

The Book Of Daniel

Verse By Verse For Children – Lesson 1

Preaching The Grace Of God From The King James Bible Dispensationally Delivered
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History

The book of Daniel is a very important book in the Bible. It is so accurate in its prophecies and identifications of ancient people and peoples that many try to prove that Daniel was not written long ago but recently. However we know from the study of history, manuscript evidence and the doctrines of inspiration and preservation the Daniel is indeed a very old book.

Division Of The Old Testament Books

The Pentateuch

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. These books are divided up into 5 divisions. The first division is called the Pentateuch and the first 5 books of the bible fit into this division. Pentateuch means: “the 5 (penta) books (teuch). Moses wrote these books, they are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy.

The Historical Books

The next group of books are called the historical books and these books cover the history of the nation of Israel from the death of Moses up to the Babylonian captivity. These 12 books are: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st & 2nd Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings, 1st & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther.

The Wisdom Books

These 5 books are sometimes called the “poetical” books because of their highly stylized form. They are more properly called the “wisdom” books because of their content. In fact the only real details about how to raise children are found in these books. The book of Job contains many scientific pronouncements unknown to the world before modern science. One of these truths caused Columbus (1492) to believe he could sail around the earth and not fall off the earth as most people believed in his day. This following verse tells us that there are orbits in the heaven. Job 22:14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. These books are: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon.

The Major Prophets

Daniel belongs in this division along with Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations & Ezekiel. These books are called the Major Prophets because of the largeness of the books not because they are more important than the other books. There are 5 books in this division.

The Minor Prophets

This last division is made of 12 books. These books are short books but very powerful in their content. These books are: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi.

So you have $5 + 12 + 5 + 5 + 12 =$ _____ Old Testament Books.

The History Of The Jerusalem Conquest

The book of Daniel was of course written by Daniel. Daniel was a young boy perhaps as young as 10 or 12 years old when the war between Egypt and Babylon over took his land.

Israel at this time was in rebellion to God and was refusing to keep the Sabbaths of the Lord. Because of this God uses King Nebuchadnezzar to bring Israel into captivity as a punishment for their sins. Keep in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ had not yet died for all sins for all men for all time.

In 610 B.C. Pharaohnechoh called Nekos, the son of Psammiticus, marched to make war upon the Medes and Babylonians. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Egypt and made war against them.

This battle lasted until about 606 B.C. and Egypt was destroyed at the famous battle of Carchemish and made captive. After this Nebuchadnezzar turned his attention towards Jerusalem where Daniel lived. While Nebuchadnezzar was laying siege to Jerusalem his father, Nabopolassar, died and Nebuchadnezzar was made king over Babylon. Jehoiachin king of Jerusalem surrendered the city to the Babylonians on March 16, 597 B.C.

Some Questions:

1. What is another shorter name for Pharaohnechoh? _____
2. About how long did the battle against Egypt last? _____
3. At what famous battle was Egypt defeated? _____
5. What happened during the siege of Jerusalem that made Nebuchadnezzar king over Babylon? _____
6. Who was King in Egypt? _____
7. Who was King in Jerusalem? _____
8. What date did Jehoiachin surrender to Babylon? _____

Read Daniel Chapter One With Your Teacher And Pay Close Attention

9. How many were in Daniel's band of friends? _____

How The Babylonians Tried To Change The Hebrews

The Babylonians picked the very best children they could find in Jerusalem and brought them back to Babylon to train them for use in the government. Once trained they would use them to control their own people.

One of the methods the Babylonians used in their training was to change the names and identities of their captives.

Daniel's name means: God is judge. He is renamed Belteshazzar which means prince of Bel—the chief god of Babylon.

6 times in 12 chapters the Bible tells us that Daniel's name was changed. (Dan.1:7; 2:26; 4:8-9, 18-19; 5:12; 10:1). This indicates that Daniel did not like his new name. He uses his own name 75 times in his book.

Hananiah's name meaning gift of the Lord, renamed Shadrach, meaning at the command of Aku, the Babylonian moon god.

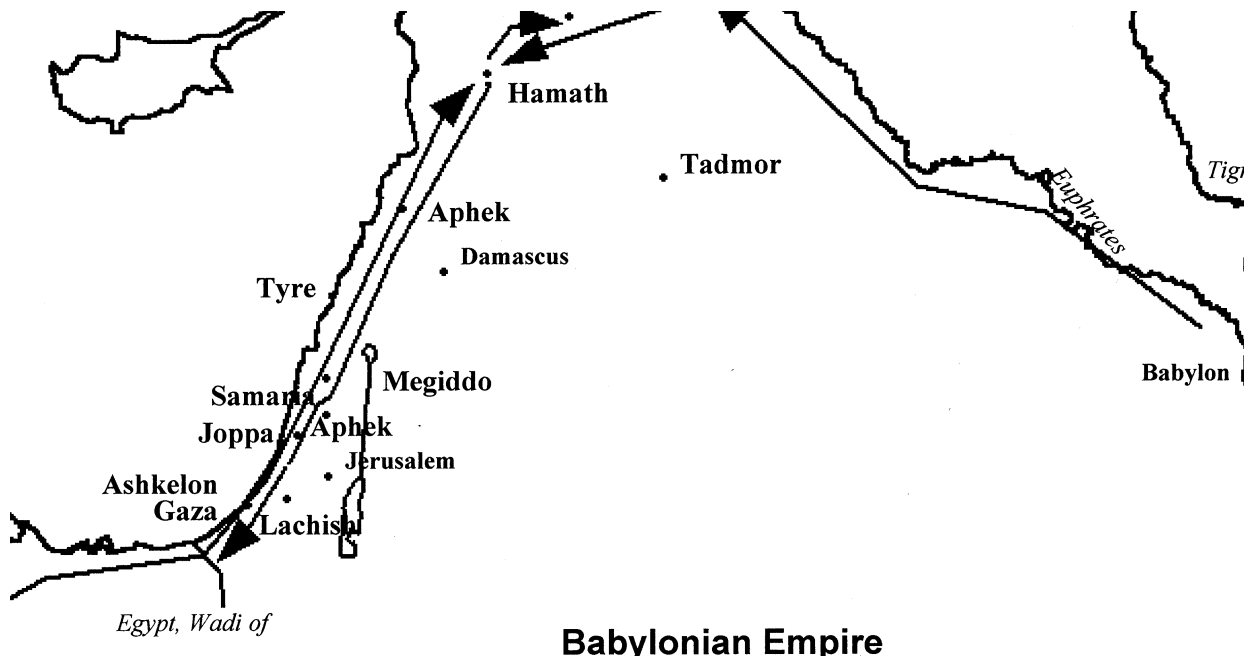
Misrael, meaning who is like God, is renamed Meshach, who is like Aku.

Azariah, meaning whom Jehovah helps, renamed Abed-nego, which means: servant of Nego. Nego was the Babylonian god of science and literature.

10. Why did the Babylonians change the names of Daniel and his friends?

11. Why, do you think they gave them names that related to the Babylonian gods?

12. What did Daniel and his friends "purpose" in their hearts?



On the map above find and circle the following places.

1. Babylon
2. Jerusalem
3. Wadi of Egypt

Match Up!

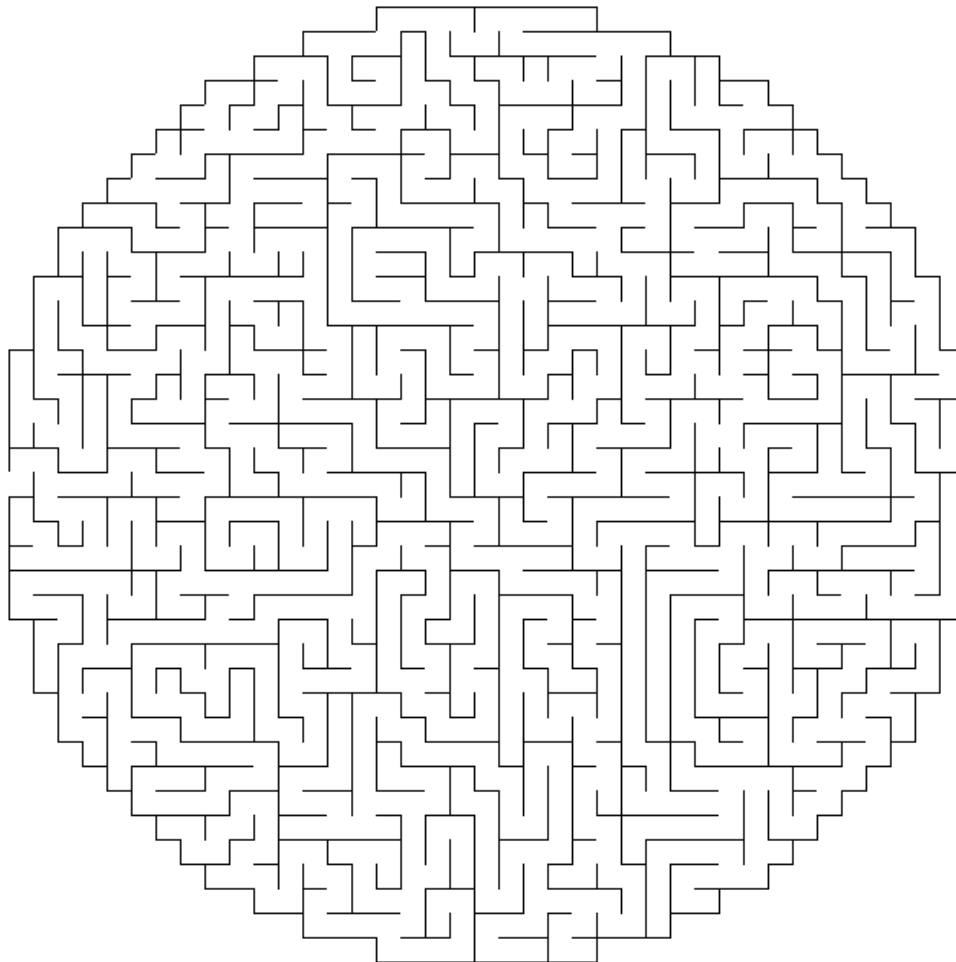
Real Name	Real Meaning	New Name	New Meaning
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Azariah	God Is Judge	Belteshazzar	prince of Bel
Daniel	Jehovah helps	Meshach	servant of Nego
Mishael	who is like God	Shadrach	who is like Aku

How Many Books In Each Division:
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Fun Pages

H R M B A B Y L O N I A N H W
M I A A S L T V O B F R P C P
P I S Z J H E X W O K S H A A
Q H N T Z O A A R P O R A H R
H O A O O E R D H N U H I S Y
O R A R R R N P R S T L N E Z
F A L Y A P I D R A I T A M K
N L O M Z O R C A O C M N F V
D A N I E L H O A H P H A C J
A Z A R I A H N P L C H H P I
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W I S D O M B O O K S O S K N
R A Z Z A H S E T L E B H E S

ABEDNEGO
AZARIAH
BABYLONIAN
BELTESHAZZAR
DANIEL
HANANIAH
HISTORICALBOOKS
MAJORPROPHETS
MESHACH
MINORPROPHETS
MISHAEL
NEBUCHADNEZZAR
PENTATEUCH
PHARAOHNECHOH
SHADRACH
WISDOMBOOKS





The Animals' Picnic

When all the flowers blossom in May, the animals have a picnic day. Look for the nineteen hidden objects in this picture: a turtle, ax, ice-cream cone, shark, dog, spoon, sheep's head, broom, safety pin, elf hat, baseball bat, hanger, shoe, teacup, pair of scissors, sock, key, dove, and seal.