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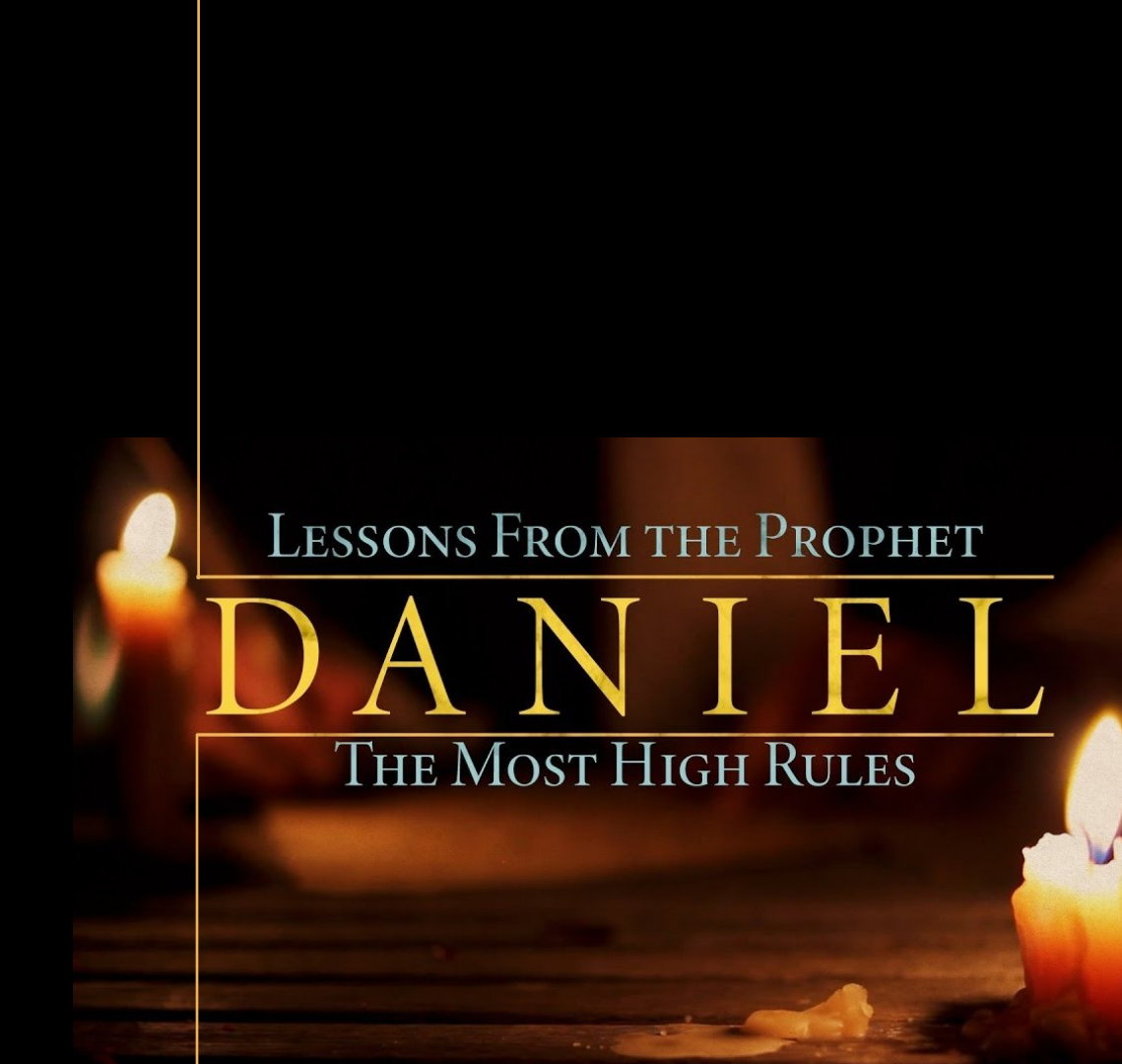


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Greetings, and Welcome.

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

The Lord gave the king of Judah into Nebuchadnezzar's hand, with golden vessels of the house of the Hebrew God: which he carried into the land of Shinar into the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his own temple. And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and the princes.



Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 1:1-21 | Key Verses



Study



Meditate

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself. Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials...



History



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GOD'S PLAN

God certainly had a plan and purpose. It was His Divine plan to make the descendants of Abraham the leading nation of the world. Furthermore, because of the disobedience of the Hebrew people, God turned His people over to Babylon to be disciplined. Remember back in 721 BC when God allowed the ten tribes to be captured by king Assyria? This is yet another round.

The Conquest

As history reveals, Nebuchadnezzar set out to capture Jerusalem close to the third year of king Jehoiakim's reign, and this is the point where our story begins with Daniel. However, the full conquest of Jerusalem was not accomplished until the ninth month of the following year – according to Jeremiah. Both men being correct, the conquest began in the third year and was finished in the fourth year of the king's rule.





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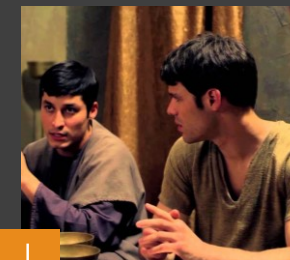
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NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S OBSESSION

After God confused the languages with those working on the tower of Babel, many nations sprung forth – Babylon being the primary. All of them began to strive for world supremacy, particularly Babylon. Out of Noah's three sons, Shem, Japheth, and Ham, Ham and his grandson, Nimrod, was the one who started the rebellious activity of the tower of Babel in order to gain world supremacy.

THE KING'S EUNUCHS



FOUR MEN FOR EUNUCHS

REMOVED FROM PASSIONS

Carefully reviewing our passage, we learn that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were of royal blood, descendants of the Godly King Hezekiah. Due to this, these young men were made eunuchs (castrated) in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar, and this required them to have Babylonian names. Daniel's name, which meant "God is my Judge," was changed to "Belteshazzar," and meaning, "Whom Bel favors."



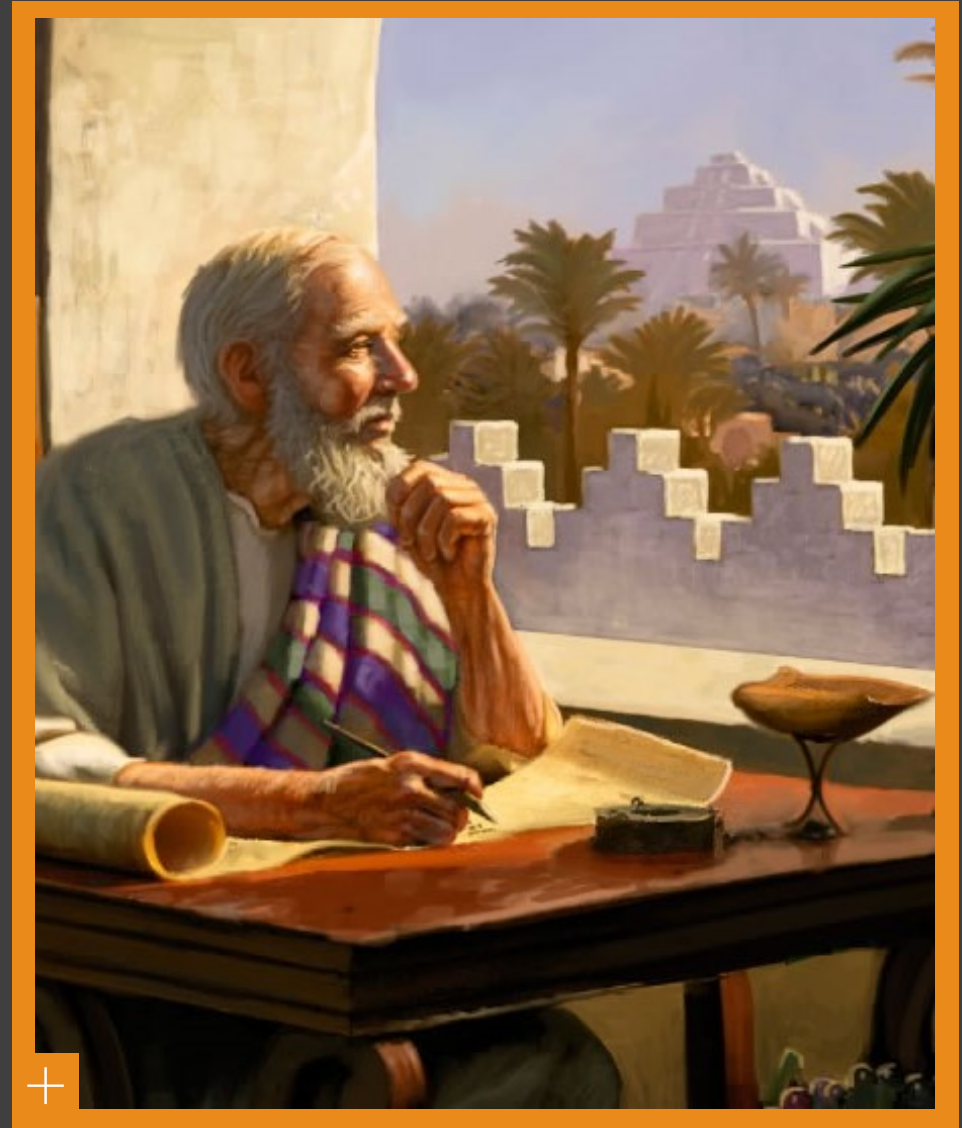
FACT | A new name changes the mission of the man.



THE TWIN PROPHETS

Scriptures make it clear regarding the similarities of Joseph and Daniel. They were like twins in their approach to God and their enemies – including Satan. As Joseph was sold out to Egypt, Daniel was captured by Babylon. Both were Hebrew; both were prisoners in a foreign land among some of the most ungodly people on earth. Both were dreamers; both understood and made known the interpretations of dreams. Finally, both underwent severe moral testing – and both found victory.

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SUMMARY POINTS



CONQUEST

Babylon's global conquest

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OBSESSION

Satan is obsessed with capturing the people of God

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EUNUCH

Men who are made impotent - castrated

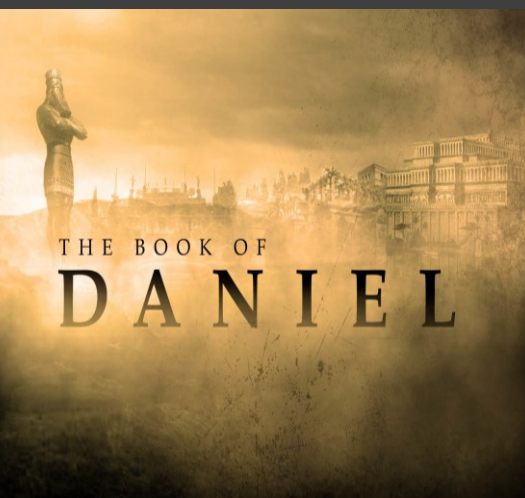
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IN CONCLUSION

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Daniel was captured because of his intellect, pure bloodline, and good looks. The first thing Satan attempted to do was order him to break his covenant with God – to eat the things of defilement. However, he pleaded with the king’s officer to be protected from doing this, and God gave him favor and granted his request.



COMING UP NEXT

#3 Refusing Defilement

- ✓ **Choosing between God & man**

Knowing the risks of saying “no” to man & authorities.

- ✓ **Eating things sacrificed to idols**

There is a difference between eating refined food vs. food that has been offered to other gods. Daniel knew the difference.

- ✓ **Daniel was a man of extraordinary character**

Many people have good character. However, Daniel mirrored the character of the Living God.



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