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STANDING BY A PURPOSE TRUE

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

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

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

Hold the temperance banner high!
On to victory grand!
Satan and his host defy,
And shout for Daniel's band!

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

-P.P. Bliss



Lesson 1

CAPTIVES IN A HEATHEN LAND

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 1.

MEMORY VERSE: “... *Them that honour Me I will honour,...*” 1 Samuel 2:30.

Among the children of Israel who were captives in Babylon were some who remained faithful to God. Even though they were taken into magnificent cities and into the court of the king, they remained humble and true to the God of heaven.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What was the name of the Babylonian king?

- a. Nebuchadnezzar
- b. Darius
- c. Daniel

King Nebuchadnezzar decided that four young men of the children of Judah should be trained to fill important positions in his kingdom. This is recorded in the book of Daniel.



CIRCLE THE LETTERS OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS.

2. Who of the princes of Judah were chosen to fill high positions?

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| a. Joseph | e. Mishael |
| b. Daniel | f. John |
| c. Isaac | g. Abraham |
| d. Hananiah | h. Azariah |

The names of Daniel and his companions were changed to those of Chaldean gods. The king did not make the Hebrew young men give up their faith; but he hoped that, by doing little things like this, a gradual change would take place until they would worship the Chaldean gods.

3. Match the youths' Hebrew names with their Babylonian names.

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| a. Daniel | 1. Meshach |
| b. Hananiah | 2. Belteshazzar |
| c. Mishael | 3. Abednego |
| d. Azariah | 4. Shadrach |

Since Daniel and his companions had been trained by their parents to live habits of strict temperance, they did not want to eat the king's food nor drink his wine. They knew that the king would be displeased with this.



TRUE OR FALSE?

4. They decided to obey the king instead of God. T/F

Daniel's decision is found in Daniel 1:8. He "purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:..."



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.

5. To whom did Daniel and his friends appeal in this matter?

- Nebuchadnezzar the king.
- Melzar, the officer in charge of the students
- The magicians in the kingdom.

They asked for a ten-day test. During this time, they would eat simple food while the others ate the king's food and drink, a portion of which had been offered to idols.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 6. At the end of the ten days, the Hebrew youth were much healthier than their companions. T/F**

As a result of the test, the young men were allowed to continue their simple diet for their entire course of training.





Lesson 2

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 2:1-23.

MEMORY VERSE: *"I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou God of my Fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might,..." Daniel 2:23.*

Shortly after Daniel and his friends entered the service of King Nebuchadnezzar, he had a remarkable dream. It bothered him so much that he could not sleep; but although his mind was deeply impressed by the dream, he could not recall the details.

CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar do?

- a. Went back to sleep.
- b. Asked for God's help to remember the dream.
- c. Called the magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers.

Nebuchadnezzar asked the wise men to help him relieve his troubled mind. They told the king to tell them the dream, and then they would tell him what it meant. The king said, "The thing is gone from me." Besides, if they could tell him the dream, then he knew they could interpret it.

2. Fill in the blanks with the answer of the wise men.

"Let the king tell his _____ the _____, and we will _____ the _____ of it." Daniel 2:7.

3. What was Nebuchadnezzar's reaction to this answer?

- a. He ordered all the wise men to be killed.
- b. He left the room.
- c. He told them the dream.

The magicians were afraid, so they tried to explain to the king that his request was not reasonable and that no man could do what he asked.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

4. Nebuchadnezzar agreed with them and said that everything was all right. T/F

Daniel heard about what had happened. He took his own life in his hands, went to the king, and begged him to spare the lives of the wise men for a time so he could petition God to reveal to him the dream and its interpretation. Nebuchadnezzar agreed to this plan.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

5. What did Daniel do next?

- a. Went to see the captain of the guard.
- b. Told his three companions what had happened.
- c. Went to the magicians.

Together in prayer, Daniel and his companions sought for wisdom from the Source of light and knowledge. They prayed to God and pleaded with Him to grant them deliverance in their special time of need. The Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and the dream was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.

6. What did Daniel do as soon as God showed him the dream?

- a. He went to tell King Nebuchadnezzar.
- b. He thanked God.
- c. He rested.

Daniel's Prayer of Gratitude

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him. I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of Thee: for Thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter." Daniel 2:20-23.





Lesson 3

THE IMAGE

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 2:24-49.

MEMORY VERSE: *“But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets,...” Daniel 2:28.*

After thanking God for revealing the dream to him, Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had commanded to kill the wise men. Quickly the officer brought Daniel in before the king. The king asked if Daniel could make known the dream and its meaning.

CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Whom did Daniel say was able to reveal secrets?

- a. God
- b. The Hebrew young men

2. What did Daniel say the dream was about?

- a. Wars
- b. An image
- c. Riches
- c. Arioch

"Thou, O king, sawest and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." Daniel 2:31-35.

3. Was Daniel correct in his description of the dream?

Daniel told the king that he (Nebuchadnezzar) was the head of gold. Daniel explained that other kingdoms would come after Babylon, but they would not be as rich.

4. Who would set up a kingdom that would never fall?

Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:44.


The king recognized that Daniel was correct in describing the dream, so, under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, he was willing to believe its meaning. Humbling himself, he fell on his face before Daniel, saying, "Your God is a God of gods."



TRUE OR FALSE

5. Nebuchadnezzar overruled his original decree to destroy the wise men. T/F

The king made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief of the governors.

 **MATCH THE PARTS OF THE IMAGE WITH THE MATERIALS OF WHICH IT WAS MADE. WRITE THE NAMES OF EACH METAL NEXT TO THE CORRECT PART ON THE PICTURE BELOW.**

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| a. Head | 1. Brass |
| b. Breast and arms | 2. Silver |
| c. Belly and thighs | 3. Iron and clay |
| d. Legs | 4. Gold |
| e. Feet | 5. Iron |





Lesson 4

THE FIERY FURNACE

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 3.

MEMORY VERSE: "A faithful man shall abound with blessings..."
Proverbs 28:20.

For a while, King Nebuchadnezzar was influenced by the fear of God. But the more prosperous his reign became, the more he was filled with pride. Soon he stopped honoring God and returned to worshiping idols. Under the influence of his wise men, the king had a huge golden image created. It was similar to the one in his dream, except that it was made entirely of gold. Representatives from the entire empire were called to the dedication of the gold statue.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 1. What were the representatives supposed to do to show their loyalty to the king and Babylon?**
 - a. Pray to King Nebuchadnezzar.
 - b. Bow down and worship the idol he had set up.
 - c. Pay money to the treasury.
- 2. When were they to do this?**
 - a. In the morning.
 - b. When the king came.
 - c. When they heard the music.

On the appointed day, all who were gathered fell down and worshipped the golden image when the music was played. But there were three men who were determined to worship only the God of heaven. Their God was King of kings and Lord of lords; they would bow to none other.

3. Name the three men who would not bow to the golden image.

Some of the wise men who were jealous of the honors that had been given to the faithful companions of Daniel went to King Nebuchadnezzar and told him that the three men would not bow down to the image.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

4. The king commanded the three young men to be brought to him. T/F

The king tried to threaten them by saying they would receive a terrible punishment if they did not bow to the golden image. But the young men would not change their minds, and they explained why not.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

5. What punishment was to be their fate if they did not worship the image?

- a. Be thrown into a fiery furnace.
- b. Be put into a lions' den.
- c. Be stoned.

The king was so angry that he commanded the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than normal and told the mighty men of the army to tie up the Hebrews and throw them into the furnace. The fire was so hot that it killed the soldiers who threw the men in.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

6. Because God allowed them to be thrown into the furnace, He must have forgotten Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. T/F

When the king looked into the furnace, he really got a shock. Instead of three men, there were four. They were not tied up, and they were walking around! The fire had no effect on them!

7. Whom did King Nebuchadnezzar say the fourth Man was?

Yes, God took care of His faithful servants. Their lives were spared, because they determined to worship the only true God.

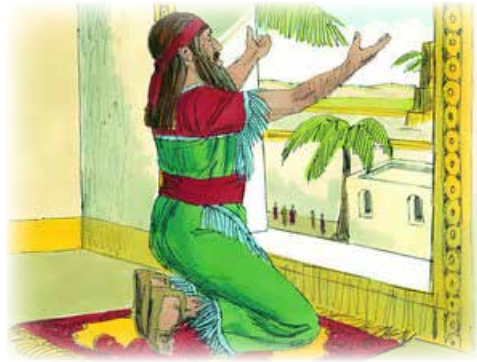
King Nebuchadnezzar ordered the men to come out of the furnace. He recognized Jesus, the Son of God, and was humbled. He made another decree.



FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS (A=1, B=2, ETC.)

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4 5 12 9 22 5 18 after this 19 15 18 20."

God was pleased that King Nebuchadnezzar confessed his loyalty to Him and showed Him reverence. The king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.



Lesson 5

ANOTHER DREAM

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 4.

MEMORY VERSE: *"If we confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.*

For a while, King Nebuchadnezzar remained humble and respected God. But as Babylon became a greater and greater city, he began to be so proud that he was in real danger of spoiling his record as a wise ruler.

CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 1. What did God do to warn Nebuchadnezzar of his danger?**
 - a. He sent a messenger to him.
 - b. He punished him.
 - c. He sent him another dream.
- 2. What did Nebuchadnezzar see in this dream?**
 - a. A golden image
 - b. A great tree
 - c. A beast

The tree was very tall and beautiful. Animals were sheltered under it, and birds built their nests in its branches. It was abundant with fruit to feed all.

Then the king saw, in the dream, a Watcher, a Holy One, who said that the tree should be cut down. The king was troubled by the dream, because he realized it meant that something bad was going to happen. Once again he turned to the magicians and soothsayers to tell him the meaning of the dream.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

3. This time the magicians were able to tell the king what the dream meant. T/F

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

4. What did King Nebuchadnezzar do next?

- a. He sent for Daniel.
- b. He killed the magicians.
- c. He forgot the dream.

Nebuchadnezzar told Daniel the dream, and to him the meaning was very plain. He knew that his own life could be in danger if the king was displeased with the interpretation. It was a fearful message that he had to give to the king. Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that for seven years he would lose his mind, live with the beasts of the field, and eat grass as an ox, until he acknowledged that "God ruleth in the kingdom of men."

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

5. Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar he must turn away from sin and show mercy to the poor. T/F

For a while the king was impressed with the warning and counsel of the prophet, but his heart had not been changed. Soon Nebuchadnezzar went back to his old habits of pride and selfishness. He was given many chances to heed God's warning, but he refused to do so. Therefore, for seven years, he was humbled before all the world, eating grass in the field like an animal. After that, his reason was restored, and he publicly acknowledged his guilt and God's great mercy.

6. Fill in the blanks to find out what King Nebuchadnezzar said after the seven years were over, during which he lived out in the fields like an animal.

“At the _____ of the _____ I _____
lifted up mine _____ unto _____,
and mine _____ returned unto
me, and I _____ the _____ High, and
I _____ and _____ Him that
_____ for _____,....” Daniel 4:34.

“God’s purpose that the greatest kingdom in the world should show forth His praise, was now fulfilled. This public proclamation, in which Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the mercy and goodness and authority of God, was the last act of his life recorded in sacred history.”
–*Prophets and Kings*, p. 521.





Lesson 6

THE GREAT FEAST

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 5.

MEMORY VERSE: *“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21.*

Sixty years after Daniel and his friends were taken into captivity, Babylon came under the rule of the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar.

 CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. What was this king's name?

- a. Belteshazzar
- b. Nebuchadnezzar II
- c. Belshazzar

This man was an unwise and weak ruler. Although he knew all about his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar's conversion and God's decree, he let the love of pleasure and self-gratification take first place in his heart. He was not afraid of anything. It did not even worry him when the city of Babylon was besieged by Cyrus, the commander of the armies of the Medes and Persians. In fact, the king decided to hold a huge feast!

2. How many people were present at the feast?

- a. 100
- b. 500
- c. 1,000

The people at the feast drank more and more wine. They praised their idols and committed all sorts of sins, the worst of which was bringing the sacred vessels of the temple of God and drinking wine out of them. They continued this mindless revelry until God's presence was made known in the hall. All of a sudden, a bloodless hand appeared and wrote on the palace wall words of doom for the king and his guests.

3. What words were written on the wall? Daniel 5:25.

Everyone became instantly quiet and sober. They were terrified, and King Belshazzar was the most terrified of all. It was he who was responsible for the rebellion against God that night. He tried without success to read the burning letters. He turned to the wise men; but they, too, were unable to read the writing.

4. Whom did the queen mother tell King Belshazzar he should call for help?

- a. More magicians
- b. Daniel
- c. Shadrach

When Daniel came in, Belshazzar promised him many things if he could explain the handwriting on the wall. The king promised him clothes of scarlet, a chain of gold around his neck, and the third place as ruler of the kingdom.

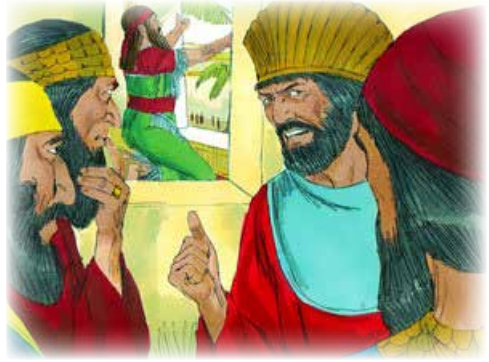
5. Did Daniel want such gifts?

When Daniel interpreted the writing, he told the king that he had not humbled his heart or glorified God in his actions. He said that the king would fall and the kingdom would pass into other hands.

MATCH THE WORDS WITH THEIR MEANINGS. SEE DANIEL 5:26-28.

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| a. <i>Mene</i> | 1. God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. |
| b. <i>Tekel</i> | 2. Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting. |
| c. <i>Peres</i> | 3. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. |

The guests were still in the hall when a messenger arrived and told the king that Babylon had been taken by the Medes and Persians. That night King Belshazzar was slain, and another monarch sat upon the throne.



Lesson 7

DANIEL STANDS FIRM

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 6:1-10.

MEMORY VERSE: "... Forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. " Daniel 6:4.

When Darius the Mede took over the throne of Babylon, the first thing he did was reorganize the government.

 CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. How many princes did he set over the kingdom?

- a. 120
- b. 102
- c. 3

2. How many presidents did he set over the princes?


- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

Daniel was the first of these presidents and was preferred above the others, because an excellent spirit was in him. Daniel is a good example of how being faithful to the Lord in all things will bring blessings.

3. How did Daniel's enemies feel about the honor King Darius bestowed upon Daniel?

- a. Angry
- b. Happy
- c. Jealous

Daniel's enemies wanted to get rid of him, but they had a problem; they could find nothing wrong that Daniel had done so they could accuse him before the king. Therefore, the presidents and princes got together and devised a plan that they hoped would bring about Daniel's death.

 **TRUE OR FALSE**

4. The princes and presidents asked King Darius to sign a decree forbidding any person to ask anything of any god or man except Darius for 30 days. T/F

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

5. What would be the punishment for the "crime"?

- a. Death by stoning.
- b. Death in the lions' den.
- c. Slavery

Darius signed the decree, and the prophet's enemies counted on Daniel's firm principle in obeying God to make their plan succeed.

6. Do you think Daniel knew what his enemies were planning?

Daniel did not change his daily habits in any way. He performed his duties as chief of the presidents and princes; and, when it was time to pray, he did so, as was his usual custom. With his windows open, he prayed to the God of Israel. He did not try to hide what he was doing, even though he knew the consequences of his faithfulness to God.

Daniel's firm stand for the principles of truth is an example for all of us. Our slogan should be, "Dare to be a Daniel!"



FIND THESE NAMES IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

Abednego

Belshazzar

Cyrus

Darius

Melzar

Arioch

Belteshazzar

Daniel

Medes

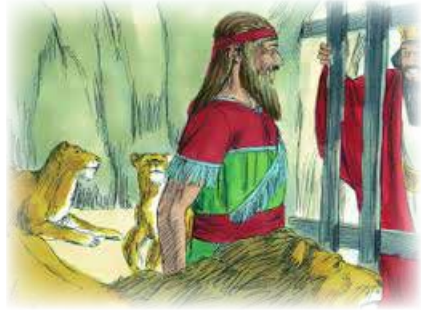
Meshach

Nebuchadnezzar

Persians

Shadrach





Lesson 8

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 6:11-28.

MEMORY VERSE: "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee:..." Psalm 76:10.

"Daniel stands before the world today a worthy example of Christian fearlessness and fidelity." —*Prophets and Kings*, p. 542. For the whole day, the officials watched Daniel to see what he would do.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. How many times did Daniel pray that day?

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

The next day, Daniel's enemies reported to the king that Daniel had defied his decree. When King Darius heard the report, he knew at once that a trap had been set for his faithful servant. He saw immediately that it was jealousy that led the men to propose the royal decree.

2. How did Darius feel about this trick?

- a. He was unhappy with himself for being deceived.
- b. He was upset with Daniel.
- c. He did not care.

Sensing that the king was wavering in his decision, the princes pressed him until he commanded that Daniel be cast into the lions' den.



FILL IN THE BLANKS.

3. What wonderful thing did the king say to Daniel? Daniel 6:16.

"Thy _____ whom thou servest _____, He will _____ thee. "

A stone was placed on the mouth of the lions' den, and the king sealed it with his official seal.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

4. What did Darius do all that night?

- a. Slept
- b. Fasted
- c. Danced

Early the next morning, Darius hurried to the den. He was very concerned about what he would find.

5. Was Daniel still alive the next morning?

6. Who shut the lions' mouths?

- a. God
- b. An angel
- c. Soldiers

Daniel was alive and unhurt, and the king was very happy about that. He commanded that Daniel be taken out of the den.

7. What happened to those who had plotted to destroy Daniel?

- a. They were thrown into the lions' den.
- b. They were sent away.
- c. They were given better positions.

Once more a proclamation was issued by a heathen ruler. King Darius decreed: "I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for He is the living God, and steadfast for ever,..."

"From the story of Daniel's deliverance, we may learn that in seasons of trial and gloom, God's children should be just what they were when their prospects were bright with hope and their surroundings all that they could desire." –*Prophets and Kings*, p. 545.





Lesson 9

VISION OF FOUR BEASTS

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 7.

MEMORY VERSE: *"I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets." Hosea 12:10.*

During his lifetime, Daniel was given several visions by God. Some of these visions were prophecies—messages of things to happen in the future. They are recorded in the holy Scriptures. During the reign of King Belshazzar, Daniel had a vision showing four beasts coming out of the sea.

MATCH EACH BEAST WITH ITS DESCRIPTION. SEE DANIEL 7:3-7.

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| a. First beast | 1. Leopard with wings of a fowl and four heads |
| b. Second beast | 2. Lion with eagle's wings |
| c. Third beast | 3. Beast with iron teeth and ten horns |
| d. Fourth beast | 4. Bear with three ribs in its mouth |

Daniel said that the first beast stood upon its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. The second beast was told to "arise, devour much flesh." The third beast was very swift to gain dominion. The fourth beast was different from all the rest and was very strong. Daniel saw the Ancient of days on a throne that was like fiery flame.

2. How many beings stood before the Ancient of days for the judgment?

- a. 10,000 x 10,000
- b. 500 x 500
- c. 100

Daniel saw that the judgment was set and the books were opened. He also saw that the Son of Man came and was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, and that all people and nations should serve Him. His kingdom would never be destroyed.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.

3. Who did Daniel say that the four beasts represented? Daniel 7:17.

- a. Kings
- b. Magicians
- c. Prophets



TRUE OR FALSE?

4. The fourth beast was the fourth kingdom. Daniel 7:23. T/F

Daniel said that the ten horns of this beast were ten kings that would arise, and that another horn (ruler) would arise after them that would be more powerful than all of them and would overcome three kings.



PUT AN X IN FRONT OF THE THINGS THAT THE FOURTH KINGDOM WOULD DO. DANIEL 7:25.

- Destroy God's people.
- Speak words against God.
- Wear out the saints.
- Give riches to the world.
- Think to change times and laws.



Daniel wrote that the judgment would come and the dominion of this kingdom would be destroyed. The greatness of God's kingdom "shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom."



FROM YOUR IMAGINATION OF THE DESCRIPTION IN DANIEL 7:7, DRAW YOUR OWN PICTURE OF THE FOURTH BEAST.




Lesson 10

VISION OF THE RAM AND THE GOAT

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 8.

MEMORY VERSE: "... I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it." *Daniel 8:27.*

In the third year of King Belshazzar, Daniel had another dream. He saw himself in a palace in the province of Elam by a river.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTERS OF THE LOCATION OF THE PALACE AND THE NAME OF THE RIVER.**

- a. Persia
- b. Shushan
- c. Elam
- d. Ulai
- e. Babylon
- f. Jerusalem

1. What did Daniel see by the river?

- a. Ram
- b. Bear
- c. Lion



Daniel saw that this animal had two horns and one was higher than the other. It was pushing in all directions, so no other beasts could go against it.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 2. A he goat came so fast from the west that he did not touch the ground. T/F**

Daniel saw that the he goat had a huge horn between its eyes. The goat came up to the ram and ran powerfully into it. The two horns of the ram were broken, so it had no power to do anything against the goat. The great horn of the goat was also broken; but out of it came four powerful horns, and out of one of them came a little horn.

 **FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

- 3.** Someone asked: "How _____ shall be the _____ concerning the _____ sacrifice, and the _____ of desolation, to _____ both the sanctuary and the _____ to be trodden under foot?"
Daniel 8:13.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

- 4. How long was it going to be until the sanctuary was cleansed?**
- a. 100 days
 - b. One week
 - c. 2,300 days

Daniel did not understand the meaning of this vision, so God sent someone to explain it to him.

- 5. Who was sent to tell Daniel what the vision was telling about?**
- a. Gabriel
 - b. Jesus
 - c. The king



MATCH EACH SYMBOL WITH ITS MEANING. SEE DANIEL 8:20, 21.

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| a. Ram with two horns | 1. King of Grecia (Greece) |
| b. He goat with a huge horn between its eyes | 2. First king of Grecia |
| c. Great horn | 3. Kings of Media and Persia |

The four horns represented the four generals who ruled Greece after Alexander the Great's death. The little horn that followed would be a king of fierce countenance and mighty power. Daniel said that this power would try to destroy God's people and even stand up against the Prince of princes, but it would not succeed.

6. What happened to Daniel after he saw this vision?

- a. He died.
- b. He ran away
- c. He got sick.

After a few days, Daniel got over being sick and went back to doing the king's business. But he said he had a problem, for "I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it." Daniel 8:27.



Lesson 11

A PRAYER AND A MESSAGE

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 9:1-25.

MEMORY VERSE: *"I set my face unto the Lord God,..." Daniel 9:3.*

In the first year of the reign of Darius, Daniel began to understand the prophecy of Jeremiah that had been given many years before. It said that the captivity of God's people in Babylon would last for 70 years. Daniel could tell that that period was almost over. Daniel was so concerned about what was going to happen to God's people that he bowed before the Lord and fasted and prayed. His prayer is found in Daniel 9:4-19.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

1. What did Daniel confess in his prayer?

- a. His own greatness and accomplishments.
- b. His own sins and those of God's people.
- c. The sins of the king.

2. What did he ask for?

- a. Forgiveness.
- b. Knowledge of what was going to happen to the sanctuary.
- c. Mercy.

Daniel knew that the sins of Israel were many and great. He also knew that the Lord would grant them mercy and forgiveness and had promised their return to Jerusalem. While Daniel was still praying, someone came to him with a message.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

- 3. **Jeremiah brought the message. T/F**
- 4. **Who came to Daniel with the message?**
- 5. **Unscramble the following sentence. Daniel 9:22.**

“O understand am thee I forth give skill come Daniel now to and.”

The angel told Daniel that it was because he was greatly beloved by God that he was chosen to receive this important message.

“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” Daniel 9:24.

Daniel was told by the angel that it would be “70 weeks” until the coming of the Messiah, and the finishing of His work for the Jewish nation. The “70 weeks” is generally understood to mean 490 years (using the prophetic key of one day in prophecy equals one real year. Numbers 14:34).

6. **Figure out the names of the people below. (Key: A=1, B=2, C=3, etc.)**

a. The prophet who told about the 70-year captivity:

10 5 18 5 13 9 1 8

b. The prophet we are studying about: _____

4 1 14 9 5 12

c. The angel who gave the message: _____

7 1 2 18 9 5 12



Lesson 12

THE GREAT JUDGMENT; THE SEALED BOOK

READING ASSIGNMENT: DANIEL 12.

MEMORY VERSE: *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;...” Daniel 12:3.*

The last chapter of the book of Daniel tells about the judgment and the sealed book of prophecy. It was because of his love for God and his faithfulness that Daniel found favor in the eyes of the Lord and these prophecies were given to him.



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What great Prince did Daniel say would stand up?

- a. Jeremiah
- b. Gabriel
- c. Michael



TRUE OR FALSE?

2. Michael is another name for the Son of God. T/F

In the time when Michael would stand up, there would be a time of trouble. This time of trouble is described as a time “such as never was since there was a nation.” Michael means “who is like God.”



CIRCLE THE LETTER FOR THE CORRECT ANSWER IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

3. Who would be delivered from the trouble?

- a. The ones whose names are written in the book.
- b. Those who have a lot of knowledge.
- c. Daniel's friends.

Daniel 9:4 says that many of those who sleep in the dust, or those who have died, will awake, some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and contempt. This is a partial resurrection that will take place right before the day and hour is given for Christ's second coming.

4. What was Daniel told to do?

- a. Shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end.
- b. Pray earnestly.
- c. Give a message to the people.



TRUE OR FALSE?

5. During the time of the end, there would be little or no understanding of the prophecies of Daniel. T/F

Daniel then saw two men, one on each bank of the river. One asked, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?" The other man answered that it would be for a "time, times, and a half." We understand this to mean a period of 1,260 years. Revelation 12:6, 14.

6. Did Daniel understand everything that he was shown?

Daniel said, "And I heard, but I understood not...." God told Daniel to go his way, for the words were closed up and sealed until the end of time.

7. Circle the three characteristics that most accurately tell what Daniel was like.

- a. Proud
- b. Humble
- c. Faithful
- d. Praised
- e. Obedient



WRITE DOWN HOW YOU THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT TO GOD AS WAS DANIEL.



Lesson 13

REVIEW OF DANIEL'S LIFE

READING ASSIGNMENT: REVIEW LESSONS 1-12.

MEMORY VERSE: *"He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend." Proverbs 22:11.*

Daniel's life was filled with many tests and experiences that strengthened him and gave him the distinction of being one of God's chosen people. As a young man in a heathen land, he remained faithful to the principles he was taught as a child. As a president in the service of kings, he always stood for God and truth. As a prophet, he was entrusted with special messages from God for the benefit of all men.

1. Unscramble the letters and write the names of Daniel's companions.

a. GNEBADOE _____

b. AHRAHCSD _____

c. HSACMHE _____

2. Write what Nebuchadnezzar's two dreams were about.

a.

b.

3. What do you think Nebuchadnezzar's greatest sin was?

4. What words were written on the palace wall during Belshazzar's feast and interpreted by Daniel?

Nebuchadnezzar had two dreams, and Belshazzar saw a hand write words on the palace wall. Neither of them could understand what they saw. In each case, the magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers, who were considered wise men, were asked to provide help; but every time they were not able to do so. The reason was because the messages came from God. Therefore, only God's faithful servant could supply the answers.

5. What does this tell you about how God wants to help people?

6. Why were the presidents and princes of Medo-Persia so jealous of Daniel?

- a. Because he was rich.
- b. Because he was honored by the king.
- c. Because he was smart.

7. What were the names of the three kings whom Daniel served?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

8. Which of the messages from God below were given directly to Daniel?

- a. Four beasts
- b. Image
- c. Ram and he goat
- d. Handwriting on the wall

9. TRUE OR FALSE? Daniel studied the writings of the prophet Jeremiah. T/F

10. What was the last thing Daniel was instructed to do? Daniel 12:9.