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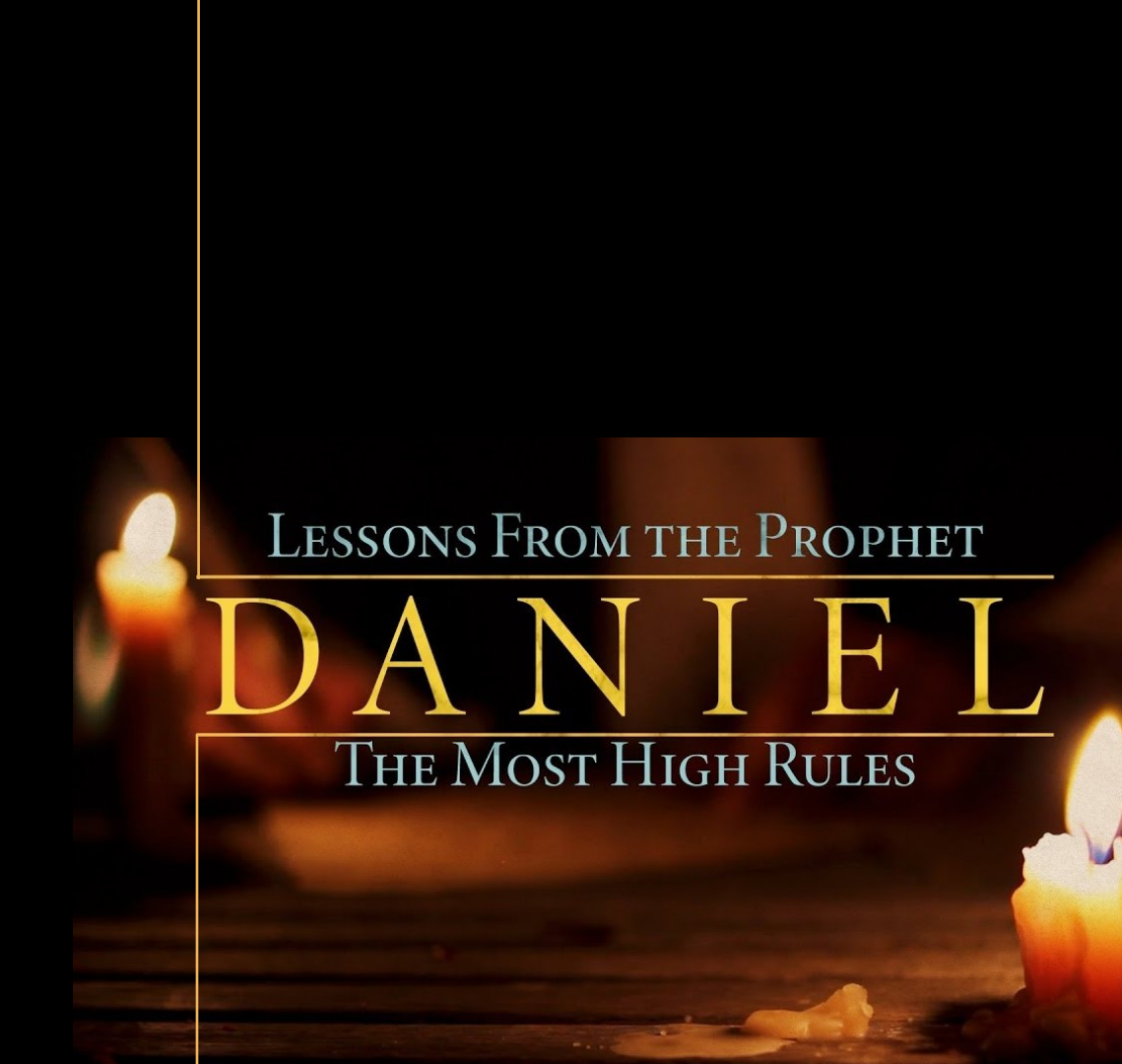


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04 WISDOM FROM ABOVE



LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET
DANIEL
THE MOST HIGH RULES

+ **Greetings, and Welcome.**

The Book of Daniel is most remarkable. It is packed with prophecies that flow into modern culture. Like Daniel, it is unique and supernatural in nature. It records for us the course of the history of the nations from Daniel's day until the end, as stated in the Revelation's book. **Our study is real, raw, & relevant.**

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*I am blessed to be your host & teacher. This series is close to my heart. I have spent 40 + years preparing for this study. **We hope you are blessed.***

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OVERVIEW

There is nothing sinful with young men through the generations studying world history or the beliefs of nations who do not honor God. There is nothing wrong with young men studying today – providing they keep the Holy Word of God as their primary source text. Although, it is pure sinful to choose global history over Biblical history. Worse yet, to choose wisdom touted by other religions over wisdom that comes down from above. Any other wisdom except God shifts the student to support earthly, natural, and demonic wisdom, which is an outpouring from the personhood of Satan. Certainly, a modality that has infiltrated our Bible schools.

Study & Meditate

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Study

Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service. As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.



Meditate



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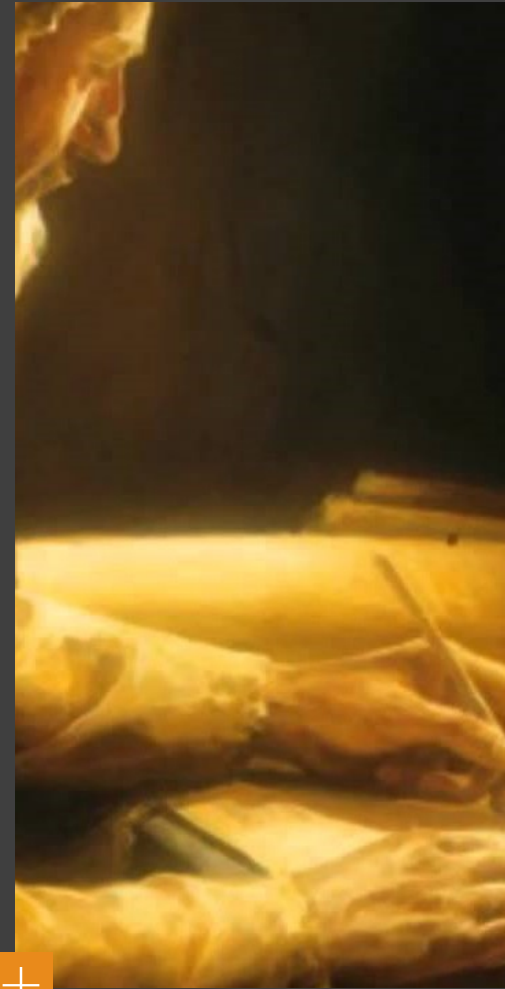
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TOWER OF BABEL

Babylon was built on the site of Babel, where Nimrod attempted to build a tower to Heaven to curse God. It is in this foundation that Babylon evolved. Furthermore, it is the reason the Babylonians were 'haters of the God of the Hebrew,' descendants of Ham's brothers, Japheth and Shem – the two forefathers of the Hebrew people. Keep this in mind as we continue in our series.

THREE YEAR COLLEGE

Daniel and his companions underwent a three-year Babylonian training course to introduce them to Babylon's history, beliefs, and methods of honoring their king. In addition, this was the place where young servants of the king learned the deeds regarding approaching the throne of kings, royal protocol. Archeologists have uncovered this 'palace school,' noting it was next to the king's table – probably in the next room. Keeping in mind, these young masters ate from the king's table.



+ THE END OF DAYS

Nebuchadnezzar found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.

DANIEL
FEAR GOD | HONOR THE EMPEROR

WISDOM | FEAR GOD & HONOR THE KING

In our passage, the phrase given to us is about the three-year period of training Daniel and his friends had successfully completed. Each of these young men had been on a special diet, trained by high-level Babylonian teachers, and having completed their studies, they appeared face to face before Nebuchadnezzar, which is their final exam. While we can assert, via Babylonian history books, the king battered them with a plethora of questions. After answering the king correctly, the king concluded.

WISDOM ABOVE DEMONS



WISDOM RULES

DEMONS HATED THESE YOUNG MEN

While Daniel had the assurance of passing the final exam of his king, he and his friends had Biblical understanding that there was no hope of returning to their homeland for at least seventy years. They knew the Scriptures, and each also knew that God's sentence was upon them, and He could not, would not, change the sovereign timeline. These young men knew that God had made a habit of the number seventy, at least when it came to disciplining the Hebrew people. As wisdom from above would shout, *settle in, coexist, and properly submit*, at least in part, to the customs of the rebellious land of Babylon without sinning before their God. ”



WE NEED MORE

DANIELS

Can you imagine churches filled with Daniels? Bluntly speaking, I cannot. Despite this, we need a reflection of Daniel, the conviction and determination of Daniel, and certainly, we need to have the respect & honor that Daniel had – honor God and serve your king. Can you imagine Daniel and his friends holding up picket signs against their emperor? I cannot. However, many believers today can. All I have to do is read my global news feed each day. Christians act like caged animals attempting to get out of bondage. On the other hand, Daniel used his bondage to minister to an ungodly king.

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IN CONCLUSION

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The practical outpouring of the work of Jesus through authentic believers suffers because of ignoring the fact that Babylon is alive and well. The Church of Jesus Christ is losing the respect of observers. Instead of making disciples of the lost, we are standing next to them, holding picket signs. Instead of showing the WAY, we are walking in THEIR way. May God, through Jesus Christ, ignite a revival.



COMING UP NEXT

#5 Dreams & Visions

We will begin to explore the primary theme of Daniel. God gave this young man the ability to hear a dream and immediately know not only what the dream means but integrate the Lord's prophecies. Starting in this episode, we will review the *times of the gentiles* and how this age begins under Judah's captivity under Nebuchadnezzar, which was six hundred years before the birth of Jesus and will end with the second coming of Jesus Christ at the beginning of the thousand-year reign of Christ – on the very hill Nebuchadnezzar captured the Hebrew young men. This story reveals the beginning and end of all prophecies.



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