

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



Daniel

MEMORIZATION – Daniel 7:13-14 – “...there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power...”

Chapter 1

1. Young men of the royal family or nobility are enlisted in the service of the Babylonian king. List two or three of their attributes.

2. From where does the daily food come?

3. From what country do Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah come?

4. Match the names:

Daniel _____

Hananiah _____

Mishael _____

Azariah _____

a) Meshach

b) Abednego

c) Belteshazzar

d) Shadrach

5. Daniel wants to stay “kosher.” What does he request for food and drink?

6. a) What does God give these four young men?

b) What can Daniel understand?

7. Daniel remains in Babylon until the first year of what king?

Extra credit: Does the king’s name sound familiar? Isaiah wrote of Cyrus about 150 years earlier. Read Isaiah 44:28-45:3.

Chapter 2

1. Hard extra credit: a) What language did the Hebrews speak in Israel prior to the exile?
b) What language do the exiled young men learn in Babylon?
2. King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream and wants it interpreted. What makes his request so difficult?
3. According to Daniel who reveals mysteries?
4. What do you think of Daniel's opening statement before the king in verses 27 and 28?
5. Who is:
 - a) the head of gold?
 - b) the silver chest and arms?
 - c) the bronze belly and thighs?
 - d) the iron legs?
 - e) the rock?
6. When Daniel interprets the dream, King Nebuchadnezzar says, "Surely your God is the _____ and the _____ and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."

Chapter 3

1. a) How high is the image of gold?
b) How wide is the image of gold?
2. What are all the people to do regarding the image of gold?

3. What will be the punishment for those failing to do so?

4. Astrologers come forward and denounce Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego. What is the accusation against these men?

5. When faced with an ultimatum from Nebuchadnezzar the three men reply:
 - a) “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace the God we serve is _____
_____ us from it...”
and
 - b) “But even if He does not, _____
_____ or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

6. True or false: Nebuchadnezzar is reluctant to carry out the sentence.

7. Who die?

8. How many men are seen in the fire?

9. How does King Nebuchadnezzar describe the fourth man?

10. Study King Nebuchadnezzar’s statement of praise to “the God of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego.” Think about the witness of this event and others during the captivity. Can you see God working to bring Babylon and the exiles of all the nations gathered in Babylon to a knowledge of the Lord Almighty?

Chapter 4

Extra credit: Read 4:1-3. Does this sound like King Nebuchadnezzar has a belief in the Lord? Consider this question as you read more of him.

1. The tree described in verses 9-12 (circle one):
 - a) is of enormous height/it touches the sky

- b) is visible to the ends of the earth
- c) has abundant fruit/food for all
- d) shelters beasts of the field under it
- e) provides branches where birds live
- f) feeds every creature
- g) all of the above

2. In the king's dream the verdict which the holy ones declare is so that "the living may know that _____ is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to _____ and sets over them the _____ of men."

3. Who is the tree?

4. A strange type of judgment is predicted for King Nebuchadnezzar so that he will acknowledge what sovereignty?

5. Unpleasant news for the king. When Daniel interprets this dream what advice does he give regarding sin and wickedness?

6. A year later, at the time of a statement of arrogance, the dream comes true. What is the final outcome?

Chapter 5

1. Whose son is King Belshazzar?

2. As everyone at the banquet drinks from the Jerusalem temple goblets whom do they praise?

3. A disembodied hand writes on the wall...is it good news or bad news for Belshazzar?

4. What kingdoms will take over Babylonia?

5. What 62 year old takes over the kingdom?

Chapter 6

1. As you read of the scheming administrators and satraps, think about Daniel's witness to an entire nation through his spotless reputation.
2. True or false: Daniel's habit of praying three times each day changes as a result of the king's decree.
3. True or false: King Darius is furious that Daniel goes against the decree, and the king immediately throws Daniel into the lion's den.
4. Darius' words to Daniel: "May _____, whom you serve _____, _____you!"
5. Happy ending – at least for Daniel. Read King Darius' decree (6:26-27) out loud as a prayer of adoration.

Chapter 7

1. Wow!
 - a) What does the first beast look like?
 - b) What does the second beast look like?
 - c) What does the third beast look like?
2. True or false: The fourth beast is beautiful and peaceful looking.
3. What happens to the boastful fourth beast in verse 11?

Extra credit: Compare Daniel 7:13-14 to Revelation chapter five.

4. Daniel is given the vision's interpretation. What are the beasts?

Chapter 8

1. Ram vs. goat. Who wins?

2. What is the name of “one who looked like a man?”

3. The vision concerns what time?

4. Match the vision and meaning.

2-horned ram _____

Shaggy goat _____

Goat’s large horn _____

4 horns that replace 1st _____

a) first king of Greece

b) four kingdoms of lesser power

c) king of Greece

d) kings of Media and Persia

5. A stern-faced king will arise. He will cause astounding devastation and destroy the holy people.

a) Against whom will this king take his stand?

b) What will happen to this stern-faced king?

Extra credit: When you think about seeing visions from God does it sound mysterious and appealing? After seeing this vision Daniel is exhausted and ill. Contrast our idealistic image of seeing the future with the reality of Daniel’s experience.

Chapter 9

1. a) Whose son is Darius?

b) Is he a Mede or Persian?

2. From which prophet’s word of the Lord does Daniel understand the length of time of the “desolation of Jerusalem?”

3. How many years will Jerusalem’s devastation last?

4. Daniel’s prayer is a beautiful outpouring from his heart. Read it carefully and see both a summary of why this judgment occurred and a plea to the Lord. “We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but

because of _____ . O Lord, _____! O Lord,
_____! O Lord, _____ and _____! For Your sake, O my God,
do not delay, because Your city and Your people _____
_____.”

5. Who returns to speak to Daniel?
6. How soon was an answer given to Daniel’s prayer?
7. There will be a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. Seven “sevens” and 62 “sevens” later what will happen?
8. What will happen to the Anointed One?
9. A ruler will come. What will he destroy?
10. What will happen to sacrifice and offering?
11. What will be set up at the temple?

Chapter 10

1. Is Cyrus a Mede or Persian?
2. For three weeks after this revelation Daniel (circle one):
 - a) rejoices
 - b) mourns
 - c) prophesies to the nation
3. Picture this “man.”
Dressed in _____.
Belt of _____.
Body like _____.
Face like _____.
Eyes like _____.
Arms and legs like the _____ of _____.

Voice like _____ of _____.

4. Who is Michael?

5. This vision concerns (circle one):

- a) a time in the past
- b) the present time
- c) a time yet to come

Chapter 11

1. The vision concerns (circle one):

- a) kings of the south and north
- b) kings of the east and west
- c) all of the above

2. What will be desecrated?

3. What will be abolished?

4. What will be “set up?”

Chapter 12

1. According to chapter twelve, whom does Michael protect?

2. “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?...It will be for _____, _____ and _____.”

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