



Nebuchadnezzar Dream



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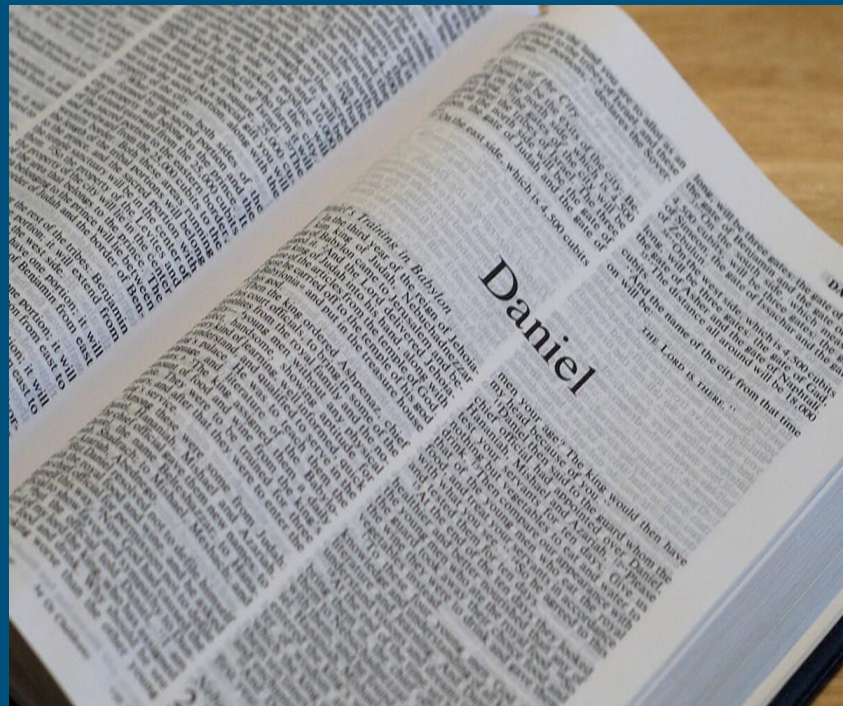


Why Should We Read and Study Daniel?

Daniel story gives us a blueprint for us on how to live our life faithful and obedient to God under immense culture pressure. It proves that God is sovereign over all earthly kingdoms. Daniel life and story tell us our importance to have a mentor in our life and why we need to strengthen our faith in God and his kingdom forever to eternity. We need to have a church home and go to church services and bible study weekly to become strong disciples to God.

Scriptures

- Daniel 2:17-23
- Daniel 2:31-35
- Daniel 2:37-38
- Daniel 2:39
- Daniel 2:40-41
- Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Exodus 20:7
- Deuteronomy 6:5
- Exodus 20:2-3



God's Revelation

- God gives Daniel dreams and visions that contain divine messages about future empires and events.
- Daniel receives a vision of a large statue representing successive kingdoms.
- God bestows wisdom on Daniel to interpret dreams and riddles.
- God uses angels to explain visions to Daniel.
- God intervenes by causing mysterious light to appear on the wall during a feast.
- God reveals future events.



The Vision: A Colossal Statue

- Daniel interpret this as a prophecy of future empires.
 - The Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar
 - The Persian Empire: a series of dynasties based in modern-day Iran that began with Achaemenid Empire founded by Cyrus.
 - The Greek Empire: the third kingdom
 - The Roman Empire: a vast and powerful civilization that evolved from a republic into an imperial autocracy.
- I am glad I let God determine my vision and future for myself at the time I was an undergraduate and lived in Chicago. I am happy that God determined my vision and future to serve him, not seek a law career.

The Stone

The stone cut without hands that strikes the statue feet destroying the empire thing and growing into the mountain. The large statue next to a small and powerful stone.



Head of God: Babylonian Interpretation of Gold

The first kingdom of Babylon was established around 1894 BCE by the Amorite king Sumuabum. It is a small city state until the reign of Hammurabi. Hammurabi expanded the kingdom through military conquest and alliances.



How to Apply Book of Daniel to Our Life?

- Seek wisdom from God word and prayer when facing trials.
- Do not seek guidance from unreliable sources.
- Give God glory for victories and successes.
- Stand firm on your convictions
- Trust God to deliver to you
- Do not be ashamed to follow God.
- Live your life with the fruit of the spirit
- I do not rely on possessions from the world and do not love the world. I love God as my personal savior and my source.
- I love God as rock of my salvation.
- I live for God with thanksgiving because I pray and thank him for my successes in my life. I continue to apologize for my sins so I can grow in faith with God. I have hope that God is continuing to understand and forgive me for my sins.
- I am not a tax collector and live my mammon.
- Forgive people that hurt you and did you wrong.
- Be born again and become a disciple.

History of the Dream

- This is what filled Nebuchadnezzar with terror: a massive, glorious statue. It decrease in value from top to bottom, gold to iron and clay, increase in hardness and strength.
 - The dream shows progression of power, but a deterioration of quality.
 - Focus on material changes such as value and strength.
 - The iron age was the age of Rome. Their military machine crushed everyone before them. They built the roads and infrastructure that allowed Christianity spread.
 - The division in the legs corresponds perfectly to history where the empire eventually become two separate administrative entities.
- The stone is cut without human hands. It is a meaning of divine work. The stone is not a fifth empire because it is God eternal kingdom that ends human rule and fills the whole earth.
 - This is the ultimate authority and reign of Jesus Christ.
 - Speak the scripture with authority.

Our Dream for Spiritual Journey

- Our future is ordered by him.
- Every government, kingdom, political movement is temporary.
- Our ultimate loyalty, hope and energy must be placed in Christ that will never fall.
- We need to trust God with big and small details in our life today. Do not go to the world for nothing because God is our source.
- We are citizens of the stone kingdom.
- Our job is to live out the values of a government that has already won.



Book of Daniel in Context

- Daniel 2
 - Daniel is presented as a wise and prudent individual. Daniel requests that the execution of the wise men be stopped and showing concern for others lives. Daniel ability to recall and interpret the dream comes from God. He uses the situation to demonstrate that God's wisdom surpasses of earthly wise men.
 - The second year of King Nebuchadnezzar reign where the king demands his wise men not only interpret a disturbing dream but also recall it.
 - Nebuchadnezzar orders them all to be executed.
 - Daniel is able to tell the king his dream and its interpretation.

Ways We Can Live Obedient to God Daily

1. Love the Lord by honoring and praising him.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself
3. Pray without ceasing
4. Nurture spiritual growth
5. Foster a personal relationship with God.
6. Cultivate humility
7. Serve as witness to others

Things That Are Not Obedient to God

1. Wickedness and sin is not being obedient to God
2. Bear false witness about others and think they know everything about others are not being obedient to God
3. Conceal violence is not being obedient to God.
4. Loving the world more is not being obedient to God
5. Worry about someone else life and not their own is not being obedient to God. The bible says we are supposed to worry about our own destiny.
6. Wickedness and sinners will burn in the lake of fire in hell forever. That is 100% honest facts.

Questions

1. Why do you think he set such an impossible test?
2. What did this reveal about his distrust of his own experts?
3. Before you had the facts, what was your first instinct in a recent crisis?
4. What can Daniel prayer-first approach teach us about our own impossible situations?
5. How does Daniel show that having wisdom from God does not mean being rude or reckless in your human interactions?
6. What practical steps could you take to make sure you credit God and not your own skill?
7. What spiritual lesson might God be conveying about the nature of human power and ambition overtime?
8. How does this ancient truth change the way you view the outcome of modern political elections or global conflicts?
9. What is one feet of clay weaknesses you see in the current world structure?
10. How does knowing the stone is coming give you peace in the midst of that weakness?
11. What does mean for you investing your time, money and energy this week?