

Old Book for a New Day

Seminar on the Bible book of Daniel - #1

Daniel 1 - *Man With a Purpose*

I. Jesus' Endorsement of Daniel - Matthew 24:15

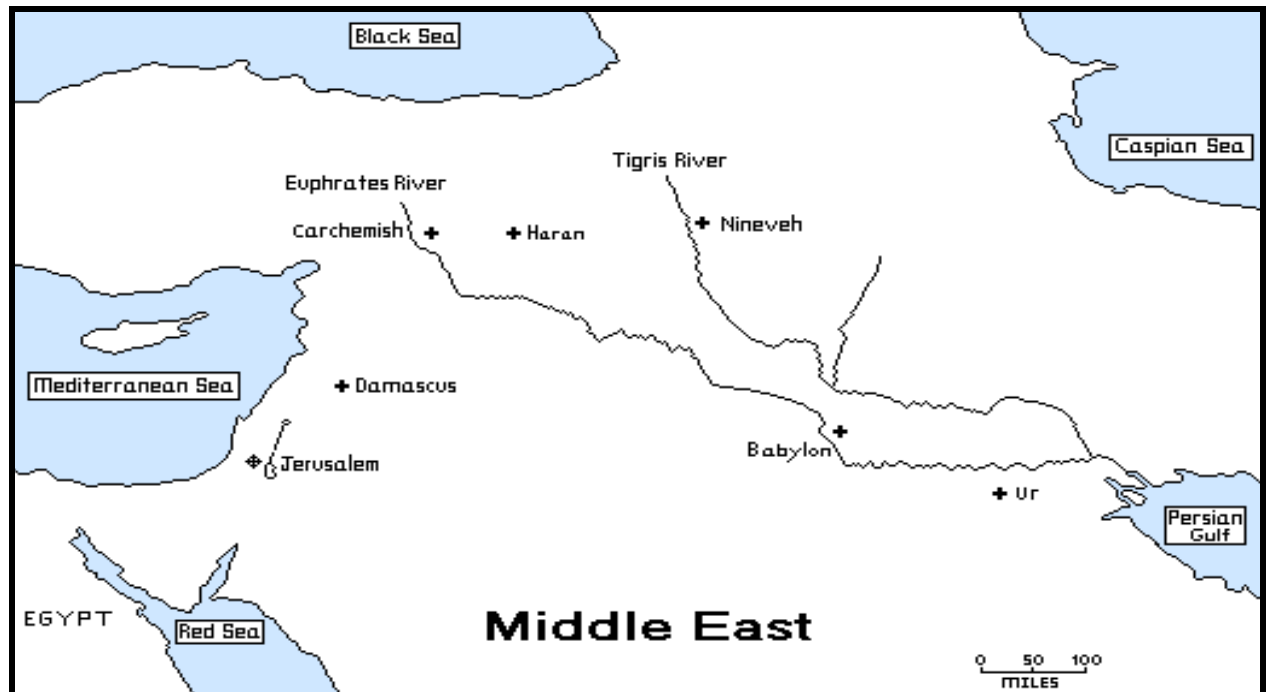
- A. Daniel truly was a _____.
- B. Daniel truly _____.
- C. The Book of Daniel can be _____.
- D. Daniel's prophecies refer to _____ events so real that we can _____ them and _____ to them.

II. Five Reasons for Studying the Book of Daniel

- A. Objective evidence for faith in God and Scripture
- B. Valuable background for understanding all of Scripture
- C. Watching God at work - Revealing His character
- D. Window on the future - Present context
- E. Incredible role model

III. The Tragedy Unfolds - Daniel 1:1-6; 2 Kings 23:37; 2 Kings 20:17

- A. 3rd Year of King Jehoiakim - _____ B.C.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar - Crown Prince under Nabopolassar
- C. Challenge of the Gods



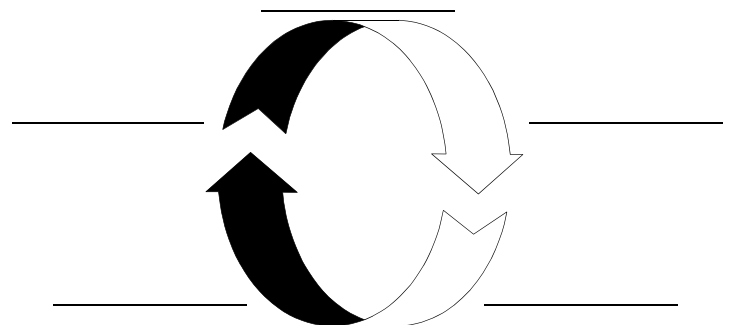
IV. The Hostages - Reprogramming Jews into Babylonians - Daniel 1:3-7

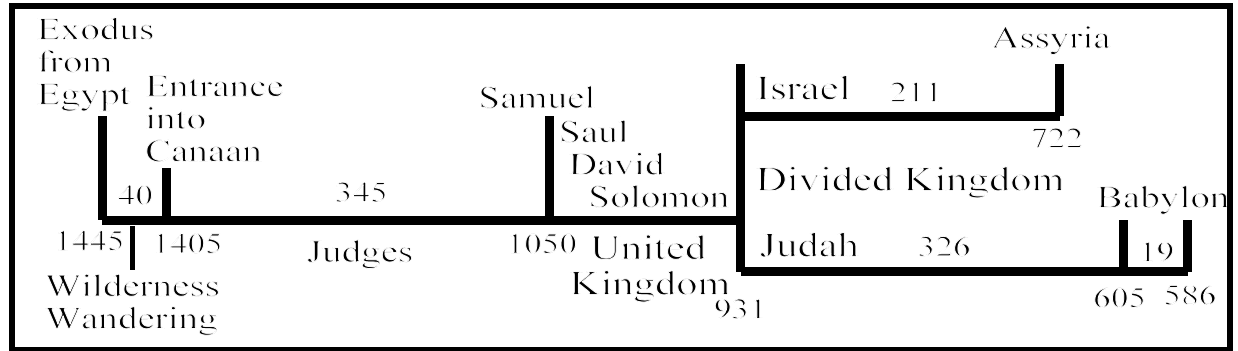
- A. Under the care of the Master of the Eunuchs
- B. Language & Literature of the Chaldeans
- C. Food from the King's Table
- D. New Names -

	<u>Jewish Name</u>	<u>Meaning + Identity of God</u>	<u>Babylonian Name</u>	<u>Babylonian god</u>
1.	Daniel	Dan (Judge) + <u>E</u> lohim Meaning: _____	<u>Belt</u> eshazzar	<u>Bel</u> -Marduk
2.	Hananiah	Chanan (Favored) + <u>Yah</u> weh Meaning: _____	<u>Shadrach</u>	<u>Aku</u>
3.	Mishael	Mi (Who) + Sha (What) + <u>E</u> lohim Meaning: _____	<u>Meshach</u>	<u>Aku</u>
4.	Azariah	Azar (Helped) + <u>Yah</u> weh Meaning: _____	Abed- <u>Nego</u>	<u>Nabu</u>
5.	Nebuchadnezzar	<u>Nabu</u>

V. The Bigger Perspective - Why did God allow His people to be conquered by Babylon?

- A. Back to the Flood - Genesis 9:1
- B. Genealogy of Noah - Shem, Ham and Japheth - Genesis 10:1,6,8-10
- C. Nimrod and Babel - Genesis 11:1-4 - The beginning of Babylon
 - 1. Babel: Bab - _____ + el - _____
 - 2. "Do-it-yourself religion"
- D. God's response to Babel
 - 1. Dispersion
 - 2. Abraham
 - a. Genesis 11:27-32 - A Chaldean
 - b. Genesis 12:1-4 - The Call - The Promise -The Purpose -The Response
 - 1) Genesis 15:5-7
 - 2) Hebrews 11:8-10
 - 3. The Difference - Between Abraham and Nimrod
- E. Establishing the Nation of Israel
 - 1. The Purpose and Conditions
 - a. Exodus 19:4-6
 - b. Deuteronomy 4:5-8
 - c. Deuteronomy 26:18,19
 - 2. The Warning
 - a. Deuteronomy 8:19-20
 - b. Deuteronomy 28:62-64
 - 3. Sad History - A cycle of...



4. God's patience - For over 850 years

F. The Chaldean Connection

1. Who ruled Babylon in Daniel's time? - Ezra 5:12
2. What was Abraham's national origin? - Genesis 15:7
3. The only difference between Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar, Israel and Babylon was _____.

VI. Israel comes full circle

- A. God brought Israel out of Babylon, in their ancestor Abraham, not to establish a special blood line, but to establish a sacred line of faith which was to serve as a beacon of light and truth, a missionary nation, revealing the way of salvation to a dark world.
- B. God sent Israel BACK TO BABYLON - because they failed to fulfill the _____ purpose for which they were established, choosing rather to be like the Babylonians. In their hearts they were Babylonians, so God sent them back to live in Babylon.
- C. A Clear Division - A Prophetic Precedent
 1. Two Gods: _____ vs. _____
 2. Two Cities: _____ vs. _____
 3. Two Leaders: _____ vs. _____
 4. Two Peoples: _____ vs. _____
 5. Two Legacies: _____ vs. _____

VII. The KEY PHRASE to Daniel's life and success -- _____ (v.8)

- A. "Purposed" - Word Study (As translated in the New King James Version, unless otherwise stated)
 1. Genesis 2:8 - "put"
 2. Daniel 6:17 - "laid"
 3. Daniel 11:17 - "set"
- B. "Heart" - Words Study
 1. Ezekiel 28:2 - "heart...midst...heart"
 2. Ezekiel 36:26 - "heart" (x3)
 3. Hosea 4:11 - "heart"
 4. Proverbs 4:23 - "heart"
- C. The FIRST Test -- _____
 1. God's Instructions
 - a. Not to eat animal fat or blood - Leviticus 3:17; 7:22-27; 17:10-14
 - b. Not to eat "unclean" animals - Leviticus 11
 2. A Command and a Blessing - Exodus 15:26 - Be free from diseases
 3. A matter of _____ - Even the "little" things

D. Daniel's Response

1. _____ - The MEANS justifies the END
2. _____ - No more force than necessary
3. _____ - Regardless of consequences
4. _____ - Delay never diminishes the difficulty
5. Doing _____ will in a _____ - _____ way

E. God worked out the _____

1. Short term solution -
2. Long term solution -

VIII. Summary - Points to Remember

- A. ONE purposed life can make a difference - Even when everyone else fails!
- B. God is an "**Equal Opportunity God**"
 1. From God's standpoint your past is irrelevant to your future!
 2. God is *willing* and *able* to take you from wherever you ARE to anywhere HE wants you to be.
- C. QUALITY LIFE centers around RIGHT DECISIONS, not grand accomplishments or lucky breaks
 1. Our job is to make decisions and make them known
 2. To choose to do God's will in a God-like way
- D. **GOD IS OUR DETAIL MAN!**
 1. God's job is to handle the details
 2. God is up to the job. He is bigger than all circumstances.