

LESSON 68 *Daniel*

DANIEL

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OBSERVATIONS

1. When and where did Daniel prophesy and how did he end up serving in the king's palace? (Chapter 1)
2. Why didn't Daniel and his friends eat the king's food? What was the outcome? (Chapter 1)
3. What names were given to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah? (Chapter 1)
4. How did these young men compare to the magicians and enchanters in Babylon? (Chapter 1)
5. When the king asked Daniel if he could interpret the dream, what was his answer and explanation of how he could know? What was the dream and interpretation? (Chapter 2)
6. What was Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's punishment for not bowing to idols? What resulted from God saving them from this punishment? (Chapter 3)
7. What was Daniel's interpretation of the tree? Did Nebuchadnezzar repent or was the dream fulfilled? (Chapter 4)
8. Did Nebuchadnezzar's son, Belshazzar, learn from his father's mistakes and humble himself? What was the meaning of mene, mene, tekel, parsin? (Chapter 5)
9. Why did the other administrators scheme against Daniel? Did they find any wrong in Daniel to report to the king? (Chapter 6)
10. How did Daniel survive the lion's den? What happened to Daniel's enemies? (Chapter 6)
11. What was the interpretation of Daniel's dream of four beasts? (Chapter 7)
12. What was the meaning of the dream concerning a ram and a goat? (Chapter 8)
13. When Daniel was praying and fasting about Israel's seventy years of captivity, what word did God give him concerning sevens? (Chapter 9)
14. The angel describes the wars between the kings of the north and south. He was detained coming to Daniel but who helped him? (Chapters 10 & 11)
15. What does this chapter tell us the outcome of all this will be? (Chapter 12)

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DEEPER THOUGHT

1. What lesson can we learn from Daniel and the young men being healthier than the others even though they refused to eat the royal food? (Chapter 1)
2. What can we learn from Daniel's attitude about interpreting the king's dream and his subsequent promotion? (Chapter 2)
3. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not say God would for sure deliver them. Was this a lack of faith? (Chapter 3)
4. Although God used Nebuchadnezzar to judge Israel, He also judged Nebuchadnezzar harshly. Why? What do we learn from this? (Chapter 4)
5. What important lesson can be learned from the scheming and punishment of Daniel's enemies and his deliverance from the lions? (Chapter 6)
6. Why are the interpretations of Daniel's visions and dreams not more clear, so that we know exactly which nations and what times God is talking about? (Chapter 6)

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Consider this:

If we consider each of Daniel's "weeks" to be seven year periods, the sixty two and sixty nine weeks do indeed correspond to the time of the command to rebuild Jerusalem (Artaxerxes in 45 BC) to the Messiah coming and then being "cut off." (Jesus in 30 AD)

ANSWERS TO LESSON 68

OBSERVATIONS

1. In the 3rd year of King Jehoiakim, Daniel was carried away to Babylon with other exiles. He was chosen to serve because of his nobility and excellent character traits. (1:1-4)
2. They didn't want to defile themselves with unclean food. Although they ate only vegetables and water, they were healthier than all the other young men. (1:8-15)
3. Belshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. (1:7)
4. They were ten times wiser and more knowledgeable. (1:19-20)
5. Daniel said no man could, but God could. The dream was of a statue made of different metals, that was crushed by a rock not cut by human hands, which later turned into a mountain that covered the whole earth. The statue represented different kingdoms and their future, including Babylon that was the gold head. (2:26-35)
6. They were thrown into a fiery furnace. When God saved them, Nebuchadnezzar declared the God of Israel to be honored. (3)
7. The tree was Nebuchadnezzar who would be cut down. The dream was fulfilled, but later Nebuchadnezzar was restored. (4)
8. No, God has numbered Belshazzar's ruling days. They have been weighed in the scales and found wanting. The kingdom would be divided between the Medes and Persians. (5)
9. They were jealous. No. (6:1-5)
10. An angel stopped lions' mouths and his enemies were thrown to the lions. (6:6-24)

11. The beasts were four kingdoms. The ten horns are ten kings who will rise from the fourth kingdom. The fourth kingdom will speak against God and oppress the saints for a time, but God would destroy it. (7:15-28)
12. The ram's two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat is Greece. The horns are four kingdoms that will replace the one king. One of the four will become very strong, but God will destroy him also. (8:15-27)
13. From the time of the decree to restore Jerusalem until the Messiah comes would be 62 sevens. Then the anointed one would be cut off and the city would fall. (9:24-27)
14. The prince of the Persian kingdom resisted him 21 days, but Michael the angel helped him in the battle. (10:12-14)
15. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. The words would be sealed up until the end. (12:9-10)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. If we consecrate ourselves to God, he will make us spiritually healthy, even when the world tempts us to participate in sinful things. (1)
2. If we humble ourselves and give God the glory, He will promote us. (2)
3. No, faith is believing God will do what is best. Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust him." (3)
4. Nebuchadnezzar was proud. Although God can use us in many ways, we need to remain humble. (4)
5. God will protect us if we acknowledge him even when it looks like scheming is going against us. (6)
6. The Lord has specific times for each thing to come to light. The understanding of these deep things will come to those who earnestly seek God.