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A Practical Study of DANIEL

“Our God Reigns”

PART I

STUDY NUMBER ONE – DANIEL 1:1-21

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 1:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What two things did Nebuchadnezzar do, according to verse 1?

3. Who is the one who delivered “Jehoiakim king of Judah” into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, according to verse 2?

4. What did the king order “Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials” to do, according to verse 3?

5. List the six qualifications for this project, according to verse 4.

6. What did Daniel decide to do, according to verse 8?

7. What did God do for Daniel, according to verse 9?

8. What did God give to these four young men, according to verse 17?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is sovereignly in control of all things and is continuously working behind the scenes to the full accomplishment of His purpose.

LESSON #2: It is the Lord who gave Nebuchadnezzar the victory over Jehoiakim, king of Judah.

LESSON #3: The candidates for the king's service must have the following six qualifications: (1) "without any physical defect"; (2) "handsome"; (3) "showing aptitude for every kind of learning"; (4) "well informed"; (5) "quick to understand"; and (6) "qualified to serve" (verse 4).

LESSON #4: "Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way" (verse 8).

LESSON #5: Are you a conformer or a transformer?

LESSON #6: Are you a thermostat or a thermometer?

LESSON #7: God worked in the heart of Ashpenaz so that he did two things for Daniel: (1) he showed “favor”; and (2) “sympathy” to Daniel (verse 9).

LESSON #8: There are three God-things that we need to remember: (1) “So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days” (verse 14); (2) “So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead” (verse 16); and (3) “so they entered the king’s service” (verse 19).

LESSON #9: God is in the business of providing for a ministry by giving gifts to those who lead and serve.

LESSON #10: God’s gifts included: “knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning . . . and . . . visions and dreams” (verse 17).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO – DANIEL 2:1-13

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 2:1-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What three things happened to Nebuchadnezzar, according to chapter 2:1?

3. How does the king plan to solve his problem, according to verses 2 & 3?

4. What has the king decided to do, according to verse 5?

5. What does the king say he will do, according to verse 6?

6. How does the king respond to the astrologers in verse 9?

7. How do the astrologers respond to the king in verses 10 & 11?

8. What action did the king take in verse 12?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is in the business of orchestrating the circumstances in our lives to use us for His glory.

LESSON #2: Do you find yourself suffering from a troubled mind and insomnia?

LESSON #3: It is a mission of futility to pursue the spirit world apart from a relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

LESSON #4: Nebuchadnezzar requires that they tell him first the dream and then to interpret it so that he knows that they are genuine.

LESSON #5: Failure to complete their tasks will involve execution.

LESSON #6: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31 KJV).

LESSON #7: If these leaders accomplish his task, there will be "gifts and rewards and great honor" (verse 6).

LESSON #8: We who are believers long to hear "well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21 KJV) and we have the anticipation that "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9 NKJV).

LESSON #9: None of us will be able to manipulate God in order to gain time for our personal agendas.

LESSON #10: Hoping the situation will change reminds me of Numbers 23:19: "God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" (NIV).

LESSON #11: There are serious consequences when you make major decisions when you are angry.

LESSON #12: I rest in the assurance of Your unchanging grace and Your all encompassing sovereignty.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE – DANIEL 2:14-23

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 2:14-23 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How did Daniel handle the commander of the king's guard, according to verse 14?

3. What did Daniel ask of the king, according to verse 16?

4. What did Daniel ask of his friends, according to verse 18?

5. What did the Lord do for Daniel, according to verse 19?

6. How does Daniel respond to this revelation, according to verse 20?

7. From Daniel's perspective, what is it that the Lord is doing, according to verses 21 & 22?

8. Why does Daniel thank and praise God, according to verse 23?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We are all terminal and under a death sentence (Rom. 5:12).

LESSON #2: Daniel's approach to the authorities was to use wisdom and tact.

LESSON #3: Daniel and his three friends knew the power of prayer.

LESSON #4: The four of them pled "for mercy from the God of heaven" (verse 18).

LESSON #5: Daniel's response to God's intervention was to praise "the God of heaven" (verse 19).

LESSON #6: It delights the heart of God when we praise Him.

LESSON #7: Daniel knows that God is the one who saved their lives.

LESSON #8: Daniel praises the name of God, "wisdom and power are his" (verse 20).

LESSON #9: He praises God as the one who "changes times and seasons" (verse 21).

LESSON #10: He praises Him because He is the one who "sets up kings and deposes them" (verse 21).

LESSON #11: He praises Him because "He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning" (verse 21).

LESSON #12: He praises Him because "He reveals deep and hidden things" (verse 22).

LESSON #13: He praises Him because "he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him" (verse 22).

LESSON #14: He praises Him because the Lord has "given [him] wisdom and power" and He has "made known" to the four of them the things which they asked of Him (verse 23).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR – DANIEL 2:24-49**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Daniel 2:24-49 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does the king ask of Daniel, according to verse 26?

3. To whom does Daniel pay tribute in verse 28?

4. Why has this interpretation been revealed to Daniel, according to verse 30?

5. How does Daniel describe Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom, according to verses 37 & 38?

6. What is the “God of heaven” going to do, according to verse 44?

7. How does Nebuchadnezzar respond to Daniel’s interpretation of the dream, according to verses 46 & 47?

8. What did the king do for Daniel, according to verse 48?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:16).

LESSON #2: “For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

LESSON #3: “From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I” (Psalms 61:2).

LESSON #4: It is the “God in heaven who reveals [these] mysteries” to Daniel (verse 28).

LESSON #5: The Lord is revealing what will happen to come (verse 29).

LESSON #6: “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed” (verse 44).

LESSON #7: His kingdom “will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all [the others] and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever” (verse 44).

LESSON #8: God and God alone is the sovereign ruler over all.

LESSON #9: Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

LESSON #10: The sovereign Lord has complete control over all the kingdoms of this world.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE – DANIEL 3:1-12

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 3:1-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the action of King Nebuchadnezzar in verse 1.

3. What does the king command that the people do, according to verse 5?

4. What will happen to those who do not cooperate, according to verse 6?

5. What did the people do, according to verse 7?

6. Describe what happened, according to verse 8.

7. What did these astrologers say to the king in verses 10 & 11?

8. Summarize the astrologers accusations, according to verse 12.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How quickly pride can rise up in our hearts and get our focus off of the Lord and on ourselves.

LESSON #2: Pride causes Nebuchadnezzar to think that he is invincible.

LESSON #3: The summons that was given to all of the officials was for the dedication of the image mentioned both in verses 2 & 3. The real purpose was so that all of them could “fall down and worship the image” (verse 5).

LESSON #4: Music is used here to stir their emotions and cause them to respond to this command to “fall down and worship” (verse 5).

LESSON #5: The “blazing furnace” reminds us of the lake of fire that will be the destiny of all those who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

LESSON #6: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego have the courage to stand when everybody else is falling on their face and worshipping the image.

LESSON #7: Daniel had the courage to stand for his convictions with regard to dietary requirements in Daniel 1 and God granted his request.

LESSON #8: Daniel’s example probably really encouraged Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in this courageous stand they have made in our passage today.

LESSON #9: Jealousy sure can blind you with regard to the real issues involved here.

LESSON #10: These astrologers have forgotten that they are alive today because of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel's prayers and interpretation of the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

LESSON #11: Jealousy fills your heart with murder and resentment.

LESSON #12: Jealousy fills your heart with selfishness. These astrologers would like to have these three men out of the way so that they can have their positions in the government.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX – DANIEL 3:13-30

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 3:19-30 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Nebuchadnezzar do, according to verse 13?

3. What are the two choices outlined by the king, according to verse 15?

4. How do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respond to the king in verse 16?

5. What do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have to say about God in verses 17 & 18?

6. Describe Nebuchadnezzar's actions in verses 19-21.

7. Why is King Nebuchadnezzar shocked in verses 24 & 25?

8. Describe how Nebuchadnezzar responds to this miraculous manifestation in verses 28-30.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Nebuchadnezzar has taught us how careful we must be making decisions when we are angry.

LESSON #2: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not waiver one bit when the consequences of their devotion was going to mean death.

LESSON #3: "O Sovereign Lord, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?" (Deut. 3:24).

LESSON #4: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego say, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it" (verse 17).

LESSON #5: They say further, “even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up” (verse 18).

LESSON #6: Nebuchadnezzar does some really dumb things because he has lost total control of his emotions.

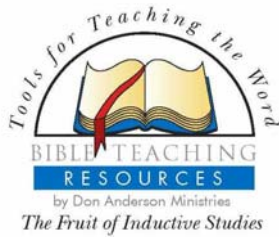
LESSON #7: The consequence of his dumb actions cost the lives of some of his soldiers.

LESSON #8: The Lord Jesus Christ goes with these three men through the fiery furnace experience.

LESSON #9: Sometimes the Lord delivers us out of the fiery furnace and sometimes He walks with us through the fiery furnace.

LESSON #10: Nebuchadnezzar still has not responded to the living God in spite of these dramatic happenings in the previous studies.

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PART II

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN – [DANIEL 4:1-18](#)

Notes

QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Daniel 4:1-8](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What four things does Nebuchadnezzar say about God and His kingdom in [verse 3](#)?

3. What does Nebuchadnezzar say about himself in [verse 4](#)?

4. How does Nebuchadnezzar characterize Daniel in [verse 8](#)?

5. Describe Nebuchadnezzar's vision, according to verses 10-12.

6. What did the holy one say to do with the tree, according to verse 14?

7. What instructions were given with regard to the stump, according to verse 15?

8. What is the two-fold purpose of this vision, according to verse 17?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The "Most High God" is fully capable of accomplishing His purpose and plan for our world and for us individually.

LESSON #2: "How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!" (verse 3).

LESSON #3: "His kingdom is an eternal kingdom: his dominion endures from generation to generation" (verse 3).

LESSON #4: Nebuchadnezzar has a pride problem in that everything about him is focused on himself.

LESSON #5: Once again we are witnesses to the fact that human beings are totally limited when it comes to interpreting God's dreams and messages without God or His Spirit guiding them.

LESSON #6: Daniel is one whom Nebuchadnezzar says “the spirit of the holy gods is in him” (verse 8).

LESSON #7: Prosperity can lead to a greater pride when the focus is upon our personal achievements.

LESSON #8: “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31).

LESSON #9: The reason for the decision and the verdict, from a divine perspective, is “so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men” (verse 17).

LESSON #10: “The Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and [He] gives them to anyone he wishes and [He] sets over them the lowliest of men” (verse 17).

LESSON #11: God is the judge and He puts down one and sets up another.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – DANIEL 4:19-37

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 4:19-37 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who is the tree, according to Daniels’ interpretation in verse 22?

3. What will happen to the King, according to verse 25?

4. How should the King respond to this, according to verse 25?

5. What is the interpretation of the stump, according to verse 26?

6. What does Daniel recommend to the King in verse 27?

7. How long does the Lord wait before judgment comes, according to verse 29?

8. List four things the King says about the King of heaven in verse 37.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is really important when we are reading the Scriptures, to be sensitive to the Spirit's voice using the Word of God to communicate to us the Lord's message.

LESSON #2: It is a great privilege to be used as an instrument in God's hand.

LESSON #3: God is a disciplinarian and there are times in our lives when He prunes our branches, that we might bear more fruit.

LESSON #4: Pride is repulsive to the Lord and He must extricate it from our lives in order to make us as useful instruments in His hand.

LESSON #5: The trial will last until “you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes” (verse 32).

LESSON #6: Daniel shows real compassion for Nebuchadnezzar by challenging him to respond to the Lord and to repent.

LESSON #7: God gave Nebuchadnezzar twelve months to respond to the impending discipline that was going to be coming upon his life.

LESSON #8: The proud words on his lips were interrupted with a voice from heaven bringing the decree of judgment.

LESSON #9: Listen carefully to the testimony of Nebuchadnezzar and respond in like manner: “I . . . raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High, I honored and glorified him who lives forever, His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation” (verse 34).

LESSON #10: “No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’” (verse 35).

LESSON #11: When God is involved in the process, the result will be even greater than before.

LESSON #12: Nebuchadnezzar confesses that he praises, exalts and glorifies “the King of heaven” (verse 37).

LESSON #13: He does this “because everything he does is right and all his ways are just” (verse 37).

LESSON #14: “Those who walk in pride he is able to humble” (verse 37).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER NINE – DANIEL 5:1-12**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Daniel 4:1-8 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What orders did the king give, according to verse 2?

3. What did they do with the gold goblets, according to verse 3?

4. What did they do, according to verse 4?

5. Describe what happened, according to verse 5?

6. How did the king respond, according to verse 6?

7. What three things did the king promise in verse 7?

8. What six things does the queen say about Daniel in verse 12?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: In times of crisis, we need to train ourselves to be still and to hear what the Lord is trying to say.

LESSON #2: Under the control of alcohol we can do some really dumb things.

LESSON #3: There are things that we have the courage to do when we are intoxicated that we would never even think of doing when we were sober.

LESSON #4: "You are the LORD's holy people. Purify yourselves, you who carry home the vessels of the Lord" ([Isaiah 52:11b NLT](#)).

LESSON #5: Prophecy is being fulfilled in this passage in that we are witnessing the fall of the kingdom of Babylon, the head of gold in the image from [Daniel 2](#).

LESSON #6: God, at times, is very sudden and quick in administering consequences to deliberate acts of disobedience.

LESSON #7: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" ([Hebrews 10:31 KJV](#)).

LESSON #8: If God were writing on your wall, what would He be writing at this moment?

LESSON #9: The king's response is four-fold: (1) "[he] watched the hand as it wrote"; (2) "His face turned pale"; (3) "he was so frightened that his knees knocked together"; and (4) "his legs gave way" ([verse 6](#)).

LESSON #10: This is the third time in the book of Daniel that we have seen the inability of the Babylonian brain trust in trying to interpret spiritual things.

LESSON #11: Daniel has been a tremendous witness with his "insight," "intelligence and wisdom" that has been given to him by the Lord ([verse 11](#)).

LESSON #12: The tribute to Daniel is six-fold: (1) “a keen mind”; (2) “knowledge”; (3) “understanding”; (4) “ability to interpret dreams”; (5) “explain riddles”; and (6) “solve difficult problems” (verse 12).

LESSON #13: Are we going to wait for God to show up and start writing on the wall before we respond with a heart of obedience?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TEN – DANIEL 5:13-31

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 5:13-31 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What four things does the king say about Daniel in verse 14?

3. How does Daniel respond to the king in verse 17?

4. What is the king's problem, according to verse 22?

5. What does the Lord hold in His hand, according to verse 23?

6. What three things are said about the king and his kingdom in verses 26-28?

7. How did the king respond, according to verse 29?

8. What happened to the king, according to verse 30?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Daniel finds that God can still use him in his senior years.

LESSON #2: This is the third time that the wise men and enchanters, the astrologers and all the rest of the brain-trust have been unable to interpret spiritual things.

LESSON #3: Daniel does not want anything to do with the favors that have been promised to him lest it affect his interpretation and motivation for giving the meaning of the handwriting on the wall.

LESSON #4: It is “the Most High God” who gave Nebuchadnezzar his “sovereignty,” “greatness,” “glory,” and “splendor” (verse 18).

LESSON #5: Nebuchadnezzar was judged because he became “arrogant and hardened with pride” (verse 20).

LESSON #6: Following the discipline, Nebuchadnezzar “acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes” (verse 21).

LESSON #7: Belshazzar “knew all this” but he refused to humble himself before “the Most High God” (verse 22).

LESSON #8: Belshazzar is guilty on seven counts: (1) he has “not humbled” himself; (2) he “knew all this” about Nebuchadnezzar; (3) he “set [himself] up against the Lord of heaven” (4) he used the “goblets from [the Lord’s] temple”; (5) he “drank” from those sacred goblets; (6) he “praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone”; and (7) he “did not honor the God who holds in his hand [his] life and all [his] ways” (verses 22 & 23).

LESSON #9: God does “hold in his hand” our lives and “all [our] ways” (verse 23).

LESSON #10: “God has numbered the days” of Belshazzar’s kingdom and “brought it to an end” (verse 26).

LESSON #11: He had “been weighed on the scales and found wanting” (verse 27).

LESSON #12: His “kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians” (verse 28).

LESSON #13: The gifts given by Belshazzar to Daniel would be of no value with the coming of the morning light. And so it is with those who love the world and the things that are in the world.

LESSON #14: “That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain” (verse 30).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN – DANIEL 6:1-9

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 6:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What was Daniel's position in the new administration, according to verse 2?

3. What was the king planning to do for Daniel, according to verse 3?

4. What did the other leaders try to do to Daniel, according to verse 4?

5. What three things are said about Daniel at the end of verse 4?

6. Where did the leaders have to look in order to find something against Daniel, according to verse 5?

7. Describe what the leaders did, according to verse 7.

8. How did the king respond to the decree, according to verse 9?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: You can only explain what has happened to Daniel in this empire transition as a God-thing.

LESSON #2: Although Daniel is 86 years old, he is still useful in the new administration.

LESSON #3: “Daniel . . . distinguished himself . . . by his exceptional qualities” (verse 3).

LESSON #4: Daniels’ “exceptional qualities” were convictions, character, courage, humility, loyalty, and servanthood.

LESSON #5: The most important quality in Daniel’s life is the presence of the Spirit of God giving him all of the tools necessary to accomplish the task God has assigned to him.

LESSON #6: All of the government officials sided against Daniel out of jealousy, competition, selfishness, and they wanted the power for themselves.

LESSON #7: As the officials looked for “charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs,” they found nothing (verse 4).

LESSON #8: They found “no corruption” where he compromised his convictions (verse 4).

LESSON #9: Daniel was squeaky-clean, “trustworthy,” not “corrupt,” and not “negligent” (verse 4).

LESSON #10: The only way they were going to get at Daniel was by focusing on his religious convictions.

LESSON #11: They had to use deception to get their decree signed.

LESSON #12: “Though the wicked hide along the way to kill me, I will quietly keep my mind on your decrees” (Psalm 119:95 NLT).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWELVE – DANIEL 6:10-28**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Daniel 6:10-28 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Daniel respond to the decree, according to verse 10?

3. What do the leaders tell the king, according to verse 13?

4. How did the king respond, according to verse 14?

5. What happened to Daniel, according to verses 16 & 17?

6. Describe what the king did the next morning, according to verses 19 & 20.

7. What did God do for Daniel, according to verse 22?

8. Summarize the king's decree, according to verses 26 & 27.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Psalm 92:12-15 describes Daniel at 86 years of age: “The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him’” (NIV).

LESSON #2: Daniel demonstrates that it is possible to stand firm on your convictions rather than conform to the culture.

LESSON #3: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2 NASB).

LESSON #4: When Daniel established his devotional disciplines, he included three times during the day that he spent talking to the Lord in prayer (verse 10).

LESSON #5: His prayer also included praise.

LESSON #6: His prayers included “asking God for help” (verse 11).

LESSON #7: “And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12 NASB).

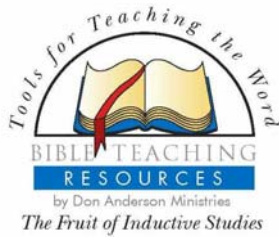
LESSON #8: Daniel is one who is remembered as being faithful to serve God continually (verse 20).

LESSON #9: Daniel is known for being a “servant of the living God” (verse 20).

LESSON #10: The Lord protects and provides for His own.

LESSON #11: The Lord is also in the business of prospering His own.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



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PART III

STUDY NUMBER THIRTEEN – DANIEL 7:1-14

Notes

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 7:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe each of the four great beasts that Daniel talks about in verses 4-7.

3. What nine things are said about the fourth beast in verse 7?

4. How is the “little horn” described in verse 8?

5. How is the “Ancient of Days” described in verses 9 & 10?

6. What two things happened at the end of verse 10?

7. What three things happened to the “beast” in verse 11?

8. What three things are given to the “Son of Man” in verse 14?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God does sovereignly control the course of history and our lives as well.

LESSON #2: “The Lord Almighty has sworn, ‘Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand. . . . For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?’” (Isaiah 14:24).

LESSON #3: “But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. ‘There is no peace,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked’” (Isaiah 57:20, 21).

LESSON #4: Whereas the four great kingdoms are characterized from man’s perspective, in chapter 2, those same kingdoms are seen here from God’s perspective in chapter 7.

LESSON #5: The “little horn” in verse 8 is the man of sin, the Antichrist.

LESSON #6: "God knows the future, God plans the future, God has told us the future in His Word" (Corrie Ten Boom).

LESSON #7: The "Ancient of Days" is God the Father.

LESSON #8: "The court was seated and the books were opened" are a sure indication of the certainty of divine judgment (verse 10).

LESSON #9: Hell is a very real place and is the destiny of all of those who do not want to be a part of Christ's kingdom.

LESSON #10: The "son of man" in verse 13 is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of all kings.

LESSON #11: His kingdom "is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and . . . [it] will never be destroyed" (verse 14).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOURTEEN – DANIEL 7:15-28

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 7:15-28 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Daniel's two-fold response to these visions, according to verse 15?

3. What is the interpretation of the four great beasts in verse 17 and how do these kingdoms relate to the image in Daniel 2?

4. What will happen to the “saints of the Most High,” according to verse 18?

5. What is Daniel’s request, according to Daniel 7:19?

6. What is the “little horn” doing, according to verse 21?

7. How does the “Ancient of Days” intervene in this situation, according to verse 22?

8. Describe in detail what happens in verses 26 & 27.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There will be times for people who walk with God to be “troubled in spirit,” “disturbed,” “deeply troubled,” have a “face [that has] turned pale,” and rather not talk about it (verses 15 & 28).

LESSON #2: “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3).

LESSON #3: The “four great beasts” are “four kingdoms”: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

LESSON #4: “The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it” (verse 18).

LESSON #5: The “horn” that is “waging war against the saints” is the Antichrist (verse 21).

LESSON #6: “Until the Ancient of Days came” reminds us that God is always on time with His purpose and plan (verse 22).

LESSON #7: The day is soon coming when there will truly be a one-world alliance.

LESSON #8: The man of sin will do four things: (1) “He will speak against the Most High”; (2) “oppress his saints”; (3) “try to change the set times and the laws”; and (4) “the saints will be handed over to him” for three and a half years (verse 25).

LESSON #9: In God’s perfect timing, “the court will sit” and the verdict will be “his power will be taken away” and he will be “completely destroyed forever” (verse 26).

LESSON #10: There are those who are trying to “change the set times and the laws” of our land by rewriting history, taking God out of everything, changing marriage, and the freedom of expression in the sexual without commitment (verse 25).

LESSON #11: “The sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints” (verse 27).

LESSON #12: Messiah’s “kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him” (verse 27).

LESSON #13: God’s sovereign purpose will prevail and there is no choice when it comes to whether or not you will worship or obey Him.

LESSON #14: “All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:35).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIFTEEN – DANIEL 8:1-14**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Daniel 8:1-14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe what Daniel saw in verse 3.

3. What two things are said about the “ram” that is described at the conclusion of verse 4?

4. What does Daniel have to say about the “goat” in verse 5?

5. Describe what the “goat” does to the “ram” in verses 6 & 7.

6. What happens to the “goat,” according to verse 8?

7. Outline what is taking place in verse 12.

8. How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled, according to verse 14?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God is indeed in charge and everything is working out just as He said it would.

LESSON #2: “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass”
(1 Thessalonians 5:24).

LESSON #3: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

LESSON #4: The “Ram on a Rampage” represents the Medo-Persian empire that overthrows the Babylonian empire (www.Bible.org).

LESSON #5: The “Goat that Wasn’t Kidding” represents the Grecian empire which overthrows the Medo-Persian empire under the leadership of Alexander the Great (www.Bible.org).

LESSON #6: The “little horn” represents Antiochus Epiphanes, the mad ruler.

LESSON #7: I feel like we are living in a day when truth is being thrown to the ground.

LESSON #8: The insatiable curiosity of the human heart is verbalized in the question: “How long will it take?” (verse 13).

LESSON #9: “Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses” (1 Kings 8:56).

LESSON #10: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN— DANIEL 8:15-27**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Daniel 8:15-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Who was sent to Daniel to help him understand the vision, according to verse 16?

3. How is the vision to be understood, according to verse 17?

4. What does Gabriel say to Daniel in verse 19?

5. What is the interpretation given by Gabriel of the ram and goat in verses 20 & 21?

6. Describe what is going to happen in verse 23.

7. Paint the picture of this great world leader that is described in verses 24 & 25.

8. How does Daniel respond to this incredible vision, according to verse 27?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is God's desire that we understand prophetic Scripture.

LESSON #2: He is our God and He is in control.

LESSON #3: Prophecy also teaches us that He is sovereign. It is one thing to prophesy and it is another thing to make it happen. God is able to do that.

LESSON #4: If we know Him we know all that we need to know.

LESSON #5: Prophecy is given to remind us that God is in control.

LESSON #6: The end of Antiochus happened preceding the first king coming and the end of the man of sin is preceding the second coming.

LESSON #7: Prophecy is given so we will know that the future is in God's hands. He is in control and His purpose and promises will prevail.

LESSON #8: "For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know" (1 Thessalonians 3:4).

LESSON #9: "For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Philippians 1:29).

LESSON #10: "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps"
(Proverbs 16:9).

LESSON #11: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that
prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – DANIEL 9:1-19

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 9:1-19 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Daniel understand from the prophet Jeremiah, according to verse 2?

3. Describe how Daniel approaches the Lord, according to verse 3.

4. Outline David's confession of sin in verses 5 & 6.

5. What two things does Daniel say about the Lord in verse 9?

6. For what two reasons does the Lord bring disaster upon them, according to verse 14?

7. What two things does Daniel ask of the Lord in verse 17?

8. Outline David's prayer petitions in verses 18 & 19.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The study of prophecy has moved the prophet Daniel to prayer.

LESSON #2: Daniel took literally what Jeremiah the prophet had predicted with regard to the seventy years of captivity in Babylon.

LESSON #3: We have in this passage a beautiful picture of Daniel's prayer life.

LESSON #4: The fervency of his prayer is seen in verse 3. He "turned to the Lord God and he pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes."

LESSON #5: Daniel identifies with the people as he intercedes and confesses not only for them, but for himself as well.

LESSON #6: He confesses six things the people have done: "we have sinned," "we have . . . done wrong," "we have been wicked," "we . . . have rebelled," "we have turned away from your commands and laws," and "we have not listened to your servants" (verses 5 & 6).

LESSON #7: "Lord, you are righteous . . . we are covered with shame" (verse 7).

LESSON #8: Daniel says, “The Lord . . . is merciful and forgiving” (verse 9).

LESSON #9: Daniel confesses three things: “All Israel has transgressed your law,” “All Israel has . . . turned away,” and “All Israel has . . . [refused] to obey” (verse 11).

LESSON #10: Daniel says the key is a right response and that right response has not yet been done: (1) “we have not sought the favor of the Lord by turning from our sins” and (2) we have not been “giving attention to your truth” (verse 13).

LESSON #11: “God is righteous in everything he does” (verse 14).

LESSON #12: The two petitions of Daniel’s fervent prayer in verse 17 are: “hear the prayers” and “look with favor” (verse 17).

LESSON #13: The three petitions of verse 18 are: “give ear,” “hear,” and “open your eyes.”

LESSON #14: The four petitions of verse 19 are: “O Lord, listen,” “O Lord, forgive,” “O Lord, hear,” and act.

LESSON #15: It is good for us to remember that God is totally sovereign and in complete control. As He has been in the past, He is in the present, and He will continue to be in the future, forever.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN— DANIEL 9:20-27

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 9:20-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Make an outline of Daniel’s activities in verse 20.

3. What has Gabriel come to do for Daniel, according to verse 23?

4. What six things are decreed for the people of Israel, according to verse 24?

5. What is Daniel commanded to know and understand, according to verse 25?

6. Who is the “Anointed One” and what will happen to him, according to verse 26?

7. What is the world “ruler who is going to come” going to do, according to verse 26?

8. Outline what this world leader is going to do, according to verse 27.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear”
(Isaiah 65:24).

LESSON #2: “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full” (John 16:24).

LESSON #3: “And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the request which we have asked from Him” (1 John 5:14, 15).

LESSON #4: “While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice” (verse 21).

LESSON #5: Two wonderful things that come to us as a result of our disciplined prayer life are: (1) insight, and (2) understanding.

LESSON #6: “As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the message and understand the vision” (verse 23).

LESSON #7: The future and grand finale for Israel is described in the remaining verses of this passage.

LESSON #8: The six things that remain to be accomplished are: (1) “to finish transgression,” (2) “to put an end to sin,” (3) “to atone for wickedness,” (4) “to bring in everlasting righteousness,” (5) “to seal up vision and prophecy,” and (6) “to anoint the most holy” (verse 24).

LESSON #9: The city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary will be restored and rebuilt.

LESSON #10: “War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed” (verse 26).

LESSON #11: “The Anointed One” is Jesus Christ the Messiah who will come and will be crucified.

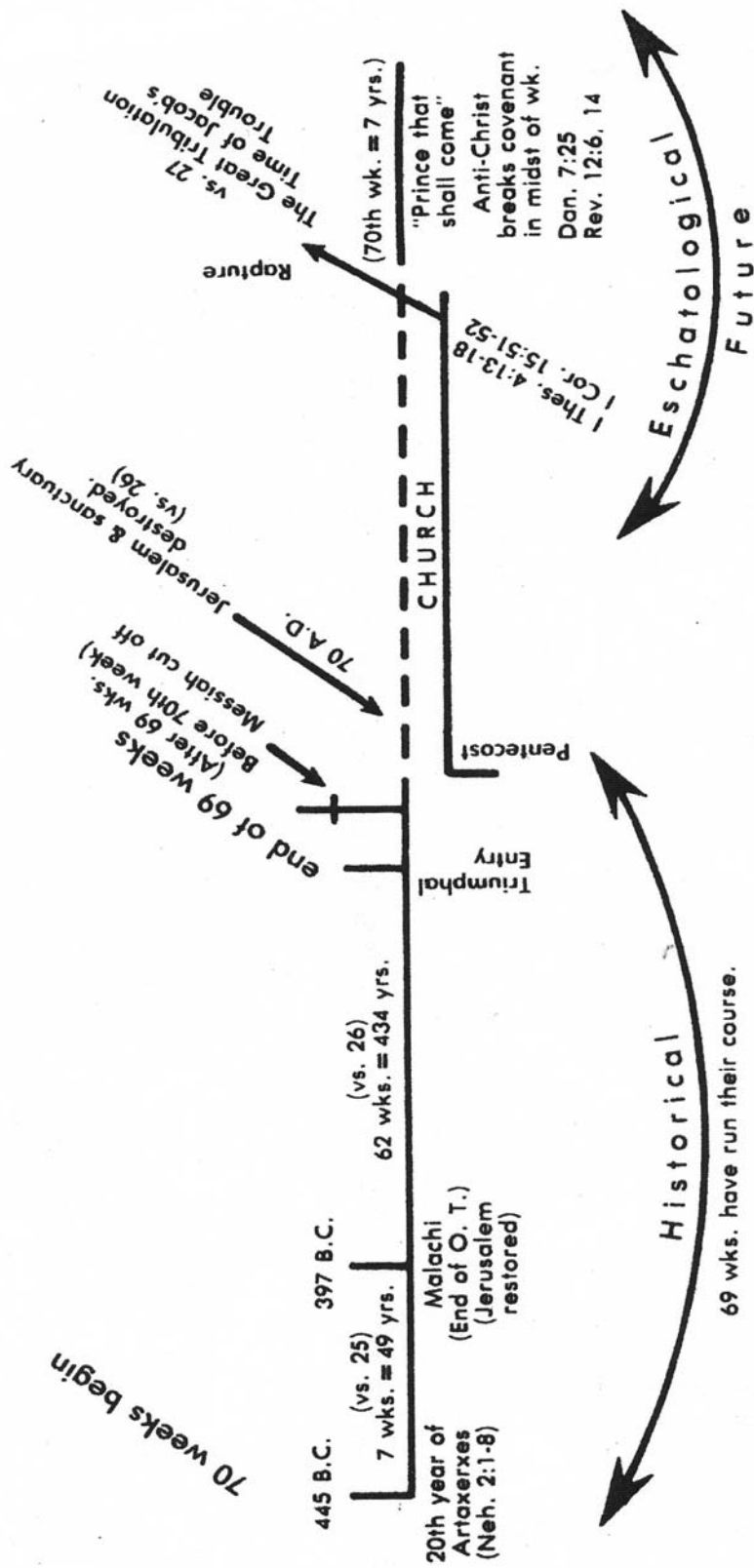
LESSON #12: The ruler is the future world leader, the man of sin, Satan’s final shot at a kingdom before Jesus Christ comes to set up the eternal kingdom.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DANIEL 9

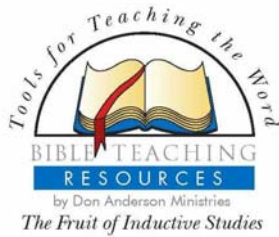
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PART IV

STUDY NUMBER NINETEEN – [DANIEL 10:1-9](#)

Notes

QUESTIONS:

1. Read [Daniel 10:1-9](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What two things are said about the revelation given to Daniel, according to [verse 1](#)?

3. What four things did Daniel do, according to [verse 3](#)?

4. Outline the seven things that are said about the man in [verses 5 & 6](#).

5. What does Daniel say about this vision in verse 7? And how does it parallel with Acts 9:7?

6. Describe how those who are with Daniel responded to the vision, even though they “did not see it,” according to verse 7?

7. What three things say about himself, according to verse 8?

8. Describe Daniel's response in verse 9.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: “They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green”
(Psalm 92:14 NIV).

LESSON #2: Even at ninety years of age you can still be involved in kingdom-work.

LESSON #3: Daniel chose to stay in Babylon rather than to return with the Jews to Israel.
This is a product of walking in the wisdom of God.

LESSON #4: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV).

LESSON #5: Daniel is a great example of one who has learned to pray, to fast, and to mourn over critical issues in life.

LESSON #6: The Lord finds great joy and delight in revealing Himself to us when we take time to be still and wait before Him.

LESSON #7: Daniel is faith in finishing his final assignments.

LESSON #8: It is an awesome life-changing thing to be standing in the presence of the Lord.

LESSON #9: Daniel’s response to this vision of the Lord is three-fold: (1) “my strength drained from me”; (2) “my vigor disappeared”; and (3) “I was without energy” (verse 8, *commentator’s translation*).

LESSON #10: “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31 NASB).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY – DANIEL 10:10-11:1

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 10:10-11:1 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What happened to Daniel in Chapter 10:10?

3. How is Daniel described by the angel in verse 11? What is he commanded to do?

4. Describe fully why the angel has come, according to verse 14.

5. Outline what Daniel has to say to the angel in verse 16.

6. What is Daniel's question and his dilemma, according to verse 17?

7. What does the angel have to say to Daniel in verse 19?

8. What is the angel going to do for Daniel, according to verse 21?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Three times in this passage Daniel is touched by an angel. In verse 10: "A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees." In verse 16: "Then one who looked like a man touched my lips." In verse 18: "Again the one who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength."

LESSON #2: What an honor for Daniel to be "highly esteemed" in heaven (verse 11).

- LESSON #3: The command to “consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you” are words of wise advice for prophetic studies (verse 11).
- LESSON #4: Daniel is commanded twice in this passage to “not be afraid” (verses 12 & 19).
- LESSON #5: The three-week delay in the answer to Daniel’s prayer had nothing to do with Daniel.
- LESSON #6: Daniel comes to prayer to: (1) “gain understanding”; and (2) to “humble” himself before God (verse 12).
- LESSON #7: Satan’s warfare involves resisting and detaining, but notice, never thwarting God’s purpose.
- LESSON #8: The key verse to our study is verse 14: “Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come.”
- LESSON #9: Daniel’s response to the message of Gabriel is one of being flat on the ground and unable to speak.
- LESSON #10: As Gabriel touched Daniel’s lips, he opened his mouth and began to speak. So the Lord did the same for Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 1:9 we read: “Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, ‘Now, I have put my words in your mouth’” (NIV).
- LESSON #11: Gabriel touched him a third time and gave him “strength” (verse 18).
- LESSON #12: Gabriel gave Daniel four commands in verse 19: (1) “do not be afraid”; (2) “peace”; (3) “be strong now”; and (4) “be strong.”
- LESSON #13: Just as there is spiritual warfare in heaven, so there is spiritual warfare on earth. We each face spiritual warfare on a daily basis.
- LESSON #14: “Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier” (2 Timothy 2:3-4 NASB).
- LESSON #15: “Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:10-17 NASB).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-ONE – DANIEL 11:2-20

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 11:2-20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. After reading Daniel 11:2, summarize the future of the Persian empire.

3. What will happen to the empire of Greece after this great king passes off the scene, according to verse 4?

4. Summarize the activities of the “king of the South” in verses 11 & 12.

5. Summarize the activities of the “king of the North” in verse 15.

6. What do the words “beautiful land” recorded in verse 16 refer to?

7. Summarize the activities of the “king of the North” in verse 17.

8. Summarize the way the “king of the North” finishes his career, according to verses 18 & 19.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God has been incredibly faithful to Daniel through his ninety-five years of service.

LESSON #2: History truly is His story.

LESSON #3: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28 NASB).

LESSON #4: God gives each of us an opportunity in humility and brokenness to surrender to His purpose and plan for life and find the joy and blessing that can be ours.

LESSON #5: “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please” (Isaiah 46:10 NIV).

LESSON #6: “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV).

LESSON #7: “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Proverbs 19:21 NIV).

LESSON #8: “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps” (Proverbs 16:9 NIV).

LESSON #9: You cannot see this specific fulfillment of this incredible passage without truly believing in a sovereign God who controls all things.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-TWO— DANIEL 11:21-35

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 11:21-35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe Antiochus Epiphanes IV for us, according to verse 21.

3. When does Antiochus Epiphanes choose to attack, according to verses 21 & 24?

4. Why does the “king of the South” lose the battle, according to verses 25 & 26?

5. Describe the conduct of the two kings at the conference table, according to verse 27.

6. There is a key phrase in verse 29 and also in verse 35 that lets you know that God is in control. What is that phrase?

7. What horrible things will Antiochus Epiphanes do with his armed forces to the temple in Jerusalem, according to verse 31?

8. How will “the people who know their God” respond to these horrible things, according to verse 32?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The actual literal fulfillment of these prophecies should give us an understanding that any that are yet to fulfilled will also be fulfilled literally.

LESSON #2: Antiochus Epiphanes chooses to make his attacks in a time of prosperity.

LESSON #3: “And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13 NASB).

LESSON #4: “My times are in your hands . . .” (Psalm 31:15 NIV).

LESSON #5: “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12 NIV).

LESSON #6: These two kings have their minds filled with evil intentions. The Lord says, “as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”

LESSON #7: No matter what, the “end will still come at the appointed time” (verse 27).

LESSON #8: The “people who know their God will firmly resist” those who will not follow His plan (verse 32).

LESSON #9: Those who are wise will teach the masses about what is right (verse 33).

LESSON #10: “Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12 NASB).

LESSON #11: There will be those who are faithful who “will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered” (verse 33).

LESSON #12: The purpose of the suffering is so that the faithful man be “refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time” (verse 35).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-THREE – DANIEL 11:36-45

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 11:36-45 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Summarize the things the king will do, according to verse 36.

3. What phrase in verse 36 reminds you of the fact that God is still sovereign and in control?

4. Because this king has no regard for God, how is his career summarized in verse 37?

5. State again another key phrase in verse 40 that lets you know that God is still sovereign and in control.

6. Define what is meant in verse 41 by the phrase "He will also invade the Beautiful Land."

7. Describe this king's military activities recorded in verse 44.

8. What phrase in verse 45 lets you know that God is still sovereign and in control?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is not unusual in Scripture to have prophecies that skip thousands of years, even between a couple of verses.

LESSON #2: The man of sin of will be doing four things: (1) “the king will do as he pleases”; (2) “the king . . . will exalt and magnify himself above every god”; (3) “the king . . . will say unheard-of [or presumptuous] things against the God of gods”; and (4) He will be successful” (verse 36).

LESSON #3: The man of sin’s success will last just as long as the sovereign God allows it.

LESSON #4: ““And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’” (Luke 12:19-20 NASB).

LESSON #5: What has been decreed must occur. “Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass . . .” (Isaiah 37:26 NIV).

LESSON #6: “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please” (Isaiah 46:10 NIV).

LESSON #7: Antichrist will be just like Satan in Isaiah 14:13: “You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God’” (NIV).

LESSON #8: The Antichrist will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood.

LESSON #9: The Antichrist will be fighting wars right up to the very moment when the heavens are opened. “. . . and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war” (Revelation 19:11 NASB).

LESSON #10: “And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, ‘KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS’” (Revelation 19:14-16 NASB).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Daniel 12:1-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe carefully what is happening in verse 1.

3. What will happen to those “whose name is found written in the book”, according to verse 1?

4. Describe in your own words what is taking place in verse 2.

5. What is Daniel commanded to do, according to verse 4?

6. What do you think is the meaning of the phrase in verse 7: “When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed”?

7. What is Daniel’s question in verse 8? How does the Lord respond to the question in verse 9?

8. Describe what will happen to the “wise” and to the “wicked,” according to verse 10.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God has a sovereign purpose and plan for our lives that takes us from the womb to the tomb.

LESSON #2: We have learned in this study that God uses suffering and adverse circumstances to deal with sin in our lives, but also to mold and make us and refine us so that we become more Christlike.

LESSON #3: Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Do you have complete peace that your name has been recorded in the Lamb's book of life?

LESSON #4: There is a clear promise of resurrection both for the righteous and the wicked in verse 2.

LESSON #5: The righteous will "awake to everlasting life" and the wicked to "shame and everlasting contempt" (verse 2).

LESSON #6: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30 KJV).

LESSON #7: It is in the crucible of suffering that "many are purified, made spotless and refined" (verse 10).

LESSON #8: "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations that the LORD is king" (1 Chronicles 16:31 NLT).

LESSON #9: "The Lord Almighty has sworn, 'Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand'" (Isaiah 14:24 NIV).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
