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DANIEL

EXTRAORDINARY FAITH & COURAGE

**“THE DAY IS COMING WHEN YOU WILL SEE WHAT DANIEL
THE PROPHET SPOKE ABOUT...”
MATTHEW 24:15**

CHAPTER 1

King Jehoiakim

Around 605 BC, King Jehoiakim (son of King Josiah) was forced into submission, becoming a vassal to Nebuchadnezzar.

The king of Egypt then installed Eliakim, the brother of _____, as the next king of Judah and Jerusalem, and he changed Eliakim's name to _____. Then Neco took Jehoahaz to _____ as a prisoner. Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem _____ years. He did what was _____ in the sight of the Lord his God. Then King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and _____ it, and he bound _____ in bronze chains and led him away to _____. **2 Chronicles 36:4-6**

During Jehoiakim's reign, King _____ of Babylon invaded the land of _____. Jehoiakim surrendered and paid him tribute for _____ years but then _____. **2 Kings 24:1**

At this time, Nebuchadnezzar took:

- Sacred objects from the temple of God.
- Some of the young men of Judah's royal family and other nobles.
 - They must be:
 - Strong.
 - Healthy.
 - Good-looking.
 - Well-educated.
 - Gifted with _____ and good _____.
 - Suited to serve in the royal _____.

CHAPTER 1 (CONT.)

Some of the young men taken and their new Babylonian names:

- Daniel (_____)
- Hananiah (_____)
- Mishael (_____)
- Azariah (_____)

Nebuchadnezzar's 3-year training plan:

- Learn _____ (the language of the Babylonians).
- Literature of _____.
- _____ from the king's kitchens.

Who was Nebuchadnezzar's chief of staff?

What was Daniel's special request?

Who gave Ashpenaz an affection for Daniel?

Describe the Daniel diet.

How long was the test?

CHAPTER 1 (CONT.)

When the training period ordered by the king was _____, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and no one _____ him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah. So they entered the royal _____. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring _____ and balanced _____, he found them _____ times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire _____. **Daniel 1:18-20**

CHAPTER 2

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

When did Nebuchadnezzar's dream occur?

Who did the king consult?

Was Daniel present with them? How do we know?

What language was being spoken?

What was the conspiracy the king accused them of?

CHAPTER 2 (CONT.)

What was their answer?

How did the king respond?

Who was sent to kill Daniel and his friends?

According to verse 14, with what attitude did Daniel handle the situation?

What was Daniel's request?

What was Daniel's specific prayer request at the prayer meeting?

Daniel's praises to God for revealing the secret:

- God has all _____ and power.
- God _____ the course of _____ events.
- God _____ kings and sets up other kings.
- God _____ wisdom to the _____.
- God gives knowledge to the _____.
- God _____ deep and _____ things.
- God knows what lies _____ in _____.

CHAPTER 2 (CONT.)

Describe the dream and Daniel's interpretation.

How did Nebuchadnezzar reward Daniel?

Besides Daniel and his friends, who else had their life spared when Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Make note of how they express their gratitude in the next chapter.

CHAPTER 3

Nebuchadnezzar's Gold Statue

Describe the statue, the purpose, and the king's command.

What is the difference between the statue in his dream and this statue he had constructed?

What accusation was made against Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

Nebuchadnezzar's challenge to God:

"But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then **what god will be able to _____ you from my _____?**"

Daniel 3:15

CHAPTER 3 (CONT.)

Standing Firm With Faith & Courage

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not _____ to defend _____ before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is _____ to _____ us. He will rescue us from your _____, Your Majesty. But even if he _____, we want to make it _____ to you, Your Majesty, that we will _____ serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” **Daniel 3:16-18**

How did they enter the furnace? How did they exit?

Who crowded around them when they came out?

How did Nebuchadnezzar describe the fourth person in the fire? (See both verses 25 and 28.)

Nebuchadnezzar's New Understanding Of God

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his _____ who _____ in him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to _____ rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their _____ will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!” **Daniel 3:28-29**

What was Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s position as described in verse 12? In verse 30?

CHAPTER 4

Nebuchadnezzar Tells His Story

Who did Nebuchadnezzar send this message to?

How Nebuchadnezzar describes God:

He performs miraculous _____ and _____.

His kingdom will last _____, his rule through all _____.

Describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

What emotion did Daniel experience upon hearing the dream?

Why?

What did Daniel say would happen to the king?

Daniel's advice:

"King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop _____ and do what is _____. Break from your wicked _____ and be _____ to the poor. _____ then you will continue to prosper."

Daniel 4:27

How much time elapsed between this warning and the fulfillment of the dream?

CHAPTER 4 (CONT.)

Nebuchadnezzar's pride:

"As he looked out across the city, he said, 'Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty _____, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my _____ splendor.'" **Daniel 4:30**

God's response:

"While these words were still in his mouth, a _____ called down from _____, 'O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer _____ of this _____. You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a _____. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you _____ that the Most High _____ over the kingdoms of the _____ and gives them to anyone he chooses.'" **Daniel 4:31-32**

How much time passed before this was fulfilled?

Describe what happened.

Nebuchadnezzar describes God:

He _____ forever.

His rule is _____.

His _____ is eternal.

All the people of the earth are _____ compared to him.

He does as he pleases in _____ and earth.

No one can stop or _____ him.

All his acts are _____ and true.

He is able to _____ the proud.

CHAPTER 5

The Last King Of Ancient Babylon

How much time passed between Chapters 4 and 5?

What is the name of the new king?

Who is attending the party?

What did the king do with the sacred articles from the temple?

What did the king see, and how did he respond?

Was Daniel among the wise men the king summoned?

Who encouraged the king to send for Daniel? Why?

CHAPTER 5 (CONT.)

Daniel accuses the king:

For you have _____ defied the _____ of heaven and have had these cups from his Temple brought before you. You and your nobles and your wives and concubines have been drinking wine from them while _____ gods of silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone—gods that neither _____ nor _____ nor know _____ at all. But you have not honored the God who _____ you the _____ of life and _____ your _____.! **Daniel 5:23**

The meaning of the handwriting:

“This is the message that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. This is what these words mean: *Mene* means ‘_____’—God has numbered the days of your _____ and has brought it to an end. *Teke/* means ‘weighed’—you have been weighed on the _____ and have not measured up. *Parsin* means ‘divided’—your _____ has been divided and given to the _____ and _____.” **Daniel 5:26-28**

What did the king do to reward Daniel?

How much time transpired before the prophecy was fulfilled?

Who was the king that took over the kingdom?

CHAPTER 6

The Lion's Den

In what way did King Darius organize his administration?

What was Daniel's first appointment?

What were the king's plans for Daniel? Why?

How did the other high officials hope to interrupt the king's plans?

The results of their investigation:

He was _____.

Always _____.

Completely _____.

The plot hatched by the administrators and high officers:

"...Give orders that for the next _____ days any person who prays to anyone, _____ or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. And now, Your Majesty, _____ and _____ this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." So King Darius signed the law.

Daniel 6:7-9

How did Daniel respond to the decree?

CHAPTER 6 (CONT.)

Who observed and then reported the “crime” to the king?

What was the king’s response?

Who gave the order for Daniel’s arrest?

What were the king’s words to Daniel?

What did the king do after Daniel was put in the lion’s den?

How did Daniel describe God’s protection?

What happened to the malicious accusers?

King Darius’ message to people of every race, nation, and language regarding Daniel’s God:

Everyone should _____ with fear before him.

He is the _____ God.

His _____ will never be destroyed.

His rule will _____ end.

He _____ and _____ his people.

He performs _____ signs and wonders.

CHAPTER 7

The 4 Beasts

Did this happen before or after Daniel was thrown into the lion's den?

Note: The first year of Belshazzar's reign was 553 BC.

Who was king of Babylon at the time?

Where was Daniel when this vision took place?

A key to the beasts:

Lion With Wings Of Eagle = Babylon

Bear = Medo-Persian Empire

Leopard = Greek Empire (Alexander The Great)

Four Heads = Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Macedonia

Fourth Beast With 10 Horns = Rome

Little Horn = Antichrist

Who did the Antichrist wage war against?

Who is the Ancient of Days?

What did he do?

CHAPTER 7 (CONT.)

Who took possession of the kingdom?

Agenda of the Antichrist (verse 25):

He will _____ the Most High.

_____ the holy people of the Most High.

Try to change their sacred _____ and laws.

What happens when God holds court?

- All his power will be taken away and completely _____.
- The _____, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy _____ of the Most High.
- His kingdom will last _____, and all rulers will _____ and _____ him.

How does Daniel describe his thoughts after this vision?

CHAPTER 8

The Ram, Goat, & Small Horn

When did this vision take place?

What was the location of the vision?

Notes:

- Ram = Medo-Persia
- Goat = Greece (Alexander The Great)
- Four Horns = Alexander's Four Generals
- Small Horn = Antiochus Epiphanes & Later, Antichrist

“Antiochus’s persecution of the Jews would last for 2,300 days, the period from 171 B.C. (when peaceful relations between Antiochus and the Jews came to an end) to December 25, 165 B.C. (when Judas Maccabeus restored the Temple for its proper worship).”

Source: Ryrie Study Bible Notes, Pg. 1,053

What was the name of the angel that spoke to Daniel?

There is some debate about the times of Chapter 8. Let’s look at some phrases that might bring clarity.

As Gabriel approached the place where I was standing, I became so terrified that I fell with my face to the ground. “Son of man,” he said, “you must understand that the events you have seen in your vision relate to **the time of the end.**” **Daniel 8:17**

Then he said, “I am here to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath. **What you have seen pertains to the very end of time.**” **Daniel 8:19**

How does Daniel describe himself after the vision?

CHAPTER 9

Daniel's Prayer

When did this take place?

What was Daniel reading?

What particular prophecy of Jeremiah did Daniel make reference to?

In addition to seeking God with prayer, Daniel also humbled himself with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes (verse 3).

How Daniel describes God:

- Great and _____.
- Always fulfills his _____.
- Keeps his _____ of unfailing _____ to those who _____ you and _____ his commands.

Whose sins did Daniel confess?

Daniel's requests (verses 15-19):

Please turn your furious anger away from _____.

Hear my _____.

_____ as I plead.

Smile again on your desolate _____.

Lean down and _____.

Open your eyes and see our _____.

See how your _____ lies in ruins.

O Lord, _____.

O Lord, _____.

O Lord, listen and _____.

Do not _____.

CHAPTER 9 (CONT.)

Who came to Daniel while he was praying?

Why was he sent?

According to verse 24, for what purpose is the seventy sets of sevens decreed?

Note: 70 Weeks Of Years = 490 Years

Starting Point: Rebuilding Of Jerusalem, 445 BC

"After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the _____ One will be _____, appearing to have accomplished _____, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple." **Daniel 9:26**

"The crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ occurred immediately after the expiration of 483 prophetic years, of 360 days each, from the time of Artaxerxes' order."

Ironside, H.A.. *Understanding The Book Of Daniel - Annotated (Function)*. Kindle Edition.

"Upon the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ the great clock stopped, [with 1 week of years still unfulfilled!] and there has not been another tick from it since..."

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CHAPTER 10

The Messenger

When did this take place?

Note: Daniel was probably about 90 years old at this point.

How long had Daniel been fasting?

What was Daniel's location?

Describe what Daniel saw.

What was Daniel's physical response to this vision?

Instructions given to Daniel:

- Listen _____.
- Stand up.
- Don't be _____.
- Be encouraged.
- Be _____.

Why was this messenger delayed?

CHAPTER 11

Powers Of The Future

As this vision continues, most of the chapter is referencing events that transpired during the Inter-testament Period, or the years after the last prophecy by Malachi and the beginning of the New Testament; approximately 400 years.

For a great resource detailing each of the kings, alliances, and battles fought during this period, see *Understanding The Book Of Daniel* by Harry Ironside.

CHAPTER 12

The Time Of The End

“Those who are wise will shine as bright as the _____, and those who lead many to _____ will shine like the stars forever. But you, Daniel, keep this prophecy a _____; seal up the book until the time of the _____, when many will _____ here and there, and _____ will increase.” **Daniel 12:3-4**

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