your Word. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.
Prayer
Father, thank You for Your amazing plans! How unfit I am to be a leader in Your kingdom and a light to my culture! Help me to be wise, discreet, meek, gentle, peace-loving and patient through the power of Your Holy Spirit working within me. Make me more like Christ—that's what You've created me to be, and that's my heart's desire. I love You, Lord, and I want to walk in Your ways! I pray these things in the precious name of Jesus, Amen.
Will You Believe?

**SYNOPSIS**

Is the Bible really true? Do you trust it ... do you take God at His Word? As you read Daniel 2 again, ask God to give you understanding so you can learn from the interpretation of the king’s dream and catch a glimpse of what God has prepared for the future. If you believe His Word, think about how you are going to live in light of the interpretation Daniel gave of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream. Are you living today ready for Jesus’ coming as the King of kings?

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Daniel 2:31-45 again. Has all of this prophecy been fulfilled yet?

2. Describe again the statue Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about (see if you can do it from memory!)
   - a. head—
   - b. chest—
   - c. belly and thighs—
   - d. legs—
   - e. feet and toes—

3. What do verses 38 and 39 tell us the head, chest, and belly and thighs represent?

4. What details do you observe about the fourth kingdom in Daniel 2:40-43?

5. What relationship do you see between the toes?

6. How will God’s kingdom be different? Observe what the chapter says in verse 44 about the kingdom to come. Does this give you confidence?

7. What will crush the other kingdoms? Where will it start to crush the statue?

**Prayer**

Lord, I’m amazed! I believe Your Son is coming again! I believe He will set up a kingdom never to be destroyed! What an awesome God You are—truly the God of gods and King of kings! Help me to live today with Your mind—knowing that while the nations are in an uproar, You’re still on the throne. And the day is coming when unbelief and rebellion will be crushed to pieces. You are the one, true living God! Thank You for loving me and calling me to be Your child! In Christ’s holy name, Amen.
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A Hot-Blooded Man

PRAYER

Lord, You proved Yourself mighty in the lives of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Help me to trust You and not be afraid! Although I may not be delivered out of my situation, I know I am not alone, and that You will help and be with me in my trial. You are a close and intimate God who loves to take care of His people. Help me to be brave and have the same kind of faith and integrity these three young men had! Teach me how to carve out time to be in Your Word daily. Nudge me to pray. Keep me, Lord, in a tight relationship with You so I will live to glorify You. In the name of Your Son Jesus, Amen.

SYNOPSIS

What happens when you carefully observe the prophecies in Daniel? You discover exactly what the text says and find those prophecies becoming increasingly clear and exciting! Daniel has just given Nebuchadnezzar the interpretation of his dream—essentially explaining to the king what will happen in the last days.

QUESTIONS

1. What was Nebuchadnezzar’s reaction when he heard Daniel reveal the details of his dream and then interpret it (Daniel 2:46-49)?

2. Daniel didn’t forget his friends who had prayed for him to be able to interpret this dream. What did he request the king to do for them?

3. Read Daniel chapter 3 and mark the word “image” in yellow and underline it in brown. What size was the statue Nebuchadnezzar built and why do you suppose he made this gold statue? Did Nebuchadnezzar react for very long?

4. Whom would you expect to be present for the statue’s unveiling, in addition to all the satraps, prefects, governors, and rulers of the provinces?

5. What were the people commanded to do when they heard the music playing? (Mark the word “worship,” perhaps with a purple circle).

6. If Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had decided to “pretend” to worship Nebuchadnezzar’s statue, what excuses do you think they might have given for their behavior?

7. What beliefs do you have that you can’t compromise? What convictions would you die for before dishonoring God?

Bible Reference

Romans 1:20

Before they were given Babylonian names, the three young Hebrew men were called by their Jewish names: Hananiah (meaning “Yahweh is grace [or gracious]”) was changed to Shadrach (meaning “under the command of Aku”—one of the Babylonian gods); Mishael (meaning “Who is what God is?”) was changed to Meshach (meaning “Who is what Aku is?”); and Azariah (meaning “Yahweh has helped”) was changed to Abednego (meaning “the servant of Nebo”).
Israel, My Beloved
By Kay Arthur

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I See Four Men!

**SYNOPSIS**

Daniel’s friends refused to bow down and worship the king’s statue! They were told if they did not bow, they would be thrown into a fiery furnace! And the furnace was turned up seven times hotter! When you’re challenged to compromise under the threat, “Bow or burn!”, you can fall back on God’s Word, stand without fear, and live for Him victoriously!

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Daniel 3:16-18 again. What was the most important truth about God’s nature and character these three men understood?

2. Mark in chapter 3 every reference to “furnace of blazing fire” with red flames.

3. Circle the “but” in verse 23, which indicates a comparison. Compare what happens with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego to the men who carried them to the furnace in verse 22. Observe how the three young men were tied up (Daniel 3:23).

4. Note what the king saw in verses 23-25. How many were in the furnace of fire? Who were they and what were they doing?

5. Are there convictions for God in your life you will not compromise, even if they mean death to a dream, a career, others’ approval?

6. How does God want you to view Him in the midst of the trials you face right now?

7. Don’t forget to record what you’re learning on pages 75-78, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

**Prayer**

Lord, rescue me from slavery to fear! Make me wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove, and help me so that I will stand up for my beliefs and not be ashamed. I know I need to spend more time in Your faithful Word, Lord. I need to hold it fast in my heart to be the strong and valiant warrior You want me to be in today’s hostile world. Save me from apathy, laziness, and selfishness, Lord. Put Your words in my heart and on my lips so that I will be Your brave and faithful follower in this generation. In the name of Jesus my Savior, I pray. Amen.
Untouched by the Flames

SYNOPSIS

Have you come to realize how powerful our God is from this story?
The three young Hebrew men came out of the fiery furnace completely untouched by the flames. Only the rope that had bound them was burned up. No human can bind us if God wants us to be free! The power working in us today is the same power that delivered Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego—the same power that raised Christ from the dead (Ephesians 1:19,20)! So we can trust God in every situation we encounter—after all, our problems don’t get much worse than fiery furnaces!

QUESTIONS

1. Take a look back at the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. Which one would the three young men have violated if they had bowed to Nebuchadnezzar’s statue?

2. How is our culture pressuring you today to put other things before God and worship man rather than Him?

3. Read Daniel 3:26-29 again. Was Nebuchadnezzar acknowledging that the Hebrew God was higher than his own gods? Was he making a commitment here to serve God alone, or simply acknowledging this one by adding Him to their list? What exactly did he decree?

4. What have you learned about God in this chapter to help you in any fiery trials in which you find yourself?

5. How has the book of Daniel encouraged you so far to keep believing and to persevere in your relationship with God and your study of His Word?

6. Record the theme or main event of chapter 3 on the Daniel at a Glance chart on page 74.

Prayer

Lord, help me not to compromise, bow, or bend! I want to be an example to believers in thought, word, and deed. I long to be pure and godly. Please mold me into the person You want me to be. In Jesus’ precious name, I pray. Amen.

Names for God!

El Elyon
(Daniel 3:26)
“The Most High God” —sovereign ruler of all the universe.

CROSS-REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 10:13
Genesis 14:18
Romans 5:3-5
1 Peter 4:1
Jeremiah 17:5-8
God’s Gift!

**SYNOPSIS**

Our society today is experiencing a crisis of character. So many people think they know it all...they’re mean and cruel and everything revolves around them. I’m sure some people you know come to mind! Maybe you’ve been in that state yourself. In Daniel chapter 4, Nebuchadnezzar reveals his character. In fact, he picks up the pen and writes this chapter himself!

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read the entire chapter for an overview, then underline with a blue wiggly line the word *interpretation* and mark off in your margin the verses giving the interpretation of the dream.

2. Note who is writing this chapter and don’t forget to mark references to him. What has he discovered about God in the first few verses of chapter 4?

3. Describe Nebuchadnezzar’s vision as he lay on his bed. Draw a simple picture as a reminder to help it “stick” in your mind.

4. Nebuchadnezzar saw an angelic watcher...what message did this watcher shout?

5. What is Daniel’s interpretation of this vision?

**Prayer**

Lord, You are the Most High God, Ruler of heaven and earth. Please humble me to live the way You want me to live. I know I should be capable of modeling for others how You want me to live, but I feel weighed down by my inadequacies and trials. Assure me today that You supply the power and the gifts to make me the kind of person You want me to be. Thank You for the many things You have already taught me. Do the work You need to do in my life. And help me to be open to Your voice speaking to me in Your Word. In Christ’s name I pray, Amen.
SYNOPSIS

Beloved, we are free to ask God any questions we want! Don’t worry about offending Him with anything you ask—you don’t need to keep anything from Him—He already knows your heart! And He longs to answer His people and reveal Himself to them! Isn’t that wonderful? You may not feel comfortable voicing your doubts and questions to other Christians, but God has answers to our most relevant questions…and those answers are found in the precepts of God’s Word!

QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel chapter 4 again, and summarize Nebuchadnezzar’s dream:

2. How does Daniel react when he’s asked to interpret this dream? How does he explain his hesitancy to speak?

3. What was the verdict for Nebuchadnezzar and why?

4. What could have averted this judgment from God?

5. Examine your life. Don’t be afraid to ask God to reveal your blind spots. Are you proud and self-assured, possibly because you have become prosperous and achieved success? Do you realize that all you are and all you have . . . come from the Almighty God, and that you achieved what you achieved by God’s grace? Are you addicted to anything you’ve put before Him? Then admit your sins and failings, face them head on, repent and return to our loving Father. He releases captives and gives grace to the humble.

Prayer

Lord, reveal to me my pride. Lord, help me to rid myself of pride, remembering that everything I have (talents and abilities I would boast in) have been given to me by You. I fall on my knees and thank You for all You have given me. Help me to use my resources wisely and to help others if I am able. I am nothing without You! I pray that You’ll complete Your work in me and give me opportunities to tell others about Your power to save! In Jesus’ precious name, Amen.
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SYNOPSIS

The ruler of Babylon seemed to have it all—all but God, that is! He didn’t think he needed God with all his prosperity and success. But God reminded him that He is the ruler of mankind. He sent Daniel to interpret Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and warn him to turn from his wrong thinking and back to God.

QUESTIONS

1. What were Daniel’s two suggestions to the king in Daniel 4:27?

2. Read Ezekiel 31:2-18. What parallels do you see between God’s warnings to Pharaoh in Egypt and King Nebuchadnezzar?

3. What country did God send to conquer Assyria and Egypt because of their sins?

4. Did King Nebuchadnezzar change, twelve months after this strong warning? What was he proud of?

5. What things in your life do you get proud of? What talents, opportunities, and blessings do you need to be careful not to take credit for?

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for my pride! Thank You for giving us much. Help me to be grateful and humble, not boastful about my abilities or achievements, but recognizing and acknowledging they all come from You. I want to love and enjoy You like You created me to do. Help me to grow in all aspects in Christ and to build up His body. Help me to love as You love me—wholly, completely, selflessly, unconditionally and put You first in all my priorities. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.
He is Sovereign!

**SYNOPSIS**

Do you truly believe God orders your days and that nothing can happen to you without His permission? The book of Daniel shows God is sovereign over all our lives. And the God in charge of everything in the universe loves you and wants the best for you! What an awesome thought!

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Jeremiah 27:1-11. Which king does this prophecy say will have power over other lands? Why? Where will his power come from?

2. Now go back to Daniel 4:30. Did King Nebuchadnezzar remember where his power came from?

3. Now read the two cross-references in 2 Chronicles and 2 Kings listed under Where’s That Verse? What do these chapters reveal about God’s plan and sovereignty?

4. If Nebuchadnezzar were reading Daniel 4:31-37 aloud to you, what words or phrases do you think he would emphasize most? What points would he want to be sure you understood?

5. What do you learn from this chapter about how and why to deal with pride in your life?

6. Be sure to include your thoughts on pages 75-78, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

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**Prayer**

Lord, thank You that You are the Lord of Hosts—sovereign over the universe and the events of my life. Help me to trust You more! Open my eyes to catch a glimpse of Your amazing plan for me. Help me to rejoice in suffering and trials, knowing You govern all things. I want to respond to Your Word, Lord, and not be hard-hearted and proud. Thank You that You are such an all-powerful, all-loving God! In Christ’s name I pray, Amen.
How Long, O Lord?

SYNOPSIS

What difference does it make knowing God is sovereign in your life and in our world today, especially when you consider national and world leaders? Do you despair reading newspapers and watching the evening news on TV? Our world is a mess, isn’t it? But knowing God and trusting in His sovereignty—seeing how He governed the nations down through history, lovingly warning them and calling them back to Him—truly our anchor of hope, Beloved!

QUESTIONS

1. Review Daniel 4:28-37 and observe how Nebuchadnezzar was punished for his pride. How long did this punishment last?

2. Draw a simple picture of the king in this condition to lock the details in your mind.

3. What was the purpose of Nebuchadnezzar’s punishment? What does the text say God wanted him to realize?

4. How did the king change? How is he different from the man who recognized the God who revealed mysteries to Daniel and rescued his three friends from the fiery furnace? (You may want to review Daniel 2:47 and 3:28, 29.)

5. Has God ever sent tough circumstances your way to drive you to your knees and show you He is God? Have you responded and run to Him as your Savior and Lord?

6. Be sure to record your thoughts on pages 75-78, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

Prayer

Lord, You are omnipotent. . .and I am powerless! Forgive me for neglecting to honor You as sovereign God of the universe. Forgive me for doubting Your wisdom and care. Thank You for redeeming and restoring us. Teach me how to live in humility, faith, love, and holiness. I love You and thank You, Lord. In Christ’s name, I pray. Amen.
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LESSON 16

TODAY’S TEXT
Daniel 4:34-35

The Word of God is like a mirror—when we look into it (I mean, really stare into it), we see our shortcomings staring right back at us! We see what needs to change for our lives to measure up to God’s standard, but we also see the power we have in Christ to make those changes. God calls us to account—we can’t blame our failures on circumstances or people. And He shows us who we are in Him and the pattern He has for us to follow in Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. Meditate on Daniel 4:34-35. What does Nebuchadnezzar finally believe God is sovereign over?

2. How long will God’s kingdom endure? Record what you learn about God in verses 34 and 35.

3. What power does the devil have in your life? Can he overrule God’s sovereign plans for you?

4. Look up the cross-references under Where’s That Verse? What perspectives on God’s sovereignty do they give you? Record them on pages 75-78, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

5. Also, remember to record the theme for chapter 4 on the Daniel at a Glance chart on page 74.

Prayer
Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, I want to bless Your name and trust You in everything—my job, my family, my marriage, my health, my habits. You are the God of the universe! You are holy and wise. I submit to You. I thank You for being faithful and trustworthy. Help me honor You in everything I say, think, and do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
TODAY’S TEXT

Daniel 5

The Party’s Over

SYNOPSIS

What a big party in chapter 5! Belshazzar's great feast for one thousand of his nobles! Out came the gold and silver goblets Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. As the nobles drank wine out of these goblets and praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone...the unexpected happened!

QUESTIONS

1. Read chapter 5. According to Daniel 5:5, what happened while Belshazzar and his guests were partying?

2. Draw a simple picture of what’s happening in this verse so that you can visualize it.

3. How did King Belshazzar react? Whom did he call for help?

4. Turn to the historical chart on pages 72-73 to see Belshazzar’s relationship to King Nebuchadnezzar.

5. Why did the queen suggest he call Daniel to interpret the writing?

6. What did the king promise to give Daniel?

7. How did Daniel respond? What did he remind King Belshazzar about?

Prayer

Lord, I want to honor You as God and give You the praise and honor and glory and strength and power that is due Your name. I want to love You with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Lord, help me to be salt and light in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation and be Your ambassador, Your representative to the world around me wherever I go as I go about my daily life. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.
Daniel had been given a difficult assignment—to interpret the strange writing a mysterious hand wrote on a wall during Belshazzar’s party. Read chapter 5 again and observe carefully what happened to Daniel (now a senior citizen) as he stood before the king.

Questions

1. What was Daniel’s position in Babylon during Belshazzar’s reign?

2. What does Daniel’s response to Belshazzar’s offer tell you about his character?

3. How was Belshazzar like Nebuchadnezzar?

4. How does this chapter reinforce the idea that God is sovereign?

5. Before Daniel interpreted the handwriting, what messages did he give the king?

6. Do we have a message to tell when we have opportunities?

Prayer

Lord, help me to take every opportunity to speak out for You. I need to know You and Your Word better so I will be ready like Daniel to speak it on every occasion. Give me humility to live for You and not be worried about what people think. Work Daniel’s character within me, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
People Who Know Their God

SYNOPSIS

Well, the party’s almost over at Belshazzar’s palace! And God’s not through with His man, Daniel. How often we’re tempted to despair when we look at the ungodly prospering and sin becoming ever more popular and accepted in our culture! How quick we are to ask if God is still in control and if He can use us and the study we do to impact the people and society around us! This wonderful story gives us hope—His timing is impeccable, and He truly has the whole world in His awesome hands!

QUESTIONS

1. What was Daniel’s interpretation of the “handwriting on the wall” (5:24-28)?

2. What should Belshazzar have learned from hearing about Nebuchadnezzar’s experience?

3. When did the prophetic words begin to come to pass? What happened?

4. Who replaced Belshazzar? What nationality was he? How old was he?

5. How does this kingdom fit into the dream of the statue in chapter 2?

6. Go back and mark the word “Babylon” in the cross-reference Isaiah 47:1-11. The review will give you a bigger picture of what this empire was like.

7. Record the theme of chapter 5 on your Daniel at a Glance chart.

Prayer

Lord, I love Your Word, the stories and lessons You’ve taught others so that I don’t need to repeat their sins. Help me through the power of Your Holy Spirit to flee sin and idolatry and live a holy life honoring You. Give me more compassion for the needy. Give me sensitivity to people’s suffering and pain. Guard my heart from presumption and pride. I love You, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
He Continued Kneeling

**SYNOPSIS**

Daniel now had another difficult assignment—how to live as a leader in a culture opposed to God. You will encounter similar opposition in your job, your neighborhood, your children’s school. When your Christian witness or integrity makes others uncomfortable, they will retaliate, as Daniel’s associates did. Let’s go to chapter 6 and see how he responded so we can learn how to respond in similar situations.

**QUESTIONS**

1. What did King Darius appoint Daniel to do in his kingdom?

2. Circle the word *injunction* in brown. Mark *petition* the same way you would mark *prayer* (perhaps with a purple incense pot 🕉).

3. Why were the commissioners and satraps trying to find fault with Daniel? Why weren’t they able to find fault?

4. What was the injunction they convinced Darius to sign? How did this injunction entrap Daniel?

5. Did the king intend to punish Daniel? Why couldn’t he deliver Daniel?

6. What did the king say to Daniel before he ordered him thrown into the den of lions?

7. What can your life show unbelievers about the God you serve?

8. Don’t forget to write the theme of chapter 6 on your Daniel at a Glance Chart on page 74.

**Prayer**

Dear Lord God, give me boldness to stand strong for You, even in the midst of pressure and persecution. Help me to look at You and not the “lions.” Help me pray with that same commitment Daniel had, who spent time every day talking to You and listening to You even if it meant death. Don’t let anything distract me from my time with You, which is my lifeline in the lions’ den. May it be known in my life what a great God I serve. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
**LESSON 21**

**TODAY’S TEXT**
Daniel 7—12

**SYNOPSIS**

The Lord is not through with Daniel yet—at the end of chapter 6, we see him as a man in his 80s enjoying success during the reign of Persian king Cyrus. Chapters 7-12 are very interesting—remember every prophetic Scripture fits within the framework of the book of Daniel, which is like a skeleton. As we add insights from other Scriptures, we’ll begin to put flesh on the bones.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Review chapters 7—12 and see where these prophecies are heading.

2. Mark “Babylon” in 7:1 and put a green time clock over the first year of Belshazzar, so you will know when this revelation occurs. Remember to mark dream, vision with a blue cloud colored pink or however you’ve chosen to mark it. Next to verse 2 in the margin write the vision Daniel had.

3. What comes out of this great sea?

4. Underline “four” in 7:3, and then number each of the four beasts in your Observation Worksheets in 7:4-7.

5. Color brown every reference to this dreadful and terrifying fourth beast in chapter 7. Color orange every mention of “little horn” and underline it with brown. How many horns does the fourth beast have?

6. Look at the drawing of the statue of Daniel 2 again at the end of lesson 6 and its various parts. Then draw the four beasts as Daniel 7 describes them:

7. How should we live in the light of these amazing prophecies?

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**Prayer**

Lord, I want to know and understand Your Word. Open these prophecies to me so that I can understand them enough to answer when I’m asked about Your Second Coming and events in end times. I want to be ready, Lord. Thank You for being a God who tells us what You’re going to do ahead of time. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.
**TODAY’S TEXT**
Daniel 2:7

**SYNOPSIS**

His coming is probably sooner than we expect! Are you ready? Are you telling others? How can we know what the times are telling us? And how can we interpret current events in light of the signs of Christ’s return? Is the Word of God clear? Let’s take a look at these remarkable prophecies together!

**QUESTIONS**

1. Review the first prophetic dream again in Daniel 2 and the drawing of the statue representing different kingdoms. Then review Daniel 7 and the four beasts described there. Do you see any parallels between the head of gold, Nebuchadnezzar, and the first beast? What other parallels do you see?

2. What do you learn about the fourth kingdom, the feet and toes of the statue in Daniel 2:40-44? Do you see any parallels to the “D-T” (“dreadful and terrifying”) fourth beast described in Daniel 7:7?


4. How has this study been interesting and enlightening to you so far?

**Prayer**

Father, there’s so much I still don’t understand...but I see You’re a God who reveals Himself to His people. Help me be a diligent student of Your Word so that I can know Your truth and not fear the future. I want to be able to show others how to understand the mysteries of Your Word. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.
LIKE A SON OF MAN

SYNOPSIS

Daniel’s prophecy gives us great hope! “One like a Son of Man” will come! Chapter 7 says He is given dominion—a kingdom that will never be destroyed! What wonderful news for those who belong to God, whose names are written in His book of life! His kingdom is coming to earth, and “all the peoples, nations and men of every language” will serve the “One like a Son of Man.” Wherever you live, whatever your nation, whatever your language, your people will someday serve Him. Isn’t this news worth sharing, so they can believe in Him and start serving Him right now?

QUESTIONS

1. Review and list again the first three beasts mentioned in Daniel 7:1-6 and write beside the beast the part of the statue in Daniel 2 it possibly parallels.

2. Read about the “Ancient of Days” described in verses 9-10. What details are given? Can you picture the vision?

3. What two large groups of people does Daniel see before the throne? What’s the difference between them?

4. Mark the Son of Man in yellow. What do you notice about Him and His relationship to the Ancient of Days? (You can mark Ancient of Days the same way you mark God with a purple triangle colored in yellow ▲.)

5. Read the three cross-references (under Where’s That Verse?) from the Gospels. What does Jesus teach His disciples about “the Son of Man”?

6. Now read the cross-reference in Revelation 20. What do you learn about the books mentioned in Daniel 7:10?

7. Are you ready for the books to be opened—to give an account of your life? How will your life measure up to God’s standards?

Prayer

Lord, I’m amazed at Your great wisdom, Your great plan, and Your love for me, in spite of all my weaknesses. Help me to be a diligent student of Your Word—to carve time out of each day to sit at Your feet and learn of You so that You might speak great and wondrous things to me through Your Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Dream Explained

SYNOPSIS

Daniel had many dreams and visions he did not understand. He dreamed of a great sea and four beasts coming out of the sea. The emphasis is on the fourth beast, and we’ve also learned it parallels the fourth kingdom we studied in Daniel chapter 2. Read chapter 7 again, asking God to reveal its meaning to you.

QUESTIONS

1. What details do you notice about the fourth beast in Daniel 7:7,8? How does it compare with the other beasts? Make a list of everything you learn about him on the next page.

2. What do you learn about the little horn in verse 8? What does it look like and where does it come from? Make a list of everything you learn about the little big horn in Daniel 7.

3. What does Daniel dream in verses 9-14? What does this scene describe?

4. Are you ready for the books to be opened . . . to give an account of your life? How will your life measure up to God’s standards?

5. Circle the word “but” in verse 18. What promise follows?

6. As you read verses 15-28, mark all names and pronouns referring to God with a purple triangle. Then mark kingdom with a purple cloud around the word. Also mark saints with a little halo above the word. Underline the fourth kingdom and color it brown and draw a clock over until in verse 22 and after in verse 24.

7. Was Daniel able to interpret his own dream? What do the four beasts represent?

8. Who will inherit the dominion and greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven according to verse 27?

Prayer

Lord, I can’t wait for Your kingdom to come…. It’s hard to believe You want to give us Your kingdom to live in forever. Wow! I begin to see Your big plan! Shape me into a worthy vessel, prepared for the Master’s use! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Beast

SYNOPSIS

Daniel wanted to know the meaning of his dream...especially about the fourth beast. He wanted to know the meaning of the ten horns on its head and the little horn that came up after the ten. Read Daniel 7:15-28 again to have the interpretation of his dream clearly in your mind. And remember to pray as you start and ask God to help you better understand these rich prophecies.

QUESTIONS

1. What does verse 23 tell you about this fourth beast? How will it be different?

2. In verse 25, what do you learn will happen to the saints for “time, times, and half a time” (in Jewish reckoning, three and one-half years)?

3. Look for key repeated phrases in Daniel 7. What would you say is the most important thing God wanted Daniel to understand about these plans for the future?

4. Read Revelation 11:1-13 and color beast in these verses the same way you colored the fourth beast in Daniel 7 (brown). Next read Revelation 12:1-6,11 and Revelation 13:1-2. How do these passages help you understand the prophecies in Daniel?

5. What lessons did you learn in the first few chapters about God to keep in mind as we study the prophetic chapters?

6. What verse in chapter 7 is the most meaningful to you personally? Remember to write your thoughts on pages 75-78, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

Prayer

Lord, I believe You’re teaching me! Once things start happening, they’re going to happen fast… and I’m so glad You have the plan in Your hands. Help me to occupy until You come! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Prayer
Lord, make me wise to understand the times in which I live. I don't want to muddle through life, oblivious to what You're doing around me! I long to be used by You, Lord, to point people to Your Son for salvation...to be a shining light in a sin-dark world. Show me how to impact my culture, Father. Make me a Daniel—bold and committed wholeheartedly to You! In Jesus' name, Amen.

SYNOPSIS
T he end is coming, and in the end...we win! Man's kingdoms are going to be brought to a halt, a shocking halt, and the Son of Man is going to come in the clouds of glory to reign on this earth. And all nations and languages and people will be subject to Him. And the saints of the Highest One will possess the kingdom. Isn't that exciting? There is a day of victory coming, Beloved!

QUESTIONS
1. Let's do a little review! Go back and look at your list from lesson 24 that you made about this fourth beast.

2. Read Revelation 12 again. What do you observe about the woman, her child, and the dragon? Whom do they represent from the clues we're given in the text?

3. Now let's look at Revelation 13:1-8. What similarities do you see between the beast in this passage and the beasts described in Daniel 7, especially the fourth beast?

4. Check for a key repeated word or phrase in Daniel chapter 7 (see verses 8, 11, 20 and 25). What correlation do you see with Revelation 13:5,6?

5. How long will this beast be allowed to exercise authority? What does that represent in years?
Perhaps you’ve heard about the coming “Antichrist,” the “man of lawlessness,” a whole-world ruler who will devastate the earth. His description is found in Revelation 13, a chapter worth studying because of its parallels with Daniel 7. There will be a mass of people on this earth who are literally worshiping Satan. The word “worship” here means to bow down. There are two Greek words for worship; one means to bow down, the other, to serve. Whom are you bowing to and serving today?

QUESTIONS

1. Read through the entire chapter of Revelation 13 again. Mark the word worship with a purple cloud colored yellow. Who are the people worshiping and why?

2. Look at the time phrases in Revelation 13:5. Compare these to the time phrase you marked in Daniel 7:25. Who is speaking blasphemies in Revelation 13:5?

3. Who gave the beast his authority and over what does he have authority? Read Revelation 13:7,9 and Daniel 7:23.

4. From Revelation 12:17; 13:7,8, who is not worshiping the beast?

5. Look again at Revelation 13:10. What do “perseverance” and “faith” mean to you? Why are both needed?

6. Add to your list of what you’re learning about God through this study.

7. Remember to record the theme for chapter 7 in your Daniel at a Glance chart.

Prayer

Lord, am I bowing before the world? Search my heart, Lord, and give me boldness to stand as Your child…to persevere…to believe You and live for You, no matter what. Help me trust You and walk in fear of You alone. I know the end of the story! I know we will come out winners! Thank you, Lord! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Ram and Goat

SYNOPSIS

Daniel’s next vision (chapter 8) has incredible detail. To understand and appreciate it, you must observe the text carefully. Daniel’s purpose is to give us more insight into what is to come. Here you’ll discover more about God’s awesome plan—reasons to praise Him for being omniscient, all knowing, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel chapter 8. Notice when this vision occurred. Place it on the historical chart.

2. Continue to mark each reference to “vision” or “dream” with a blue cloud colored pink. Also mark the word “sacrifice” with three red drops (or dots).

3. In this vision where was Daniel located? Look on the map to see where this location is.

4. Mark every reference to ram in this chapter like this \( \bigcirc \) making one mark longer than the other. Mark goat with a purple horn colored in blue / and mark the rather small horn with a purple horn colored orange \( / \). Don’t forget to mark time phrases with a clock.

5. What does the goat do to the ram?

6. In separate columns on the next page, list what you’ve learned about the ram and the goat.

7. What kingdom does the ram represent? What about the goat and the horns?

8. What was Daniel’s reaction to receiving this vision?

Prayer

Lord, I worship You for being the sovereign God moving according to Yours plan for the future. Thank You for sharing Your plan with your prophets so we might study and know it. Help me to put my faith in You alone, even during challenges that seem so impossible. You will not only reign in the future... You reign now. Your enemies have already been trampled under Your feet. Help me to look up, Lord, and find my security and future in You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
I love watching the way the Word of God fits together, the way God progressively reveals truth to us. And you know, we don’t understand it all, but you can put it in your mind, observe it, and learn it. Then, in the fullness of time, God turns on the light. The light bulb goes on and you say, “Oh, I see, I see. I was groping around trying to figure it out, and now I understand!”

QUESTIONS

1. Let’s go to Daniel 8 again and read the interpretation of the vision God gives Daniel in verses 19-25. What empire does the two-horned ram represent? How does this compare to Daniel 2:39 and 7:5?

2. How was the fulfillment of this prophecy revealed at Belshazzar’s party? (Daniel 5:26-28)

3. What empire does the goat represent? Compare this to third kingdom of Daniel 2:39 and Daniel 7:6,7.

4. In what ways have you seen God prepare you for problems and changes that came into your own life? How do you sense He’s preparing and strengthening you now for challenges in the future?

5. Record the theme of Daniel 8 on your Daniel at a Glance chart.

6. Remember to add to your list of My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

Prayer

Lord, You are omniscient. You are the great Creator, my Healer and Sustainer. I know You know everything, and You let us know what we need to know in Your time. Help me to be patient, Lord, and wait for Your timing. Help me to trust You and not try to do things my way. I don’t need to be in control of the affairs of my life, because You are! In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.
Prayer
Lord, You are a God who knows the future. You have me in Your hand, and You've promised that everything in my life is going to work together for good. Prepare me, Lord, to know Your Word and be strong in You, so when a tragedy, illness, or disappointment comes my way, it doesn't throw me, because I know it doesn't throw You! Give me confidence…give me joy in You, Lord! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
**Traitors!**

**SYNOPSIS**

Have you ever been betrayed by someone? Do you remember how it hurt? A traitor is someone who once held something to be true, then all of a sudden they turned around and went in the opposite direction. Maybe at work, in your neighborhood, or at church, you have found some people who suddenly denied what they once held to be true. A traitor before God denies his or her faith and turns his back on God the way you were hurt by a traitor. This is what you see happening in the second half of Daniel chapter 8.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Just to review, what nation does Daniel 8:21 tell us the shaggy goat represents? Who was its “first king” (who tried to conquer the earth)?

2. Read Daniel 8:8-12 again. What happens to this male goat and his horns as soon as he becomes mighty?

3. Draw a picture of the progression of these various horns so you have a clear idea of them in mind. Then we’ll look at the history this prophecy was foreshadowing.

4. List the things Daniel 8:10-12 says the small horn will do:

5. With whom does he magnify himself to be equal?

6. God doesn’t want us to be a traitor to Him and yield in temptation or a trial, but to be a sweet aroma of His life to others. Read Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 2:14; and 1 Corinthians 10:13 from the cross-references. How can we keep from being traitors to God?

7. In what ways are you doing your own will rather than seeking to know and follow God’s?

**Prayer**

Lord, I submit to You and Your will for my life. I never want to turn traitor to You. Forgive me for the ways I’ve rejected and ignored truth I’ve been taught…truth You’ve shown me in Your Word. Sharpen my sensitivity to recognize when I’m moving ahead in my own will, not consulting Yours. I know my own way is destined for failure and that hope and peace only come from a right relationship with You. Cleanse me, Lord, and lead me clearly in Your narrow paths. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Daniel’s Prayer

SYNOPSIS

In this ninth chapter, we see Daniel humbling himself before his God, treating God as God and wanting to obey Him. Read Daniel’s passionate heart’s cry in this ninth chapter. As you do, pray for God to reveal your sins and lead you to pray fervently for your people and nation.

QUESTIONS

1. When do events in this chapter take place compared to other events? Check the historical chart to see how they relate to the events in other chapters. About how old was Daniel at this time?

2. As you read, continue to mark the word prayer with a purple incense pot and also mark covenant red with a yellow rectangle around it. What was Daniel studying when he was motivated to pray for his people?

3. Read Jeremiah 29:4-14, the passage Daniel was reading. Why wouldn’t Daniel be excited knowing that there were only four years of captivity left to the seventy prophesied?

4. What does Daniel do according to verse 9:3 and why?

5. What sins does Daniel confess on behalf of himself and his people Israel? In the prayer, what are the most important things Daniel understands about God’s character (vv. 4-19)?

6. What have you learned about Daniel from this chapter to apply to your life?

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for my sin! I want to be right with You, God. I love You and I want to keep Your commandments. Help me to stand firm for what I believe. Help me to live for You and reveal You to others. Help me to dare to be a Daniel in the decisions I need to make today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
D o you feel like your life is out of control? Is it one calamity after another? Are you tempted to despair? You think things are falling apart around you… nothing is going right…you're under stress and strain…your stomach is tied up in knots…the faster you run, the more behind you get! Wait—there’s hope! Perhaps difficulties serve a purpose…to drive us to our knees to seek God!

Q U E S T I O N S

1. Read Daniel 9 again and this time mark the word “sin” with a black tombstone around the word whenever you see it and the words “great calamity” colored brown with red flames around them.

2. If you had only this one chapter in the Bible, how would you use it to show someone what the Word of God teaches about sin?

3. Read Daniel 9:6. One of the prophets God sent to speak His Word to you is Daniel. Have you listened to what you’ve heard and studied and acted upon it?

4. What sins of our nation should you confess today?

5. Read Deuteronomy 28:47. Do you have “joy and a glad heart”? What do you have to be thankful for today?

P r a y e r

O Lord, make me a person like Daniel! Give me a heart for You and for Your people. Help me recognize sin in my own life and culture and be willing to humble myself and seek You, even if the calamity doesn’t go away. Give me keener filters to recognize sin in my heart and motivate me to confess it to You. I want to be godly, Lord. I want to be obedient and walk in Your ways. Please help me! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
LESSON 34

TODAY’S TEXT
Daniel 9

Where’s That Verse?

CROSS-REFERENCES
Hebrews 10:4-10,14-17
Isaiah 9:6
Daniel 7:27

Did You Know?
The Hebrew word *shabuim* used for “weeks” in “70 weeks” (KJV, NAU) literally means “sevens” (NIV). So 70 weeks means 70 x 7 = 490. In Daniel 9:24, the “seventy sevens” can be 490 days, months or years. Only the context can determine which. From the broader biblical context we see that nothing happened in 490 days or months. That leaves the option of 490 years. We will soon see that 483 years lands us at the Cross.

A Wonderful Time!

SYNOPSIS

In the midst of Daniel’s heartfelt prayer in chapter 9, while he’s crying out to God and distraught over the sins of his people, God amazingly sends the angel Gabriel to comfort him. What Gabriel tells Daniel is absolutely wonderful. Let’s look at this prophecy together—probably the most wonderful prophecy in all of Daniel. Read Daniel chapter 9 again, especially verses 20-27.

QUESTIONS

1. When does this scene take place, according to Daniel 9:1? Mark the time phrase in this verse with a green time clock, and also mark the time phrase in verses 20 and 24-27.

2. What encouraging words did Gabriel give Daniel before the prophecy?

3. Read the sidebar. How many things are going to happen within the time period of 490 years? Number them on your Observation Worksheets.

4. Examine your own life. Would an angel from God give you the same message Gabriel gave Daniel: “You are highly esteemed”? Is there unconfessed sin in your life? Are you praying for a renewal of righteousness not only in your own life but also in your nation’s?

5. Be sure to include your thoughts on the chart, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today

Prayer

Father, open my eyes to see what’s keeping me from being “highly esteemed” of God. Cleanse me from sins I write off as “small” or “normal.” Forgive me for focusing on my own disappointments, hurts, and needs, instead of focusing my attention on You. Mold me to be Your messenger, Lord. Thank You that You hear and answer our prayers! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
God Weeps

SYNOPSIS

In 490 years, six things are going to happen according to the prophecy in Daniel 9. Three of the six deal with bringing sin to an end by making atonement for it. We know atonement for sin can only be made through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He died for our sins and was buried, but the third day He rose again from the dead. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God has declared us righteous!

QUESTIONS

1. What are the last three things prophesied to happen within this 490-year period of time?

2. Look at two segments mentioned in Daniel 9:25, 26. What's going to happen in the seven-week period, and what in the sixty-two weeks?

3. According to verse 27, what will happen during the final “week” of seven years? Has this prophecy been fulfilled yet?

4. Draw a simple timeline on this horizontal line, marking a perpendicular line for the seven weeks (with “forty-nine years” above it) and the sixty-two weeks (with “434 years” above it) for a total of sixty-nine weeks (483 years out of 490). Then put a cross where the Messiah is cut off and mark the last seven years with a perpendicular line to make 490. What do you observe?

5. Do you yearn to know God better through His Word? Write out your thoughts on the page, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today

Prayer

Father, help me be more disciplined in studying Your Word! I want to be like Daniel, highly esteemed in Your eyes because he was a man of The Book. He was a man who prayed... a man who sought You. Keep my eyes on what's most important, Lord, and save me from fear and anxiety over the things that don't matter as much. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.
Prayer

Lord, I want to know prophecy and be able to share it. I know You could have just laid it out like a manual and said “This is what’s going to happen” so I could read it and walk away. But You know every time I come to the Word of God I have an encounter with You! You want me to have an intimate relationship with You. And that’s what I desire, too. Teach me, Lord, through Your Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
In the Gap

**Synopsis**

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever” (Daniel 12:3). What encouraging words! We’re living in the gap of time between the 69th and 70th weeks of Daniel chapter 9. Let’s look at this break in time and see what Jesus said about it.

**Questions**

1. Let’s look first at Daniel 9:26. We’ve already seen how the city and sanctuary are in Jerusalem. Who does the text say will destroy them? When did this occur in history?

2. What else is “determined” to continue in this Holy Land according to verse 26?

3. What do you learn about the “he” in verse 27? List what you learn here, then answer the question: who is “he”? What kingdom does he come out of?

4. How does he relate to the “little horn” in Daniel 7:7,8?

5. Sixty-nine weeks have occurred since Messiah was cut off, crucified. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by Roman general Titus in A.D. 70. How are you and I to live within this “gap” before the 70th week of Daniel 9:27 occurs?

6. In Luke 21 Jesus tells us what will happen in this gap of time. Read verses 1-36 and again mark “the end” and “coming.” What do you learn from this chapter to bring you comfort and encouragement today?

**Prayer**

Father, make me stand boldly for You! Thank You for this gap of time You’ve given us to speak out for You before the end comes. I want to be faithful, Lord! Strengthen me to be a Daniel who will live for You and serve You in these last days! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Times of the Gentiles

SYNOPSIS

We’ve looked at the time gap between the Messiah and the 70th week of Daniel, between the first and second comings of Christ. Many call this period “the times of the Gentiles.” In Luke chapter 21, where we left off in our last program, Jesus was sitting with His disciples outside the temple. He had just told them the temple is going to be destroyed, and they have asked when it will be. He tells them what’s going to happen and how it will lead up to the time of the end.

QUESTIONS

1. Look at Luke 21:12. What things does Jesus warn His disciples will happen before the end?

2. Draw a green clock over the time phrases in Luke 21:20-24. How is this fulfilled in Daniel 9:26a?

3. In Luke 21:24 Jesus told His disciples the Jews would fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations. Did this dispersion of the Jews throughout all the world already happen?

4. During this gap we’re in right now, “the times of the Gentiles,” God is moving throughout the Gentile nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What do you sense from your study He wants You specifically to do during this period?

5. Read Romans 11. What’s the “mystery” in verse 25? Then what will happen?

6. Record the theme for chapter 9 on your Daniel at a Glance chart.

Prayer

Father, thank You for this incredible mystery—that I should be “grafted in” to Your family as part of Your amazing plan! Help me understand “the times of the Gentiles” and redeem these times, living in this gap in history before Your other prophecies come to pass. Make me keenly sensitive, Lord, about not wasting the precious time You’ve given me, but seizing every moment and every opportunity to speak out for You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Deceiver

**SYNOPSIS**

God does not want you to be blindsided! And so now He’s giving us in the most awesome of all of Daniel’s prophecies a time line for events so we can spot what’s going to happen. You and I can teach this prophecy to the next generation; and then if there's another generation, they can teach it to them…so they understand. Probably no prophecy is more complicated or controversial than this one in Daniel 9:24-27.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Let’s review! What happens to the temple and the Messiah after the sixty-nine weeks?

2. What has to be in place in verse 27? Who makes the covenant and with whom? For how long? Mark the time reference here with a green clock.

3. What happens in the middle of this time period? How many years into the “week” is the middle, if “one week” represents seven years? What’s prophesied to happen then?

4. Who are “the many” he makes the covenant with? Who is interested in making sacrifices and grain offerings? Where do they want to make them? So what is this prophecy about?

5. Notice what “he” does in the middle of the week. Does this timing agree with the timing mentioned for the little horn in Daniel 7:23-25? For how long a time will “the saints of the Highest One” be delivered into his hand?

6. Let’s go back to Daniel 9:27. Does it say every Jew is going to enter into this covenant with the prince who is to come? What is the covenant about…since it is broken in the middle of the week by this deceiver?

7. How does God want us to respond when we're deceived and hurt, knowing that God will bring everything out in the open in the end?

**Prayer**

Father, help me grab hold of You—and keep my eyes and faith on You, knowing You have all things in control. Thank You for making me Your child. I know, Lord, You will never deceive me. If I’m not yet sure I’m Your child, I want to come to You right now and say, “God, I want to know Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Your gift of eternal life.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.
A Peek at the End

SYNOPSIS
If you and I were watching a movie produced and directed by God, we would see that the villain always gets his just due. He does not “get away with it”; he does not escape. There is an end decreed for the villain in this story, and he will indeed receive it poured out on him. Let’s look at the end of the story.

QUESTIONS
1. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10, and mark each mention of the Lord’s return. What happens to those who disobey the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

2. What does Daniel 9:27 tell us comes at the “end of the story”? What happens to the prince after he puts a stop to sacrifices and grain offerings?


4. Read Revelation 13:1-8. How long is the beast given authority to act and speak blasphemy? How many years does this translate into? How much authority is given to this beast? Compare these verses again to Daniel 7:23-25.

5. How does John describe the people who do not worship him?

6. Now read Revelation 19:11-21. What happens to the beast in the end?

Prayer
Father, I can’t wait to see Your Son coming again…riding on a white horse! Thank You that His robe is dipped in blood—paying the penalty for my sins! I know I deserve Your judgment, Lord. When I think of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the passion of His soul to pay the penalty for my sin, I bow in awe and gratitude to You! How can You love me so much? Help me understand the holiness You demand—holiness that cannot let people escape from their sins. Help me give this message to those who don’t know You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
A Trustworthy Message

SYNOPSIS

The next three chapters of Daniel contain a very interesting prophecy—the final vision and message of Daniel. It’s so exciting because it ties everything together. You’re going to learn some very interesting things about our enemy and about yourself. Get ready for a vision that frightened Daniel, but it can bring hope and healing to you! This is a fascinating adventure we’re continuing together in the study of Bible prophecy!

QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel 10 in its entirety first, then go back and mark all the time phrases in verses 1-4 with a green clock over each. Since Cyrus’s reign follows Darius’s, where does that place these events with respect to the events in chapter 9?

2. What do you learn here about Daniel’s spiritual and physical conditions when he received this vision? Where was Daniel at the time of this vision? Underline it in green and mark the location on your map on page 45.

3. Knowing what you already know about Daniel's character and motivation, do you think he was mourning over his personal problems and concerns?

4. Look at the chart, The Feasts of Israel, from the New Inductive Study Bible, on pages 60-61 of this study guide. What celebrations would have already taken place in the month this vision occurred?

5. What did Daniel see? Mark the word “vision” with a blue cloud in Daniel 10 and draw the vision here:

6. What was the reaction of his two companions? What was Daniel’s reaction to the vision? How did the messenger touch and address Daniel?

7. Underline the phrase man of high esteem. Would God call you a person “of high esteem”?

Prayer

Father, speak to my heart through Your Word and work in my life. Correct the things in my life that need to be corrected. Help me to spend more time with You, listening to You and pouring over Your Word. Prepare me for what You have in the future. Mold me into a person of high esteem that seeks to continually deepen my relationship with You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
TODAY'S TEXT
Daniel 10

SYNOPSIS

We get marvelous insight into spiritual warfare in Daniel 10. Daniel gets a message. He's mourning and he seeks God for three weeks. Then he has this vision. He sees a man standing before him in glorious appearance, so glorious that Daniel falls flat on his face. When he gets to his hands and knees, the man in the vision says, “O Daniel, man of high esteem,” meaning, precious to God, valued highly by God, “understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word, Daniel stood up...trembling.

QUESTIONS

1. How long did the messenger of God say he had been enroute to Daniel? Why is the time span significant? What prevented him from coming sooner?

2. How did Daniel react? How did the vision and message affect Daniel’s strength and energy? What encouraging words did the angel give to Daniel?

3. Why did the messenger come?

4. Who is Michael? (Check the cross-reference in Daniel 12:1 for more.)

5. Read Daniel 10:14. What do you learn about the vision—to whom does it pertain and when will it be fulfilled?

6. According to Daniel 11:1, what is part of the job description of some angels? What difference does this make to our lives today?

Prayer

Father, what a blessing to realize Your ministering spirits are all around me! What an awesome God You are to encourage and protect us, to give us victory in the spiritual realm. Lord, thank You for buying our victory on the cross against rulers and powers and world forces of darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places. In Jesus’ all-powerful name, Amen.
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Israel had two harvests each year — spring and autumn
What a Battle!

SYNOPSIS

It’s part of our human nature to defend ourselves—to make ourselves look good and put others down. Who is behind this? Where does it originate from? This week we will do a mini-series on the devil to put everything into context since Daniel 10, 11, and 12 give us insight into the spiritual warfare going on in heaven and all around us.

QUESTIONS

1. Find the cross-references under Where’s That Verse? Every time you see the word devil or synonyms like serpent and authority, mark it with a red pitchfork ♯.

2. Record what you observed about the devil and spiritual warfare from these verses:

3. Describe times in your own life when you listened to Satan’s whispers, “Don’t pay any attention to God. Do your own thing. Run your own life. Don’t follow those commandments…!” What were the consequences?

4. According to Ephesians 6:10-19, what pieces of our armor do we have to help us win battles in this spiritual warfare?

5. How does this mini-study on spiritual warfare encourage you to pray differently?

6. Be sure to record the theme of chapter 10 in your Daniel at a Glance chart.

Prayer

Lord, I know Satan wants to destroy me and is attacking me where he knows I’m most vulnerable. Gird me up, Father, to be more than a conqueror through the power of Jesus Christ within me. Strengthen me for the battle. Help me stand firm and not lose heart. I know the battle is not mine; it’s Yours! I trust in You and I wait for Your victory! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Your Great Defender!

SYNOPSIS

Before we finish up our mini-series on spiritual warfare, let’s look at Revelation 12 for an insight into Satan we don’t get anywhere else in the Word of God. Read the chapter and carefully observe the woman John is talking about (vv. 1, 2, 4-6, 13-17). Then notice the dragon (vv. 3, 4, 7-17). You’ll remember from the last lesson that the dragon is called the serpent of old, the devil, Satan. Finally, note the child who is born and ascends to heaven (vv. 4, 5). Here is your power. Here’s the force working on your behalf in heavenly places and in earthly places. You can trust Him! You don’t need to feel weak and powerless today! You have a defender stronger than any of your accusers (Revelation 12:7-11)!

QUESTIONS

1. How is the woman described in verse 1? What do the stars on her crown represent? What does she seem to be a picture of?

2. How does Revelation 12 describe the dragon? How great is his power?

3. Who created this dragon and gave him his power?

4. What happens to the woman and her child? What happens to the dragon?

5. Revelation 12:4 mentions “stars of heaven.” Look at Job 1:6-12; 2:1; and 38:7. Who are these stars of heaven, these sons of God? What kinds of power does Satan have over a believer? Is his power limited or unlimited?

6. Look at Revelation 12 again. What’s going to happen to the dragon (Satan), at the end of time?

7. Until then, how do we overcome him?

Prayer

Lord, I know I have an accuser, but I also know from your Word he’s a defeated enemy. Thank you for my Great Defender, Jesus, sitting at Your right hand and making intercession for me. I know Your Word says Satan will be overcome by His blood and the word of our testimony. I know I am seated with Christ in heavenly places—far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name in heaven and earth. Since all things are under His feet, I don’t need to fear the future. I can trust You to protect me. Thank You, Lord! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
The Three Bad Guys

SYNOPSIS

Beloved, the end is coming and we triumph—we win! Before we continue our study of Daniel 11, let’s finish what we’ve been learning about spiritual warfare in Revelation 12. There, in the last three and a half years of the seventieth week of Daniel, we see Satan cast down to this earth (vv. 6-9). In other words, Daniel’s “little horn” gets power to tread down and crush the whole earth because Satan is down here on earth. But the clock is ticking away for him, my friend—he knows he has very little time left!

QUESTIONS

1. Read Revelation 12 again, especially verses 7-12. Mark all references to the devil with a red pitchfork ♰ and great wrath with red flames ♰. Why is the dragon filled with wrath?

2. Put a green clock on the reference to time ☵.

3. Now read Revelation 19:11-21 and mark lake of fire by double underlining it in green as you have been doing for geographical locations. Who is thrown into the lake of fire?

4. Read Revelation 20:1-15, and mark time references with a green clock ☵. Also continue to mark Satan with a red pitchfork.

5. How long does Satan stay bound? Then what? What is his final punishment?

6. Who else is thrown into the lake of fire?

7. Are you sure your name is written in the book of life? If not, acknowledge that Jesus Christ is God, believe that He paid for your sins. Repent and receive Him as your Savior and commit your life to Him right now and ask God to give you the assurance you’re part of His family!

Prayer

Father, I want to know without a shadow of a doubt that I’m on Your side…that I’ll spend eternity with You and not in the lake of fire. Thank You that Your Word says if I believe on Jesus Christ, I will be saved. Lord, come in and fill my heart, lead me in paths of righteousness, and speak to my heart, assuring me that I am Yours. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Lessons 46

**Life and Godliness**

**Synopsis**

When God speaks, He means what He says. When He says something is going to happen, He watches over His Word to fulfill it. We're going back to Daniel, but first let's look at prophecies that have been fulfilled and others signaling the coming of Christ. I want you to know that just as prophecies have been fulfilled in the past, the ones we have now that point to Christ's Second Coming will also come to pass. You can count on it!

**Questions**

1. Read Daniel 10:1 to remind yourself who was ruling Babylon when Daniel received this vision along the banks of the Tigris River (in modern-day Iraq).

2. What did Isaiah 44:28—45:13 prophesy nearly 200 years in advance about this king, Jerusalem, and the temple? Why was Cyrus anointed by God?

3. Look at 2 Chronicles 36:20-23. Where does Cyrus know his power comes from?

4. Read Daniel 11. What does Daniel 11:2-4 prophesy about kings?

5. Review the statue of Daniel 2, the four beasts of Daniel 7, the ram and the goat of Daniel 8, and then the prince who is going to arise and make a covenant and then break it in Daniel 9:24-27.

**Prayer**

Father, thank You for the great and precious promises in Your Word! I know You've given us everything we need for life and godliness. I want to know You more and walk in Your ways. I want to trust Your promises and not doubt. Help me sit at Your feet day by day, discovering Your truth for myself and applying it to my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.
Never Underestimate Him!

SYNOPSIS

The angelic messenger continues to reveal Israel’s future! We know God’s prophecies never fail! And He cares not only about the sweeping panorama of history, but also about the intricate details of our personal lives!

QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel 11 again. The “fourth” king in verse 2 appears to be Alexander the Great, who conquered Medo-Persia and built a huge empire in just four years. What happens to his empire according to the prophecy?

2. How do these events coincide with descriptions of the ram and the goat in Daniel 8? What is the picture of Alexander the Great there?

3. Look at your chart History of Israel’s Relationship to the Kings of Daniel 11 on page 71. What nation south of Israel identifies the “king of the South”? What nation is north of Israel (represented here by the “king of the North”)? Check the map on p. 10 if you’re not sure of their locations.

4. In Daniel 11:5-9 which king grows strong?

5. Daniel 11:10-19 describes conflicts between the king of the North, Syria, (which is what group in history?), and the king of the South, Egypt, (which is what group?). What is the Beautiful Land which is being affected?

6. The king mentioned in Daniel 11:21-31 appears to be Antiochus Epiphanes. How is he described there?

Prayer

Father, thank You so much for reminding me that I’m not alone and I don’t have to figure out the path ahead. I just need to trust You! Help me faithfully serve Your purposes in my generation! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
People Who Know Their God!

SYNOPSIS

Studying prophecy can be a little overwhelming! But how rewarding it is to get a better understanding of the future and insight into how to live today! Daniel 11:32, 33 encourages us in the light of all future events, “But the people who know their God will display strength and take action. Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many.” Israel, you’ll remember, was between two kings—Antiochus IV Epiphanes in the North (Syria) and Ptolemy VI Philometor in the South (Egypt). Antiochus invaded Egypt twice, but things didn’t turn out as he planned. Because of this, things turned out differently for Israel, too.

QUESTIONS

1. Let's read Daniel 11:21-35 again to get a description of Antiochus Epiphanes’ reign. Why do you suppose so many verses are devoted to the reign of this one man? Do you think he’s a forerunner or prototype of some other ruler to come?

2. As you read, mark all time references with a green clock and references to the end in red. What will this despicable man do?

3. How is Antiochus's reaction in Daniel 11:29-31 similar to the actions of the king you observed in Daniel 8:23-26? With the actions of the “small horn” in Daniel 8:9-14?

4. What would you do, faced with blatant persecution like this? Would you obey God or the king? Would you dare to stand firm and take action for your God regardless of consequences?

5. Stop and examine your life. How have your values and lifestyle been influenced by our culture? Are there ways you’re “caving in,” hiding your faith because it’s not “politically correct” to be bold about it? Are you preparing yourself by studying the Word of God to stand firm, display strength, and take action when times get tougher for believers?

Did You Know?

Antiochus IV Epiphanes’ march through Israel in 170 B.C. was the greatest religious persecution of Jews in their history to date. He tore down some of the walls of Jerusalem. He killed women and sold children into slavery. He was monstrously cruel and completely against the Jewish religion. He ordered his people to desecrate copies of the Torah by drawing profane symbols on these holy, sacred parchments. Since the sign of God’s covenant was circumcision, he prohibited circumcision. Circumcised baby boys were killed; then the father or mother was forced to drag it around by a rope tied to his or her neck. Antiochus set up a statue of Zeus in the temple and offered pigs on the altar. According to Jewish law, pigs were unclean and forbidden to be touched or eaten. To sacrifice a pig in the temple was the worst insult an enemy could level against the Jews.

The Maccabean revolt followed and freed Israel from these heathen oppressors. The Maccabees purified their temple, reinstituted holy sacrifices there, and relit the lampstand. Miraculously, oil sufficient for only one day lasted eight days until more could be sanctified. The Feast of Hanukkah annually celebrates this miracle and this time when the people who knew their God took action.

Prayer

Lord God, make me bolder like Daniel and the Maccabees. Open my eyes to see what’s wrong in our culture today, and help me to know Your Word well enough to display strength and speak up for what’s right and good. Give me wisdom…give me discernment, Lord. I pray that when I speak, it will be Your words speaking through me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Apostasy Is Coming!

SYNOPSIS

What keeps us from turning away in the day of testing? Daniel’s final prophecy shows us that before the day of the Lord, there’s going to be a great apostasy. An apostate is a person who once embraced something, said it was right and lived by it, then all of a sudden, turns from it. They throw it away and walk in the opposite direction. This is what we see in Daniel 11. How can you and I know God so well that we will not turn from Him in the time of testing?

QUESTIONS

1. Read Daniel 11:31-35 again and mark time phrases if you haven’t already and color end time red. What does Daniel 11:33-34 say will happen to many believers when persecution becomes severe?

2. Look back at the time phrases you marked in Daniel 11:27-35. Does verse 35 shift to another time?

3. Now read Daniel 11:36-45 and continue to mark time references with a green clock. Then mark references to the end time in red. How does this king compare with the little horn that comes out of the fourth kingdom of Daniel 7, 8, and 9?

4. What does the king do according to verse 45? Where does this happen?

5. Record the theme for Daniel 11 on your Daniel at a Glance chart.

6. Are you ready to stand strong in the end times no matter what kind of persecution comes, or are you likely to “join with the many in hypocrisy”? Are you diligently studying God’s Word and boldly taking every opportunity to speak out for Him?

Prayer

Father, I know that the trouble and persecution in my life right now pale in comparison with what’s prophesied in Daniel. Strengthen me, Lord, to stand strong for You now and in days ahead. Help me see my present difficulties as opportunities to trust You and to share Your Word with others. Use me in my weakness and pain to speak out boldly for You, despite rejection, apathy, and persecution. Thank You, Lord! In Jesus’ name, Amen.


A Remnant

SYNOPSIS

Daniel 12 continues the focus on the antichrist in chapter 11. What do you see in these verses that also speaks to the church right now? Will you dare to be a Daniel? Then, prepare to stand alone, if need be, no matter the cost. For the Son of Man will soon come to receive His kingdom…and the kingdom will be yours!

QUESTIONS

1. Read chapter 12 and again mark time references with a green clock and references to the end and the end of the time in red.

2. What do you observe in verses 1-3? What will happen to believers when this final “time of distress” occurs?

3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. What three things does Paul tell the Thessalonians will happen before Christ’s Second Coming? (Hint: Look for the third thing in verse 7. What do you think this means?)

4. What is the promise in Daniel 12:3? How does this promise help you set your priorities and govern your activities today? What’s the most important way we can spend our time until Christ returns?

5. Have you considered that day when you will stand before Christ and give an account for the deeds done in your body, good or bad, and be recompensed accordingly? What must you do to be prepared for that day? Write it out on the page, My Commitment to the Truth Based on What I’ve Learned Today.

6. Record the theme for chapter 12 on your Daniel at a Glance chart. What do you think the main theme (or themes) for the entire book of Daniel is?

Prayer

Lord, if it means our lives, we are in Your army and we lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel because we’re going to live forever with You! Thank You, Lord, for this teaching…for these prophecies in the book of Daniel! Help me to be a faithful student of Your Word. Make me eager to hear Your Word and do it! In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Jesus says, “Behold I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done” (Revelation 22:12).

O Beloved, thank you for studying Daniel with me. Thank you for being faithful. Thank you for hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

Will you dare to be a Daniel? Then, if need be, dare to stand alone, no matter the cost; for the Son of Man will soon come to receive His kingdom…and the kingdom will be yours.

I look forward to that day when you get your “A.U.G.” degree—“Approved Unto God”—and the reward that goes with it! Faithfulness to God always has a rich reward, not necessarily always in this life, but certainly in the life to come!

Lovingly,

[Dare to be a Daniel]

(words and music by Philip P. Bliss, 1873)

Standing by a purpose true, Heeding God’s command,
Honor them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel’s band!

Refrain

Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known.

Many mighty men are lost, Daring not to stand,
Who for God had been a host, By joining Daniel’s band.

Refrain

Many giants, great and tall, Stalking through the land,
Headlong to the earth would fall, If met by Daniel’s band.

Refrain

Hold the Gospel banner high! On to vict’ry grand!
Satan and his hosts defy, And shout for Daniel’s band.

Refrain
**History of Israel’s Relationship to the Kings of Daniel 11**

**Alexander the Great**
336-323 B.C.

The Large Horn of the Shaggy Goat of Greece (8:21)
Twenty-two years after Alexander’s death, Greece was divided among four of his generals (8:22).

**Lysimachus**
took Thrace and Bithynia

**Cassander**
took Macedonia

**Ptolemy I Soter**
took Egypt

**Seleucus I Nicator**
took Syria

Only Ptolemy I Soter and Seleucus I Nicator relate to Israel.

**Kings of the South—Egypt**

1. Ptolemy I Soter, 323-285 B.C. (11:5)

2. Ptolemy II Philadelphus, 245-221 B.C. (11:6)

3. Ptolemy III Euergetes, 245-221 B.C. (11:7-9)

4. Ptolemy IV Philopator, 221-203 B.C. (11:11, 12)


   
   * These kings ruled Israel

**Kings of the North—Syria**

1. Seleucus I Nicator, 312-281 B.C. (11:5)

2. Antiochus I Soter, (not referred to in Daniel)

3. Antiochus II Theos, 262-246 B.C. (11:6)

4. Seleucus II Callinicus, 246-226 B.C. (11:7-9)

5. Seleucus III Ceraunus, 226-223 B.C. (11:10)


7. Seleucus IV Philopator, 187-175 B.C. (11:20)

   
   (younger son of Antiochus III the Great)
The Historical Chart of the Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah

Kings of Assyria
- Shalmaneser IV (853-824)
- Ashur-dun III (824-816)
- Ashur-nirari (816-809)
- Tiglath-pileser III (809-776)
- Shalmaneser V (776-722)
- Sargon II (722-705)
- Sennacherib (705-681)

Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom)
- Josiah (640-609)
- Jehoahaz (609)
- Jehoiachin (609)
- Zedekiah (609-562)

Prophets to Judah (Southern Kingdom)
- Obadiah
- Joel
- Micah
- Oded
- Isaiah
- Hosea
- Amos
- Jonah
- Elisha

2 Chronicles
2 Kings

2 Chronicles 24-33
2 Kings 12-20

Historical Notes:
- Sennacherib invades Judah in 701 B.C.
- Northern tribes taken captive by Assyria in 722 B.C.
- Shalum for one month
- Jeroboam II taken captive by Assyria in 722 B.C.
The Historical Chart of the Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah

Kings of Babylon:
- Esarhaddon (681-669 B.C.)
- Ashurbanipal (669-669 B.C.)
- Sisamnerishkun (669-669 B.C.)

Medo-Persia:
- Cyrus (539-530 B.C.)

Books of the Bible (with chapter numbers):
- 2 Chronicles (34)
- 2 Kings (22)

Kings of Judah (Southern Kingdom):
- Manasseh (642-640 B.C.)
- Josiah (640-609 B.C.)
- Jehoiakim (609-609 B.C.)

Prophets to Judah (Southern Kingdom):
- Huldah (697-642 B.C.)
- Nahum (668-642 B.C.)
- Zephaniah (626-612 B.C.)
- Habakkuk (621-609 B.C.)

Prophets to Israel (Northern Kingdom):
- Ashur-tililani (633-629 B.C.)

Books of the Bible (with chapter numbers):
- Ezra (1-6)
- 2 Chronicles (34)

3 Stages of Captivity:
- 1. 70-year Jewish Captivity
- 2. Babylonian Captivity
- 3. Exile in Babylon

Zerubbabel returns, begins Temple 538 B.C.

Jerusalem and Temple destroyed:
- Temple work stopped 534 B.C.

Judah taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586 B.C.
# Daniel at a Glance

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DANIEL 1
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king’s court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king’s choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king’s personal service.

6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king’s choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,

10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your
faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you
would make me forfeit my head to the king.”

11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed
over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 “Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat
and water to drink.

13 “Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the
youths who are eating the king’s choice food; and deal with your servants according
to what you see.”

14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all
the youths who had been eating the king’s choice food.

16 So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to
drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every
branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and
dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the
commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king’s personal service.

20 As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted
them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who
were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king
Chapter Theme

NOW in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar,

Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 The king said to them, “I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream.”

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: “O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation.”

5 The king replied to the Chaldeans, “The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubblish heap.

6 “But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation.”

7 They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation.”

8 The king replied, “I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm,

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; therefore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation.”
The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

“Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.”

Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king’s bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

he said to Arioch, the king’s commander, “For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter,

so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

Daniel said,

“Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever,
For wisdom and power belong to Him.
21 “It is He who changes the times and the epochs;  
    He removes kings and establishes kings;  
    He gives wisdom to wise men  
    And knowledge to men of understanding.
22 “It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things;  
    He knows what is in the darkness,  
    And the light dwells with Him.
23 “To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,  
    For You have given me wisdom and power;  
    Even now You have made known to me what we requested of  
    You, For You have made known to us the king’s matter.”
24 Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed  
    to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as  
    follows: “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the  
    king’s presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king.”
25 Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king’s presence  
    and spoke to him as follows: “I have found a man among the  
    exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the  
    king!”
26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you  
    able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its  
    interpretation?”
27 Daniel answered before the king and said, “As for the mystery  
    about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers,  
    magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.
28 “However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He  
    has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in  
    the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind  
    while on your bed.
29 “As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to  
    what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries  
    has made known to you what will take place.
“But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

“You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome.

“The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

“You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

“Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

“This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

“You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

“After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

“Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.
41 “In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay.

42 “As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

43 “And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

44 “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 “Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, “Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court.
DANIEL 3
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald loudly proclaimed: “To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language,

5 that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 “But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.”

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every language fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: “O king, live forever! “You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image. “But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. “There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king.

Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?

“Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.
“But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

He commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

For this reason, because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire still tied up.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, “Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king.”

He said, “Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!”

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the midst of the fire.
27 The satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king’s high officials gathered around and saw in regard to these men that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

29 “Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

30 Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.
DANIEL 4
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language that live in all the earth: "May your peace abound!

2 "It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me.

3 "How great are His signs
And how mighty are His wonders
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.

5 "I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

6 "So I gave orders to bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 "Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners came in and I related the dream to them, but they could not make its interpretation known to me.

8 "But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteschazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, saying.

9 'O Belteschazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.
Now these were the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth and its height was great.

The tree grew large and became strong
   And its height reached to the sky,
   And it was visible to the end of the whole earth.

Its foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant,
   And in it was food for all.
   The beasts of the field found shade under it,
   And the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches,
   And all living creatures fed themselves from it.

I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

He shouted out and spoke as follows:
   "Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
   Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit;
   Let the beasts flee from under it
   And the birds from its branches.

Yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground,
   But with a band of iron and bronze around it
   In the new grass of the field;
   And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,
   And let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

Let his mind be changed from that of a man
   And let a beast’s mind be given to him,
   And let seven periods of time pass over him.

This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers
   And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
   In order that the living may know
   That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,
   And bestows it on whom He wishes
   And sets over it the lowliest of men.”
‘This is the dream which I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell me its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the wise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.’

“Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’ Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!

‘The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth and whose foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged— it is you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth.

‘In that the king saw an angelic watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, “Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze around it in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts of the field until seven periods of time pass over him,”

this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.
26 ‘And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.

27 ‘Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.’

28 “All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 “Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 “The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’

31 “While the word was in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,

32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.’

33 “Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

34 “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.
35 “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven
And among the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can ward off His hand
Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’

36 “At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and
splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and
my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was rees-
tablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to
me.

37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of
heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is
able to humble those who walk in pride.”
Chapter Theme

Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

4 They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

5 Suddenly the fingers of a man’s hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.

6 Then the king’s face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together.

7 The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, “Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third ruler in the kingdom.”

8 Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.
9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

10 The queen entered the banquet hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale.

11 “There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans and diviners.

12 “This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation.”

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?

14 “Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you.

15 “Just now the wise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they could not declare the interpretation of the message.

16 “But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its interpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.”
Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

“O king, the Most High God granted sovereignty, grandeur, glory and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.

“Because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations and men of every language feared and trembled before him; whomever he wished he killed and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated and whomever he wished he humbled.

“But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him.

“He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts, and his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and that He sets over it whomever He wishes.

“Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this,

but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and your ways, you have not glorified.

“Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out.
“Now this is the inscription that was written out: ‘MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.’

“This is the interpretation of the message: ‘MENE’—God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.

“‘TEKEL’—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.

“‘PERES’—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.”

Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.

That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.

So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.
IT seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom,

and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss.

Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.

Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

Then these men said, “We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God.”

Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: “King Darius, live forever!

“All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions’ den.

“Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.”
Therefore King Darius signed the document, that is, the injunction.

Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.

Then they approached and spoke before the king about the king's injunction, “Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?” The king replied, “The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.”

Then they answered and spoke before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day.”

Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, “Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed.”

Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.”

A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel.
Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions’ den.

When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

Then Daniel spoke to the king, “O king, live forever!

“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.”

Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives into the lions’ den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language who were living in all the land: “May your peace abound!

“I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be forever.
“He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”

So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.
DANIEL 7
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme

IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.

2 Daniel said, “I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 “And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 “The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

5 “And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, ‘Arise, devour much meat!’

6 “After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 “After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 “While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.
“I kept looking
Until thrones were set up,
And the Ancient of Days took His seat;
His vesture was like white snow
And the hair of His head like pure wool.
His throne was ablaze with flames,
Its wheels were a burning fire.

“A river of fire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;
Thousands upon thousands were attending Him,
And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him;
The court sat,
And the books were opened.

“Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words
which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

“As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

“I kept looking in the night visions,
And behold, with the clouds of heaven
One like a Son of Man was coming,
And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.

“And to Him was given dominion,
Glory and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations and men of every language
Might serve Him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
Which will not pass away;
And His kingdom is one
Which will not be destroyed.
“As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

“I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

“These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.

“But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.’

“Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

“I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

‘As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

‘He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.
‘But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

“At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”
Chapter Theme

IN the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously.

2 I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal.

3 Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last.

4 I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself.

5 While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

7 I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

8 Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.
Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.

It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?”

He said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.”

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man.

And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, “Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.”

So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, “Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.”

Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright.

He said, “Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.”
“The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

“The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

“The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

“In the latter period of their rule,
When the transgressors have run their course,
A king will arise,
Insolent and skilled in intrigue.

“His power will be mighty, but not by his own power,
And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree
And prosper and perform his will;
He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.

“And through his shrewdness
He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence;
And he will magnify himself in his heart,
And he will destroy many while they are at ease.
He will even oppose the Prince of princes,
But he will be broken without human agency.

“The vision of the evenings and mornings
Which has been told is true;
But keep the vision secret,
For it pertains to many days in the future.”

Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.
DANIEL 9
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme ______________________________________________________________________________

IN the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORd to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

3 So I gave my attention to the LORd God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORd my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O LORd, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

6 “Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 “Righteousness belongs to You, O LORd, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.

8 “Open shame belongs to us, O LORd, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 “To the LORd our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him;
nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets.

“Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

“Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.

“As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.

“Therefore the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

“And now, O LORD our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

“O LORD, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.

“So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O LORD, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.
“O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.

“O LORD, hear! O LORD, forgive! O LORD, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

“At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

“So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”
IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks.

3 I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.

6 His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

7 Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.
Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

“Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

“For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.

He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”
Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.

“However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.
“IN the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.

2 “And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.

3 “And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.

4 “But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

5 “Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed.

6 “After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in those times.

7 “But one of the descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against their army and enter the fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display great strength.
“Also their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years. "Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

“His sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress.

“The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.

“When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

“For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.

“Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down.

“Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

“But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

“He will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be on his side.
“Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.

“So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.

“Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle.

“In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

“The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

“After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.

“In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

“He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

“Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.

“As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

“Then he will return to his land with much plunder; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and then return to his own land.
“At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

“For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

“Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

“By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

“Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.

“Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.

“Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

“Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

“He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.

“But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.
“He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

“At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

“He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

“Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

“But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

“But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

“He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.
DANIEL 12
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme

“NOW at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

2 “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

3 “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

4 “But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?”
He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

“Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

“From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

“How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”
Chapter Theme

1 “Come down and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon;
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans!
For you shall no longer be called tender and delicate.

2 “Take the millstones and grind meal.
Remove your veil, strip off the skirt,
Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.

3 “Your nakedness will be uncovered,
Your shame also will be exposed;
I will take vengeance and will not spare a man.”

4 Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,
The Holy One of Israel.

5 “Sit silently, and go into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans,
For you will no longer be called
The queen of kingdoms.

6 “I was angry with My people,
I profaned My heritage
And gave them into your hand.
You did not show mercy to them,
On the aged you made your yoke very heavy.

7 “Yet you said, ‘I will be a queen forever.’
These things you did not consider
Nor remember the outcome of them.

8 “Now, then, hear this, you sensual one,
Who dwells securely,
Who says in your heart,
'I am, and there is no one besides me.
I will not sit as a widow,
Nor know loss of children.'

9 “But these two things will come on you suddenly in one day:
Loss of children and widowhood.
They will come on you in full measure
In spite of your many sorceries,
In spite of the great power of your spells.

10 “You felt secure in your wickedness and said,
‘No one sees me,’
Your wisdom and your knowledge, they have deluded you;
For you have said in your heart,
‘I am, and there is no one besides me.’

11 “But evil will come on you
Which you will not know how to charm away;
And disaster will fall on you
For which you cannot atone;
And destruction about which you do not know
Will come on you suddenly.
Chapter Theme

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

“From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.

“And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

saying, ‘Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever;

and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.’

“Yet you have not listened to Me,” declares the LORD, “in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

“Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

‘Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

‘This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
THEN there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

“Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

“And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.

13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

18 “And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.
A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,

“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.
“For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time.”

And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.

So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.
Chapter Theme

AND the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?”

5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon.

12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.
13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.
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Suggested Markings for Key Words

- **Daniel**
- **Nebuchadnezzar**
- **God**
- **Commander of Hosts**
- **Jesus**
- **The Lord gave**
- **Geographical locations: Judah**
- **Obey**
- **Did not obey**
- **Dream, vision**
- **Image**
- **Prayer**
- **Saints**
- **Goat**
- **Rather small horn**
- **4th beast**
- **Little horn**
- **4th Kingdom, feet, toes**
- **Worship**
- **Injunction**
- **Interpretation of dreams**
- **Kingdom**
- **Sin**
- **Covenant**
- **The coming**
- **Sacrifice**
- **Ram**
- **The end**
- **Your people** (Daniel’s people, the Jews)
- **Man of high esteem**
- **Great wrath**
- **Devil, serpent of old, Satan**
- **Therefore**
- **Calamity**
- **References to time**
- **Listen**
- **Did not listen**