

Daniel Chapter 1

Chapters 1 – 4

Daniel under Nebuchadnezzar

Part 1

Chapters 1 – 6

Six 6 Stories about Daniel that demonstrate his WISDOM in living under a hostile government. Their Faith in God under death threatening conditions

Part 2

Chapters 2 6-12

Different visions God gave to Daniel. These visions give the future of the Jewish people and their domination by different Gentile Kingdoms in History.

Character of Daniel and his deportation:

How would you be under deportation?

How will you be as America changes?

Personal History of the Prophet

Daniel 1:1-21

WISDOM of FAITH

As we are going to see, when you live by Faith, Faith will direct decisions you make in your life.

Daniel 1:1-2

Historical setting; God uses historical events to move us where He desires us to be:

Chaldean invasion-beginning of Judah's Exile:

Captivity of Jerusalem

Daniel 1:1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it."

605 bc

vs1 “In the third year of the reign of Jehoíakim king of Judah”

Jehoiakim

Jehoiakim reigned began 609 bc to 606 bc; He was the 18th king of the Southern Kingdom.

Jehoiakim **means *Jehovah has set up; Jehovah raises up***; his name was **Eliakim “*whom God has established*”**; --both names refer to fact that God has raised him up under judgment. He was made king of Judah in place of his father by Pharaoh-Neco-King of Egypt.

Nebuchadnezzar pursued Pharaoh- Neco and defeated him at Carchemish, and upon his return to Babylon captured Jerusalem, taking sacred articles from the Temple of the Lord and carrying them to the idolatrous temple of Bel in Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:6-7

He left Jehoiakim as a vassal king

2 Kings 24:1 and Jeremiah 25:1

You will recall from last week’s reading that he was enemy of Jeremiah and actually destroyed the scroll, written by Jeremiah from the Lord.

He rejected the Word of God and rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar and ran to Egypt for help.

2 Kings 24:1 “In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoíakim became his servant *for three years*; then he turned and

rebelled against him.”

Jehoiakim came to a violent end as prophesied, and his body was thrown over the wall, perhaps to show the enemy that he was dead. It was afterward taken away and given an dishonorable burial in 597 bc.

Jeremiah 22:18-19; 36:30 and 2 Kings 24:3

Notes abstracted from Merrill Unger’s New Bible Dictionary

This was during the

- 1st deportation of Jews to Babylon in 605 bc
- 2nd was in 598 bc when Ezekiel was taken to Babylon
- 3rd deportation was in 586 bc, which marks the beginning of 70 years captivity

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem & besieged it

First let’s look at his name ... It comes from the ancient god Nebo of planet Mercury. He was regarded as the chief protector; Nebo was the lord of brightness; the original fire; and he was powerful in ancient Chaldean society; The name Nebuchadnezzar means may Nobo protect. We have done a great deal of study of NEAM gods; Satan copied the meaning of the true God and gave it to gods of myths.

- 1a. in 625 Nebuchadnezzar united the 5 clans of the Chaldeans and took control of Babylon
- 1b. 612 Nebuchadnezzar was challenged by and defeated the great Assyrian Empire
- 1c. 606 Egypt challenged Nebuchadnezzar and was defeated at Carchemish
- 1d. he co-ruled with his father Nebopolasser and while pursuing Pharaoh Necho that he received news that his father had died, and it was while Nebuchadnezzar was in pursuit of Pharaoh

Necho that Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem; 605 bc and took hostages -- including 15 year old Daniel

605 bc

vs2 “And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...”

As Nebuchadnezzar passed he saw Jerusalem and remembered a story about the wealth of this city of Jerusalem and

- 1) besieged it
- 2) surrounded it and
- 3) demanded its surrender . . .

which they did

Note The Sovereignty of God, the True God is active in history of Judah -- and all nations! “...along with some of the vessels of the house of God;...” God of Judah “...& he brought them to the land of Shinar,...”

Shinar introduces the Spiritual Warfare between God & Satan.

Notice two words,

Shinar in verse 2 and Babylon in verse 1.

The Holy Spirit uses these words in order to draw attention to the fundamental battle between man and God.

First, in verse 1 Babylon in the English is incorrect, in the Hebrew text it is Babel.

Babel is used in Genesis 10:10 and 11:9;

Shinar is used in Genesis 10:10 and 11:2.

So to grasp the significance of Babel and Shinar, turn there.

This is an extremely significant place on the earth.

The poles of conflict on the earth are Jerusalem versus Babylon. Both are primary centers on earth in Genesis and in Revelation.

Genesis 10:11 "From that land he went forth into Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-ir and Calah,"

Nineveh was a late building of Nimrod, Shinar came first.

10:8 "Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth."

10:9 "He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, 'Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.'"

10:10 "And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar."

Shinar means two rivers or wholly severed, divided mind; **Shinar** is the country through which the rivers Tigris and Euphrates flow.

Nimrod is the first king over a kingdom that the Bible records in history. This represents the kingdom of man. From this we see the development of man against God throughout Scripture. From this point Babel represents paganism, the best, the highest, the greatest of human intellect, culture, the best of the wisdom of man. The most powerful expression of everything antithetical to God's plan for mankind and for history.

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he roots of anti-Christianity began at **Babel** with the first attempt to form a one world government.

Genesis 11:2 “And it came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.”

11:3 “And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly. And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.”

11:4 “And they said,”Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name; lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

The Tower of Babel was to act as an insurance policy to protect the people from another flood.

Josephus records that **Nimrod** convinced the people that this would protect them from the judgment of God in history. It was designed to escape divine judgment of the people from another flood.

Here is the wisdom of man trying to escape the judgments of God. Mankind is always looking for **SOME SYSTEM, SOME PROGRAM, SOME POWER** that will protect him from the intrusion of God in the decisions of everyday life, in ethics, morality, politics and the affairs of man. Man desires to do whatever he wishes without threat of divine retribution.

But God laughs at the rebellion of man.

Genesis 11:5 "And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built."

11:6 "And the LORD said, "Behold they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them"

11:7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

If you want to define ever changing events in human history this is one of them. From this point on the human race is fragmented, races, colors, languages etc. It destroyed man's ability to communicate and to think alike.

All through history man will try to produce a perfect Kingdom on earth without God, apart from God. This will be brought out in Daniel 2, with the prophesy of Gentile nations through what remains of human history.

Again and again fragmented Babel tries to assert itself and reestablish man's objectives without God.

The Kingdom of God is always countered by Kingdom of Satan, which is Kingdom of Darkness put forth in mankind

- 2a. Man always strives to reestablish the goals of Babel. Every great political leader has tried to do this. Why? Man wants an autonomous destiny. A nation independent of God and free from divine interference. Man continuously tries to establish his social, intellectual, political existence independent of God

and free from the authority of His Word. (*USA today*)

- 2b. This striving is so powerful today: The United Nations with its **Agenda 21**; Muslims goal of a **Muslim world**; Mormons have their goal of ruling the world, the Roman church has its goal of RCC world.

Christianity has no such goal, it is individual salvation and individuals living their lives as unto the Lord. (Peter's drawn sword)

- 2c. **Formation:** always by conquest, by force. Nimrod sets the pattern. It is not based on consent by the individual, but compelled through force.

So
force,
deception,
lies,
power politics
goes along with this nation without God.

Kingdom of Man.

Always by enslavement of the individual.

State is almighty.

(in USA—must disarm America)

- 2d. Morality is always subjective; the state determines what is right and wrong. Majority dictatorship or dictatorship by the one or the few. Never determined by Word of God.

So the bible must be eliminated
TAKEN OUT of education,
TAKEN OUT of Jurisprudence and
for all practical purposes
TAKEN OUT of the churches.

- 2e. Control the whole world. United Nation's **Agenda 21** is for the whole world. Muslim control is of the whole world. This by increase increasing state power. The State substitutes itself for divine control The State seeks to provide a perfect world, the state will provide all man needs from the womb to the grave. It will solve all man's problems by force, by drugs, by education.

Daniel 1:2 "...to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels of the Lord God into the treasury of his god."

Look at 5:3 "Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them."

This is Satan's desire to bring the treasures of God into his Kingdom. And what are the treasures of God?

You
every believer

**Fulfillment of the Word of God;
Daniel in 1:1-2 records the fulfillment of the prophecy given by
Isaiah – temple vessels taken to Babylon.**

Isaiah 39:5-7

Verse 5

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts,

Verse 6

'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,' says the LORD.

Verse 7

'And *some* of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

God uses prepared believers

Verse 21 "and Daniel continued until the 1st year of Cyrus the king