

Living Way Lecture
“God’s Woven History”
Wed. Oct 15, 2025

Hymn: #686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

I) Seasons of the World “And He (God) made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.” Acts 17:26

The Kingdom of the Medes and the Persians
-Cyrus conquers Babylon (600-530 BC) 550 BC conquered
Babylon Vast Empire...Allowed for Religious and Cultural Tolerance

-Darius controls Babylon (550-486 BC) * 20 year overlap...Daniel

-Xerxes (King Ahasuerus and Esther Queen) (486-465 BC)

-Artaxerxes (465-425) Ezra (temple) and Nehemiah (walls)

--Falls to Alexander the Great in 331 BC.

II) Seasons of Life

-Daniel As a young teen (Exiled to Babylon in 605 BC)
Nebuchadnezzar
Belshazzar

-Cyrus tells the Israelites, “You may return home.” --538 BC
See: Isaiah 44:28, 45:1

-Daniel in his mid-80’s (final vision -- 536 BC)

Daniel experienced the Entire 70 years of the exile!
Faithful to God Throughout!

III) Two Choices or Attitudes—Daniel and WE as God’s people today!

- A) Stand in Opposition Against
- B) Kneel before the LORD Regardless

Application:

1. Daniel given a new name -- Belteshazzar (servant of Baal)
2. Defiled Foods – “Daniel found favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs.” (Daniel 1:9)
3. The King’s Dream and Interpretation: Pleads on for mercy and understanding of the king on behalf of all magicians, enchanters, sorcerers and Chaldeans. (Daniel 2:24, 27)

“But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries...” (Daniel 2:28)

4. The Fiery Furnace (Daniel’s friends)
“The answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace...but if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image...”
(Daniel 3:16-18)
5. The “Humbling Dream” of Nebuchadnezzar
“Then Daniel was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him... and he answered and said, “”My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies!” (Daniel 4:19)
6. Handwriting on the Wall
“Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. (Daniel 5:17)
7. Lion’s Den
“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave that before his God, as he had done previously.” (Daniel 6:10)