

Texas Youth Conference 2018

Camp Workbook

Daniel The Man



“He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions” Dan 6:27

Dear 2018 TYC Attendee,

We hope you will enjoy this year's study into the life of Daniel. This workbook is designed to be a study aid and discussion aid at the conference. Please take the time to complete this workbook before arriving at the camp. By having your thoughts written down ahead of time, you will be able to join in a more fruitful discussion with others throughout the week. It is good to do the work book in small sections at a time rather than rushed all at once. If possible, get together with others to complete the workbook together. We pray that your studies will be spiritually uplifting, and that God willing, we will be able to gather together at the end of the year to continue our studies into the life of Daniel.

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e-sword.net (free downloadable Bible study resources with multiple translations and helpful tools)

blueletterbible.org (free website that provides access to numerous translations and tools)

christadelphianbibletalks.com (Online bible classes and exhortations)

christadelphianvault.net (Online classes, and study materials)

In the hope that we share,

The TYC Committee

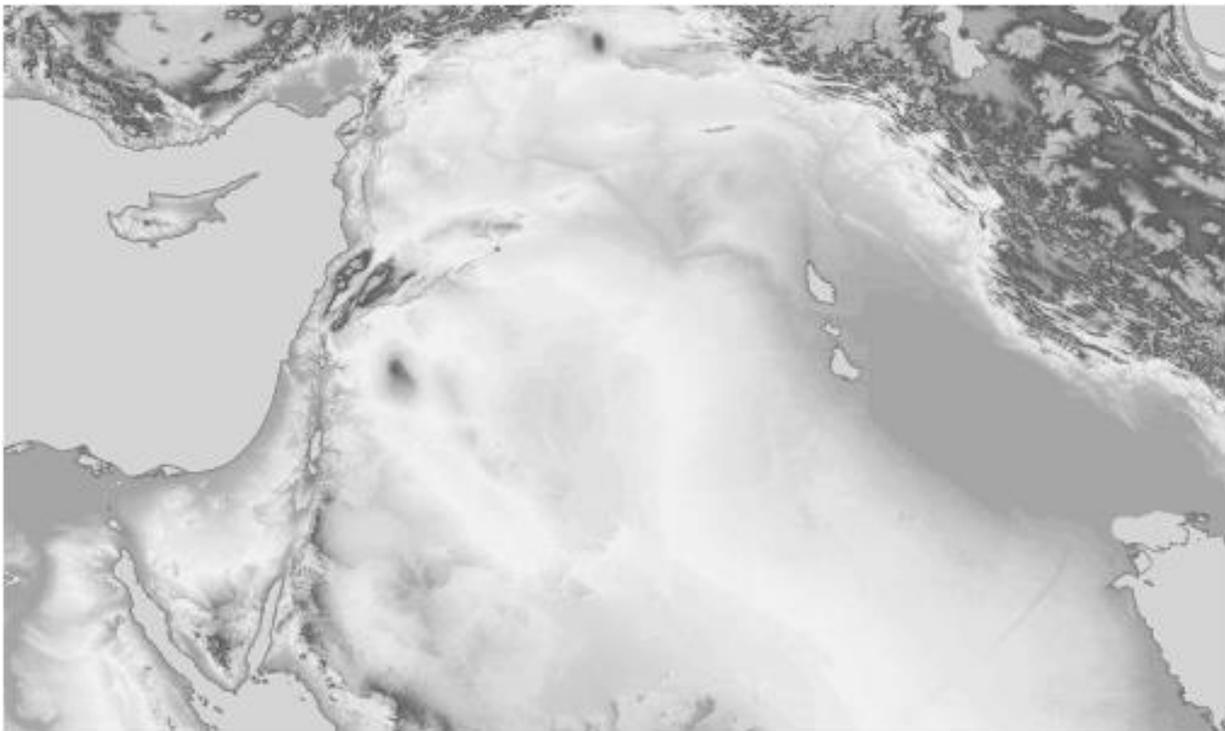
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Notes

Background Geography: Map out the path from Jerusalem to Babylon that the captives would have been taken on. About how many miles was this journey?



Section 1 – Daniel Chapter 1

Always provide scriptural evidence.

The Captivity of Judah

1. Why did God allow the Babylonians to dominate Israel, and be taken captive by them?
In what sense are we captives in Babylon? _____

2. What does Babylon represent spiritually? _____

3. In Daniel 1:2 “ part of the vessels of the House of God” were taken (i.e. Temple vessels), to the land of Shinar. Where else in scripture, besides Daniel, is this land of Shinar described? What are the scriptures telling us about this scene? _____

Change of Identity

4. We can see in vs. 4 the outward characteristics Daniel and his friends would of possessed. Now captive in Babylon, his Faith would be the only thing that matters. How do we relate to the situation, and are there other bible characters that experienced similar situations? _____

5. What are the meanings of these Hebrew names: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah. What are the meanings of their Chaldean names: Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshech, Abednego? _____

6. What is the significance of changing these captive Hebrews' names? _____

7. Daniel and his friends would be offered the best of what Babylon had to offer. What do you suppose partaking of the King's meat in vs. 5 would insinuate from a spiritual perspective? What is the danger? _____

8. Daniel, his friends, and many other faithful would be made eunuchs. In one of the major prophets, can you find scripture that would encourage these young men in their situation? (*Hint: Isaiah*) _____

9. Nebuchadnezzar was trying to change these men of Israel. Like the vessels taken from the Temple, would these men remain holy in a strange place? Why did Daniel go against the command of the King? _____

Remaining Faithful

10. In vs. 5, they were appointed a “daily provision.” Using a concordance, look up the Hebrew equivalent of this phrase and find another place in the Old Testament that it’s used. (Hint: also “a certain rate”) _____

11. What do you suppose the link is between these references (from Question 10)? Notice the repetition throughout the chapter of “the portion.” _____

12. In vs. 8, it says Daniel “purposed in his heart” to not be defiled. What does this show us about his character, and what is the exhortation to us? _____

13. Why would Daniel suggest “pulse and water” in vs. 12? How does this contrast the King’s meat and wine? _____

14. Why would their faces be “fairer and fuller in flesh” in vs. 15? In Strongs, identify “fairer and fuller.” (See 1 Tim. 4:8, Ex. 23:25)_____

15. What a great example of Faith being vindicated. Daniel and his friends had only just begun their trials in Babylon. Thus far in the book, what are your thoughts on how God rewards righteousness?_____

Section 2 – Daniel Chapter 2

1. Describe the feelings/emotions of King Nebuchadnezzar when he woke up from his dreams. (Daniel 2:1)_____

2. Why didn't King Nebuchadnezzar share any details with the "magicians, astrologers, sorcerers, and Chaldeans" when he sought their wisdom and guidance in the first place? (Daniel 2-13)_____

3. Where was Daniel when God revealed to him the dream? (Daniel 1:3-4)_____

4. Discuss Daniel's gratitude towards God for revealing to him the dream. (Daniel 2:20-23)
How can we develop this same faith and confidence that Daniel has in God? _____

5. Why did Daniel defend the life of the wise men of Babylon, when the captain had come to destroy them? (Daniel 2:24) Why not have them destroyed like Elijah did on Mt Carmel? _____

6. Daniel gives credit to God for revealing the image. (Daniel 2:30) How can we reflect this attitude in our lives? _____

10. How is Nebuchadnezzar's image relevant for us today? Is there a part of the image that defines the time we live in? _____

11.

A. What does that small stone cut without hands mean? (Daniel 2:44-45) _____

B. Find other verses concerning stones or rocks that could shed some light on this passage. _____

12. What did the king do to Daniel after he interpreted the dream? Knowing about Nebuchadnezzar's character why is this odd? (Daniel 2:46) _____

13. How do you think King Nebuchadnezzar viewed the God of Daniel after this account?
(Daniel 2:47)_____

14. Considering what we know about King Nebuchadnezzar throughout scripture, elaborate on his later years and discuss how he might be considered at the judgement seat. _____

15. Describe the character that Daniel upheld in this chapter despite the stressful circumstances. How can we develop this same character? _____

Section 3 – Daniel Chapter 3

1. In Chapter 3:1, we read that Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold. In verses 46-49 of chapter 2, we can see a difference in the king. Why is it that there seems to be this change? What is the lesson for us here? _____

2. In Daniel 3:1, we read that an image was made.

A. Is there any significance of it being an image of gold? _____

B. What does Yahweh think of images? A couple of spots to check are Ex. 20:23 and Deut. 7:25-26. _____

C. With the examples that you thought of, how did these images hinder people from serving Yahweh? _____

D. What is the lesson for us? Can you think of what images we have in our lives?
Can you think of any verses that talk about images in our lives? _____

3. In Dan 3:6, we read that the image must be worshipped. Are there any other examples of worshipping of images or idols? _____

4. We are going to read of Daniel's three friends standing up for the truth. What are some other examples of people that were punished for standing up for the truth? A couple of good examples to start with are Jeremiah and John. _____

5. We read that those that do not follow will be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. What is the significance and importance of that? Try to think of the theme of faith through the book of Daniel. _____

6.

A. In Dan 3:5, 10 and 15, we read of an extra instrument of music. We read of the dulcimer, which is not mentioned in verse 7. Is there any significance and importance to the additional instrument? _____

B. Is there importance and significance of these forms of music? _____

C. What is the importance of music and the lessons for us in our faith? _____

7. In Dan 3:15, Nebuchadnezzar gives them a second chance before casting them into the fire? Why is that? Do you think at this point there is still some hope for Nebuchadnezzar, or a chance for him to change? _____

8. In Dan 3:17, we see the phrase “our God whom we serve”. How important is this phrase? Is it used anywhere else? Who else has said similar phrases? Where are we told to not serve any other gods? _____

9.

A. What does the phrase “seven times more” mean in Daniel 3:19? Is there any significance to the use of the number seven? _____

B. What is the significance of this phrase in relation to today? _____

10. In Dan 3:25, we read that the men were not hurt. How is this a good reminder for us? What verses show us encouragement that our God protects us from harm and times of trouble? A couple of spots to start are Psalm 34:7 and 1 Peter 3:12-13. _____

11. In Dan 3:28, we see that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted in Yahweh. Do we read of any other cases where God sent an angel to someone, and what do we read of their actions? _____

12. What are some other examples of men in scripture who were in situations that seemed hopeless, but were delivered? _____

Section 4 – Daniel Chapter 5

1. What does Belshazzar's name mean? What does this tell us about him? _____

2. Describe how the feast would have looked before the writing on the wall. Where would the king be sitting in relation to everyone else? Where would the candlestick in Dan5:5 have been sitting? _____

3. Who would have seen the writing on the wall in Dan5:5 first? The people? The king? _____

4. In Jeremiah 51:7-8 it talks about Babylon being a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunk. How can this figuratively be related to the incident in Dan. 5? _____

5. What is the importance of the candlestick in Dan5:5? What are the implications for us?__

6. In Dan 5:6 it speaks of the king saying, “that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote against one another”, Ezekiel 7:17, and 21:7 use similar phrases as this verse. How do the verses in Ezekiel connect to and point forward to what is going to happen in this story and Babylon as a nation? _____

7. In Dan 5:9 the kings countenance changes. Can people tell something is different about us by our countenance? Does our countenance change as we grow and learn more about God and how we ought to live? Provide scriptures that relate to our countenance. _

8. Why couldn't the wise men in Dan 5:8-9 interpret the writing on the wall? How does this situation represent those who are often blinded by false religion? (1 Cor. 1:19-21, Jer. 16:19-21) How should we then be like Daniel in this situation? _____

9. What is being alluded to in the phrases, 'shewing hard sentences', and 'dissolving of doubts'? _____

10. After being such a prominent part of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, why do you think Daniel was not a prominent part of Belshazzar's reign (nearly forgotten)? _____

11. What was ironic about the king's gifts, knowing what would happen later that night? _____

12. Daniel talks about how Belshazzar's breath is in the hand of God. Where else in the bible do we see this come up where our breath is in the hand of God? What is the meaning of this and the importance behind it? _____

13. Dan 5:27 says that God weighed Belshazzar in his fair balances, where are some other places in scripture that echo this type of language and how does it relate to us?

(Example: Prov 11:1) _____

14. In your own words describe what you think it would have been like to be at this feast watching what was going on and to see the writing on the wall. Would you have been scared? What would have been going through your mind? _____

Section 5 – Daniel Chapter 6

1. Approximately how much time has passed from Daniel Chapter 5 to Daniel Chapter 6?
Around what age would Daniel have been during this time? _____

2. King Darius recognized an “excellent spirit” in Daniel.

- A. What are some characteristics that make up an excellent spirit? _____

- B. How can we implement some of these characteristics in our lives? _____

3. How do we reconcile Daniel’s actions in disobeying the King’s commandment in Daniel 6:10 with the verses below?

Hebrews 13:17 KJV - 17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Colossians 3:22 KJV - 22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

4. What are some other instances in scripture where faithful people disobeyed a law or decree of man? _____

5. In Daniel 6:4 we are told that the presidents and princes looked to find a fault in Daniel but they could not find any fault or error. What kind of exhortation is this for us when performing our own duties and jobs in life? How important is it that we show/practice Godly principles at the workplace? _____

6. In Daniel 6:7 The presidents and princes mention that ALL of them had met together to come up with this decree. Do you think Daniel was in attendance and overruled, or do you think that they did this behind Daniel's back and were telling a lie to the King? It can be tempting to tell small lies in life to get ahead in the short term; what are some scriptures we can draw from to help us resist this temptation? _____

7. Look at Daniel's practice of prayer in Daniel 6:10. What is the significance of the windows being open towards Jerusalem? What else can we interpret from Daniel purposely opening his windows when he prayed? _____

8. Daniel prayed 3 times a day, discuss your prayer habits and the importance of prayer in our daily lives. Provide scriptural examples of what prayer should consist of. _____

9. Why didn't Daniel give an internal prayer rather than praying out loud? Could Daniel have just closed his windows and prayed quietly instead? _____

10. Think about the overall scene of a man being accused by his fellow companions and then the ruler seeking to release the man but ultimately condemning him to death. How does this parallel with Christ? Provide side by side references from Daniel 6 and the Gospel narratives. _____

11. King Darius makes some statements that show a belief in the God of Daniel. Write these statements down and elaborate on the effect Daniel had on him. What can we learn about how we can affect those around us through a Godly character and by not hiding our faith. _____

12. King Darius mentions God’s Kingdom in Daniel 6:26 and makes a decree for the land to fear the God of Daniel. Describe the impact that this would have had on the Israelites living throughout the Kingdom of the Medes and Persians. _____

13. Continuing with the parallels to the life of Christ, Daniel 6:27 talks about Daniel being “delivered from the power of the lions.” When paired with:

1 Peter 5:8 KJV — Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

A. How was Christ delivered from the power of the lions? Provide scriptural evidence. _____

B. How can we be delivered from the power of lions? _____

14. Daniel 6:28 mentions that Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius even into the reign of Cyrus. What is significant about King Cyrus in relation to Israel? Provide scriptural proof. _____
