

Preparation For The End

Lesson #2 Daniel and the End Time

Memory Verse Give Scriptures to read

Daniel 2:47 (NKJV) *The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.”*

Exodus 19:6 (NKJV) *And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”*

Mark 11:16–17 (NKJV) *And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. ¹⁷ Then He taught, saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’?”*

You have pastors and missionaries. The Queen of Sheba came to Israel and the temple to learn about the God of Israel. When the temple was destroyed, God needed his people to be missionaries among the nations.

Faithful in What Is Least (Notes on “Little Things”)

***Luke 16:10** (NKJV) *He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.*

A Witness To The Nations

Deuteronomy 4:4–8 (NKJV) *But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you. “Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. ⁶ Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?”*

Isaiah 56:6–7 (NKJV) *“Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, And to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants— Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant— ⁷ Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”*

Zechariah 8:23 (NKJV) *“Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ”*

Tested On Diet

Daniel 1:20 (NKJV) *And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*

The Lord was able to work with them because of their faithfulness to Him in refusing to eat the unclean food of Babylon. They obeyed, and God blessed their obedience.

The Humility of Daniel (Notes On Humility)

Daniel 2:23 (NKJV) *“I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, And have now made known to me what we asked of You, For You have made known to us the king’s demand.”*

Genesis 40:8 (NKJV) *And they said to him, “We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it.” So Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please.”*

Genesis 41:15–16 (NKJV) *And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it.” So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”*

***Daniel 2:25** (NKJV) *Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him, “I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation.”*

Daniel 2:27–28 (NKJV) *Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. ²⁸ But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.*

Galatians 6:14 (NKJV) *But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Spiritual Showdowns

Moses against the Magicians

Joseph and Pharaoh’s Magicians

Elijah Prophets of Baal

Micaiah and Baal's prophets

Daniel and Kings Astrologers (Three times 2, 4 & 5)

Acts 8:13 (NKJV) *Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.*

The Golden Image

What are the parallels between Daniel 3:1–6 and Revelation 13:11–15?

Worship forced by political power that conflicts with true worship.

Read and expand on Daniel 3:13–18

Many are converted their faithfulness including Nebuchadnezzar. Suppose, that these young men were not delivered from the flames, something they realized was a distinct possibility (*Dan. 3:18*). Why would they still have done the right thing in not obeying the king's command even if it meant being burned alive?

The Image

Daniel 3:1 (NKJV) *Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.*

Exodus 30:1–2 (NKJV) *“You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood. ²A cubit shall be its length and a cubit its width—it shall be square—and two cubits shall be its height.*

***Daniel 3:6** (NKJV) *and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”*

Revelation 13:15–18 (NKJV) *He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*

¹⁶ *He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.*

When the issue of worship arises in the last days, how can we be sure that we will stand as faithfully then as they did? If we are not faithful now in what is “least,” what makes us think we will be faithful in something as big as the final crisis?

Conversion of the Gentiles

Great declarations of conversion are made in Daniel 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Daniel 2:47–48 (NKJV) *The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.” ⁴⁸ Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.*

Daniel 3:29 (NKJV) *Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this.”*

Daniel 4:34 (NKJV) ⁴ *And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.*

Daniel 4:37 (NKJV) *Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.*

Daniel 5:29 (NKJV) *Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.*

The Faithfulness of Daniel

Daniel in the lion's den chapter 6

Daniel 6:10 *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*

Daniel 6:26 (NKJV) *I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.*

- How could Daniel have compromised?
- Daniel did not alter his worship habits to appease a government law.
- King Darius seem to be acquainted with Daniel's God when he consigned him to the lion's den.