



Daniel

In God I Trust

Lesson 02

Lessons from Kidnapped Children

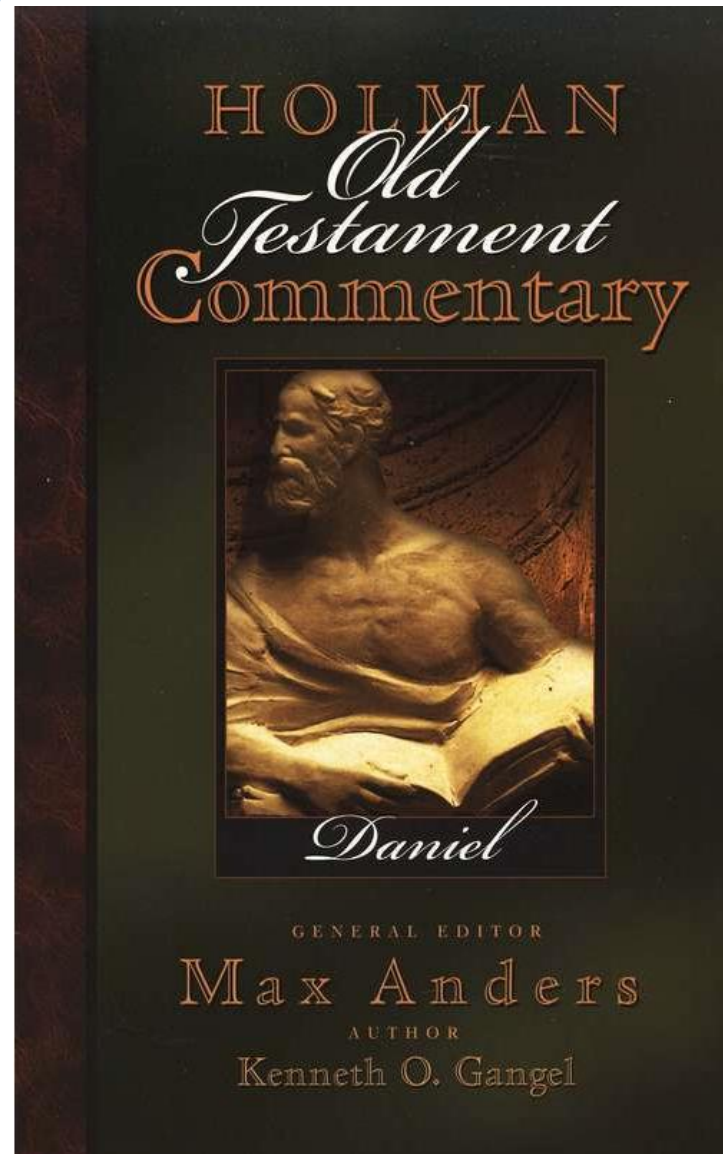
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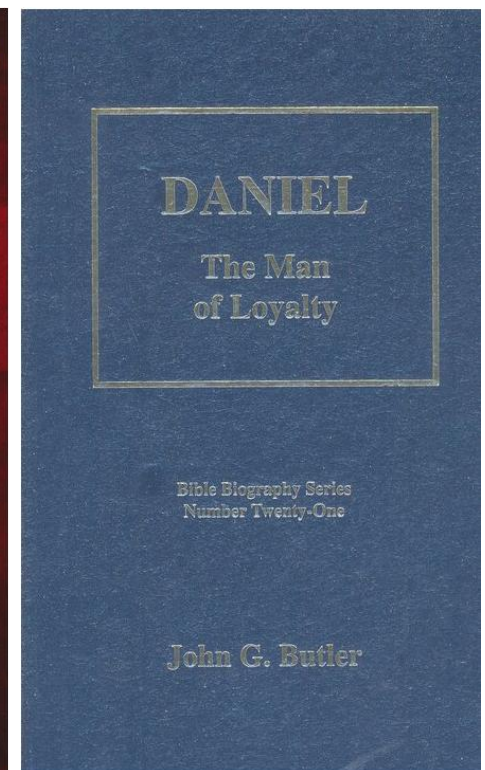
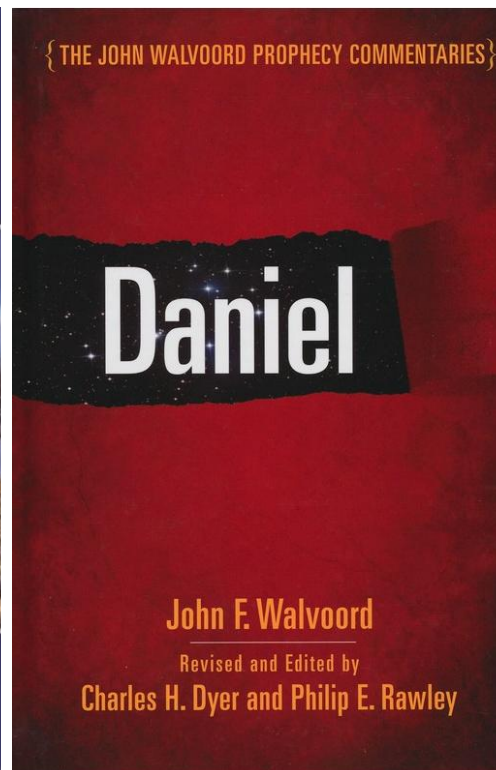
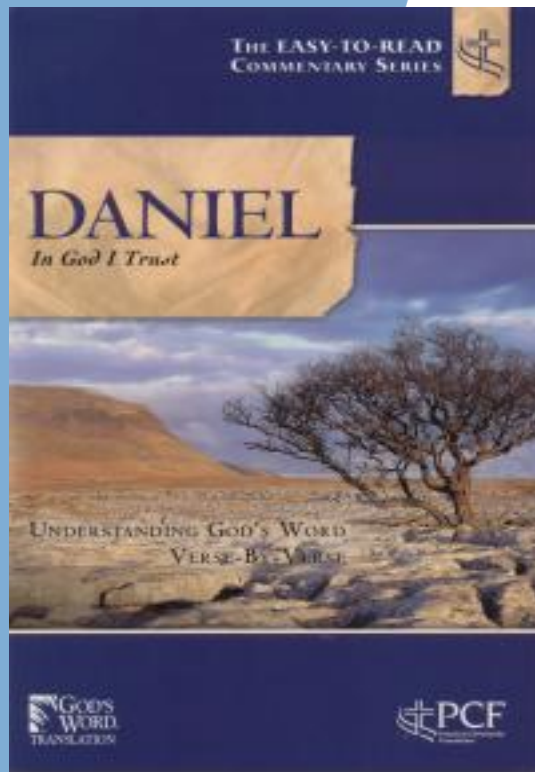


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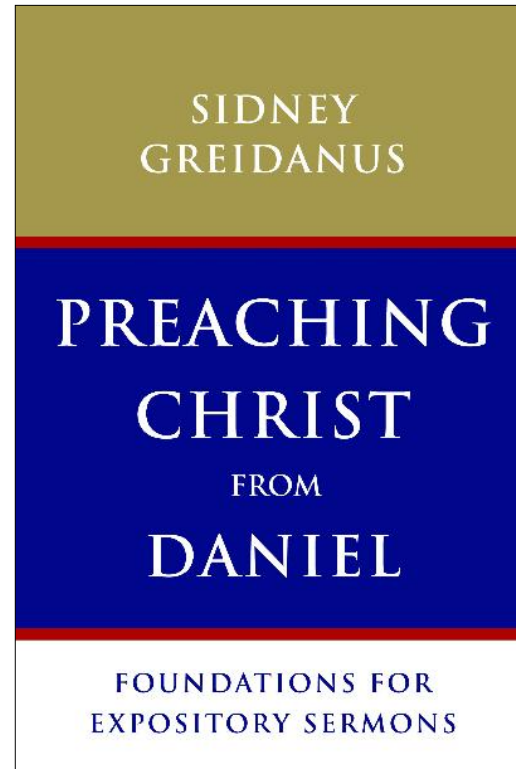
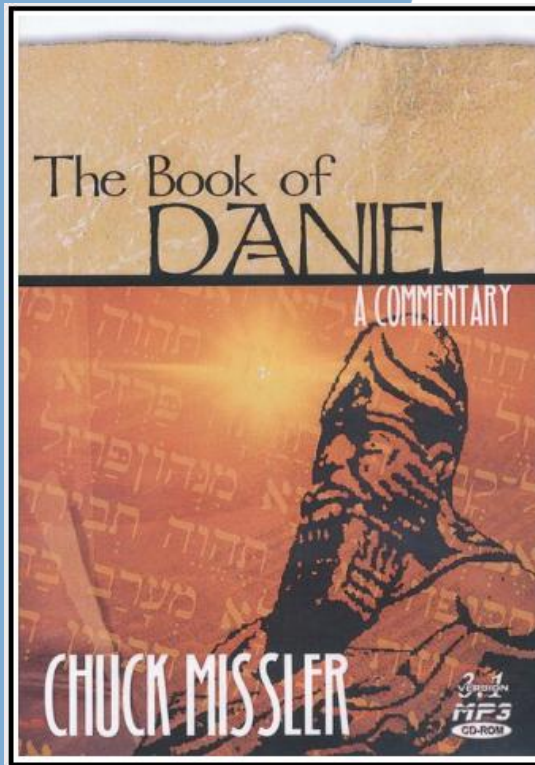


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Course Outline

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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew	Aramaic						Hebrew				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHEPIC					

Book of Daniel									
01 606 BC	02 602 BC	03 580 BC	04 570 BC			05 539 BC	06 538 BC		
				07 556 BC	08 554 BC		09 538 BC	10 536 BC	11 534 BC
									12 534 BC

Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.

Major Periods in Old Testament History



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Assumptions made:

1. All BC Dates are estimates, presented to give the reader a gauge of the time of the events
2. The period of Job is not known, but it is generally believed to be Patriarchal
3. Joel is assumed to be living in Judah when he prophesized.
4. The books are grouped using Christian way of categorizing the books of the Old Testament.

Old Testament History



Old Testament History						
Timeline	4000 years					400 years
	4000 B.C.	1446 B.C.	1405 B.C.	605 B.C.	425 B.C.	
Israel	Born	Captive (in Egypt)	Promised Land	Captive (in Babylon)	Promised Land	S I L E N C E
Books (History)	Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Deuteronomy Numbers	Joshua Judges 1&2 Samuel 1&2 Kings 1&2 Chronicles	Daniel	Ezra Nehemiah Esther	
People	Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Moses	Joshua Samuel Saul David Solomon	Daniel	Ezra Nehemiah Esther	
Books (Prophetic)	(see Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts, page 200)					
Books (Other)	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes					

New Testament History				
Timeline	2000 years			
	0 - 33 A.D.	33 A.D. - 62 A.D		62 A.D. – current
Jesus	His life on earth	After His resurrection		
Books (History)	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts	Everything else except Revelation	Church Age
Church		Founded	Expanded	
Books (Other)	Revelation			



Lessons from Kidnapped Children

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 1:1-21



Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Daniel 1:1-21 - *NKJV*



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2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

--- Daniel 1:1-2 ... NKJV

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3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, **4** young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

--- Daniel 1:3-4 ... NKJV

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Daniel 1:1-21 - NKJV



5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king. **6** Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

--- Daniel 1:5-6 ... NKJV

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Daniel 1:1-21 - NKJV



7 To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

--- Daniel 1:7 ... NKJV

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8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. **9** Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

--- Daniel 1:8-9 ... *NKJV*

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10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

--- Daniel 1:10 ... *NKJV*

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Daniel 1:1-21 - NKJV



11 So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, **12** "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. **13** Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, *so* deal with your servants."

--- Daniel 1:11-13 ... NKJV

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Daniel 1:1-21 - *NKJV*



14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days. **15** And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. **16** Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

--- Daniel 1:14-16 ... NKJV

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Daniel 1:1-21 - *NKJV*



17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

--- Daniel 1:17 ... *NKJV*

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Daniel 1:1-21 - *NKJV*



18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. **19** Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

--- Daniel 1:18-19 ... *NKJV*

Daniel and His Friends Obey God

Daniel 1:1-21 - *NKJV*



20 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. **21** Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

--- Daniel 1:20-21 ... *NKJV*



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Lessons from Kidnapped Children

Attack by Babylon

Daniel 1:1-2



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■ Time Marker ... In the Third Year of the Reign of Jehoiakim

- Jehoiakim .. King of Judah
 - ✓ Son of Josiah
 - ✓ Hebrew Name - Eliakim (2 Kings 23:34)

34 Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And *Pharaoh* took Jehoahaz and went to Egypt, and he died there.

Jehoahaz: Jehoiakim's brother

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- ✓ Hebrew Name - Eliakim (2 Kings 23:34)
- ✓ Reigned in Jerusalem from 607 to 597 BC
 - Vassal for Pharaoh Necho until the Battle of Carchemish 605 BC
 - Vassal for Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 46:1-2)

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations. **2** Against Egypt.

Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the **fourth year** of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

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Accession Year Method	Non-Accession Year Method
Accession Year	1 st Year
1 st Year	2 nd Year
2 nd Year	3 rd Year
3rd Year	4th Year
Daniel uses the Babylonian Accession method	Jeremiah uses the Jewish Non-Accession method

It's all in how you do the counting!

Daniel 1:2 - Observations



² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

■ The Lord Gave...

- The king of Judah
 - ✓ God is in control of the kings and the kingdoms of the world
- With some of the articles of the house of God
 - ✓ Not all the articles
 - ✓ These would be used by his grandson Belshazzar - *fall of Babylon*
 - ✓ Into the treasure house of his god - *emphasis for shame*
- Shinar
 - ✓ Region that include the city of Babylon - *e.g., So Cal & LA*
 - ✓ Used interchangeably in Scripture
 - ✓ Site of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)
 - Kingdom of Nimrod (Genesis 10:9)

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 1:1-2



Daniel Chapter 01		
Verse	Principle	Application
Beseiged by Babylon ... Daniel 1:1-2		
1-2	God's ways are not man's ways, and sometimes we do not understand all that God is trying to accomplish in our lives, through the beseiging of trials, or the blessings of grace.	I resolve to trust God to accomplish all that He has set out for me to accomplish for His name's sake. <i>[Philippians 1:6 ..."being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"]</i> .
	God is sovereign in the affairs of men. God alone establishes kings and kingdoms. God can be trusted to accomplish what He wills.	I resolve to trust God and not become anxious with the things of this world. <i>[Philippians 4:6 ..."Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"]</i> .



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Training in Babylon

Daniel 1:3-7



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 - ✓ Master of his eunuchs - does not say Ashpenaz was or was not a eunuch
 - ✓ Eunuchs - castrated males that served the King
- Some of the children of Israel
 - ✓ Notice the use of the term Israel to represent the entire nation
 - Northern Kingdom (Israel) does not exist at this time
 - Southern Kingdom (Judah)
- Some of the king's descendants
 - ✓ King of Judah's family - royal line to the throne
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✓ Reduce the risk of a revolt ... King made a vassal

Daniel 1:4 - Observations



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■ Young men...

- Characteristics ... physical and mental
 - ✓ No blemish, good looking
 - ✓ Gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge, quick to understand
- Purpose ... indoctrination to serve
 - ✓ Teach the language of the Chaldeans
 - ✓ Teach the literature of the Chaldeans

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Rulers of Judah

Saul • David • Solomon • Rehoboam •
Abijah • Asa • Jehoshaphat • Jehoram •
Ahaziah • Athaliah • J(eh)oash • Amaziah •
Uzziah/Azariah • Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah •
Manasseh • Amon • Josiah • Jehoahaz •
Jehoiakim • Jeconiah/Jehoiachin • Zedekiah

- Were Daniel and the other Captives made Eunuchs?

✓ Possibly ... Isaiah 39:7

⁷ 'And they shall take away *some* of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"
--- *Isaiah to Hezekiah*

Daniel 1:5 - Observations



⁵ And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king.

- King appointed ... delicacies ... wine
 - Captives treated well - *apart from the homesickness, shame of captivity*
 - ✓ Delicacies to eat
 - ✓ Wine to drink
 - ✓ Learning from most advanced training center of the world - at that time
 - Sounds like the life of a Graduate Student 😊
 - Three years of training
 - ✓ Learning the ways of the Chaldeans
 - ✓ Purpose
 - Serve before the king
 - Take most brightest from captives to advance kingdom

Daniel 1:6 - Observations



⁶ Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

- Sons of Judah
 - Among those captive ...

Name	Meaning
Daniel	God is my judge
Hananiah	Beloved of the Lord
Mishael	Who is as God
Azariah	The Lord is my help

Hint of Godly Parents ... *naming of their children*

El - God **Ah** - Yahweh

Yahweh and Hallelujah



YAH [[Holman Bible Dictionary](#)]

Shortened form of Yahweh, the Hebrew name for the God of the covenant. (Also God; I Am; Jehovah; Lord; YHWH).

YHWH [[Holman Bible Dictionary](#)]

God's name in Hebrew known by the technical term "Tetragrammaton" (Greek, meaning four letters), these are the four consonants which make up the divine name (Exodus 3:15; found more than 6,000 times in the Old Testament). The written Hebrew language did not include vowels, only the consonants were used; thus readers supplied the vowels as they read (this is true even today in Hebrew newspapers). Reverence for the divine name led to the practice of avoiding its use lest one run afoul of Commandments such as Exodus 20:7 or Leviticus 24:16. In time it was thought that the divine name was too holy to pronounce at all. Thus the practice arose of using the word Adonai: "Lord." Many translations of the Bible followed this practice. In most English translations YHWH is recognizable where the word LORD appears in all caps.

In the course of the centuries the actual pronunciation of YHWH was lost. In the Middle Ages Jewish scholars developed a system of symbols placed under and beside the consonants to indicate the vowels. YHWH appeared with the vowels from "Adonai" as a device to remind them to say "Adonai" in their reading of the text. A latinized form of this was pronounced "Jehovah," but it was actually not a real word at all. From the study of the structure of the Hebrew language most scholars today believe that YHWH was probably pronounced Yahweh (Yah' weh).

hallelujah

1535, from Heb. hallalu-yah "praise Jehovah," from hallalu, pl. imper. of hallel "to praise" also "song of praise," from hillel "he praised," of imitative origin, with primary sense being "to trill." Second element is yah, shortened form of Yahweh, name of God. Replaced variant formation alleluia (12c.).

Daniel 1:7 - Observations



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- ✓ A change of **identity** (no longer God's children)
- ✓ A change of **destiny** (Babylon not Jerusalem)
- ✓ A show of authority or dominion (e.g., Adam)

Name	Meaning	New Name	New Meaning
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Hananiah	Beloved of the Lord	Shadrach	Illumined by the Sun God
Mishael	Who is as God	Meshach	Who is like unto the Moon God
Azariah	The Lord is my help	Abed-Nego	Servant of Nego, a shinning fire

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 1:3-7



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Trained in Babylon ... Daniel 1:3-7		
3-7	Submit to God and He will provide the training you need to accomplish His mission for you.	I resolve to trust God to equip me for His service, in ways I may not understand. <i>[Philippians 4:6 ... "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; "].</i>



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Commitment in Babylon

Daniel 1:8-14



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■ Daniel Purposed in His Heart

- Daniel had no control over being taken to Babylon
- Daniel had no control over his name being changed
- Daniel did have control over what he would eat
 - ✓ He was resolute in not partaking of the king's food or drink
 - ✓ Daniel went through the proper channels
 - Started with the chief of the eunuchs
 - » Made request
 - » Request denied
 - Then to the steward under the chief of the eunuchs
 - » Proposed test
 - » Passed test



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6 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, ³ he shall separate himself from wine and *similar* drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from *similar* drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. ⁴ All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin.

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⁴ Do not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice wicked works
With men who work iniquity;
And do not let me eat of their delicacies.

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 - ✓ Forbidden in Proverbs 23:1-3

23 When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
Consider carefully what *is* before you;
2 And put a knife to your throat
If you *are* a man given to appetite.
3 Do not desire his delicacies,
For they *are* deceptive food.

Daniel 1:9 - Observations



⁹ Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

■ God had brought Daniel into the favor...

- Again we see the hand of God shaping events

✓ Our God is ...

- Sovereign
- Omnipotent
- Omnipresent
- All Knowing
- All Loving

✓ That is why Our God can be trusted to do what is best ... because

- He does not answer to another
- He is all powerful
- He is always present
- He knows everything
- He demonstrated His love for us

» He died for our sins - *while we were still sinners*

Need **ALL**
These Attributes

Daniel 1:10 - Observations



10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

■ Legitimate Concern

- Daniel's request could lead to Ashpenaz losing his head
 - ✓ Ashpenaz fears King Nebuchadnezzar and with good reason
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar was good at reducing head count 😊
- Daniel's request is denied by Ashpenaz

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Daniel 1:10 - Observations



10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king."

■ Legitimate Concern

- Daniel's request could lead to Ashpenaz losing his head
 - ✓ Ashpenaz fears King Nebuchadnezzar and with good reason
 - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar was good at reducing head count 😊
- Daniel's request is denied by Ashpenaz

✓ So why in the previous verse does it make the point that Daniel found favor?

- Response is not an outright denial .. Just a valid statement of fear
- Later Daniel will make a similar request of the steward
- Be granted and pass a test ... such that Ashpenaz does not lose his head
- It seems logical to assume that Ashpenaz was not totally out of the loop during the testing.
- What do you think?



Daniel 1:11-13 - Observations

¹¹ So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants."

■ Daniel Proposes a Test

- Test is for Ten Days
 - ✓ Two food groups
 - Daniel and Friends to eat vegetables and water
 - Others to eat king's delicacies and wine
 - ✓ Examine at the end of 10 days
 - Ten is a number of completeness ... *Ten fingers, Ten toes*
 - Check appearances of those in the two groups
- King James uses "pulse" instead of vegetables
 - ✓ Any vegetable grown from seeds

The Number 10 - Some Biblical References



- The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles **ten** days after the Ascension of Jesus.
- The **ten** leprosy heal by Jesus. (Luke 17:11)
- The **ten** pounds given at ten servants in the parable. (Luke 19:13)
- The **ten** horns of the Beast of the Revelation with the **ten** diadems on each of horns. (Revelation 13:1)
- The **ten** impotent powers against the love of God. (Romans 8:38)
- The **ten** vices that exclude from the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:10)
- The **ten** nations whose hostility towards Israel was constant. (Psalm 83:7-9)
- Boaz took **ten** witnesses to marry Ruth. (Ruth 4:2)
- God move back the shadow on the sundial of Ahaz **ten** degrees as a sign that He was going to deliver Hezekiah from his mortal sickness and the city where he was. (Isaiah 38:1-8)
- The **ten** plagues of Egypt sent by God by the intermediary of Moses, according to the Bible: (1) the water changed into blood (2) the frogs, 3) the lice (4) the flies (5) the plague on the animals (6) the epidemic of boils (7) the hail (8) the locusts, the (9) three darkness days, finally (10) the death of the firstborns in each Egyptian family (Exodus 7-11)
- The **Ten** Commandments of God given to Moses. (Exodus 20:1)
- The **ten** generations from Adam until Noah. (Genesis 5)

Daniel 1:14 - Observations



14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

- Steward Agrees to the Test
 - Steward agree to Daniel's test proposal
 - Test progresses for ten days

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 1:8-14



Daniel Chapter 01		
Verse	Principle	Application
Tested in Babylon ... Daniel 1:8-14		
8-14	Train a child in the ways of God. Live your life in a way that, you are convinced, is pleasing to God. Living for God will affect those around you.	I resolve to train, mentor, and live my life to challenge, to change, for Christ, all those in my sphere of influence. <i>[Matthew 5:16 ... "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. "].</i> <i>[1 Corinthians 11:1 ... "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. "].</i>



Lessons from Kidnapped Children

Blessings in Babylon

Daniel 1:15-21



▪ Lesson 02: Lessons from Kidnapped Children

[Book of Daniel]

- **Attacked by Babylon...** [Daniel 1:1-2]
- **Training in Babylon...** [Daniel 1:3-7]
- **Commitment in Babylon...** [Daniel 1:8-14]
- **Blessing in Babylon...** [Daniel 1:15-21]

Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

Daniel 1:15-16 - Observations



15 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. **16** Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables

■ Test Results

- After ten days testing is completed
- Both groups of young men are examined
 - ✓ Daniel and Friends features appeared more health
 - Vegetable and water group deemed better than
 - Delicacies and wine group
- Based on the results
 - ✓ Steward takes away delicacies and wine
 - ✓ Allows Daniel and Friends to eat vegetables and water
 - For their entire three year training

Daniel 1:17 - Observations



17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in **all** literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in **all** visions and dreams.

- God honors Daniel's Commitment to Not Defile Himself
 - Daniel and Friends receive
 - ✓ From the hand of God
 - ✓ Knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom
 - ✓ Daniel receives an extra blessing
 - Understanding of all visions and dreams
 - ✓ Notice the “**all**” qualifier of the **wisdom** and **visions and dreams**
 - Not limited to what was taught in the three years of training
 - That is why they were superior to all of the king's advisors

Daniel 1:18-19 - Observations



18 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. **19** Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

■ Final Exam

- Ashpenaz brings the students in for their final exam
 - ✓ Before the King
 - ✓ Defense of what they had learned in their training
- End of the days ... what was the time period?
 - ✓ Three years

Daniel 1:20 - Observations



20 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.

- Daniel and Friends Ace the Exam
 - Nebuchadnezzar examines Daniel and Friends
 - ✓ Wide range of inquiry ... all matters of wisdom and understanding
 - ✓ Found them 10 times better
 - An order of magnitude - not exactly 10 times
 - Than **All** the magicians and astrologer who were in **All** his realm
 - » Not just those captives that finished the training
 - » **All** advisors in **All** the king's realm

Daniel 1:21 - Observations



21 Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

■ Training Will Endure

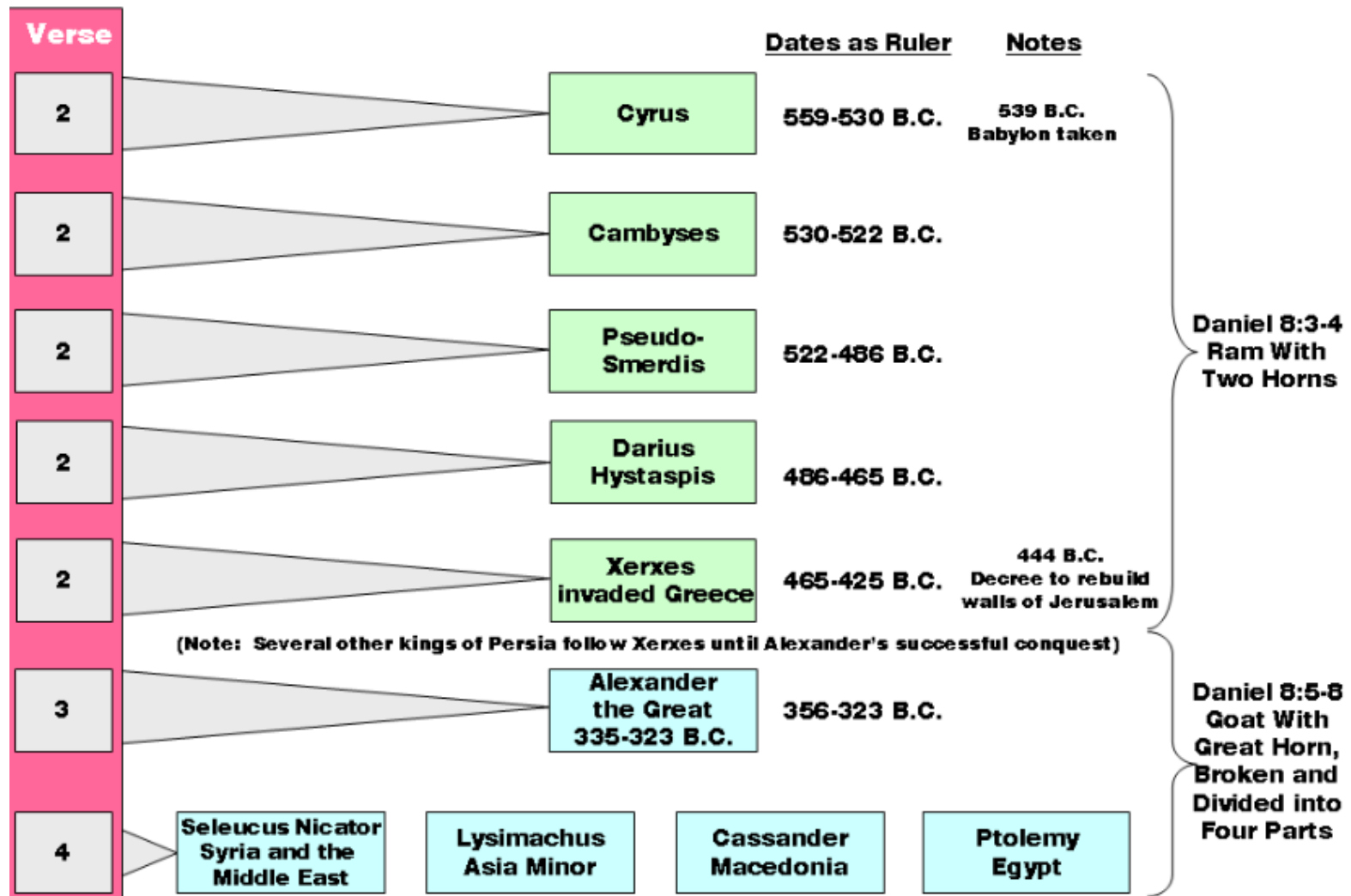
- Daniel endures beyond the Babylonian Empire
 - ✓ Into the Persian Empire
- Does not mean Daniel only continued until 1st Year of King Cyrus
 - ✓ Scripture tells us he continued into the reign of King Darius
- King Cyrus
 - ✓ Came to power at the end of the 70 years of Jewish Exile



Daniel - Persian Rulers



Timeline of the Persian Rulers, Daniel Chapter 11



Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 1:15-21



Daniel Chapter 01		
Verse	Principle	Application
Blessed in Babylon ... Daniel 1:15-21		
15-21	God is the source of every good and perfect gift, which He liberally bestows. Seek to serve God and He will bless you, in this life and/or the life to come.	I resolve to trust in God for knowledge and skill that only He can give. <i>[James 1:17 ..."Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. "].</i>

