

DANIEL

The book of Daniel, written during the Babylonian exile (6th century B.C.), tells the story of a young Hebrew taken captive to serve in the courts of Babylon and Persia. His name, Daniel, means “God is my Judge,” reflecting his life of integrity and accountability before the Lord. As a prophet and statesman, Daniel held a unique role—serving in foreign governments while remaining faithful to God. His key characteristics include unwavering faith, courage, wisdom, humility, and a disciplined life of prayer. The book records significant events such as his refusal to defile himself with the king’s food (ch. 1), interpreting Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams (ch. 2, 4), the deliverance of his friends from the fiery furnace (ch. 3), his own miraculous rescue from the lions’ den (ch. 6), and the visions God gave him of future kingdoms and the coming of the Son of Man (chs. 7–12). Overall, Daniel’s content reveals both inspiring narratives of faithful living in exile and prophetic visions pointing to God’s ultimate sovereignty, reminding readers that earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but God’s kingdom endures forever.

Daniel 1 – Faithfulness in Small Things

Lesson: Obedience in small things opens the door to God’s favor.

Questions:

1. In Daniel 1:8, Daniel “resolved” not to defile himself. What does this word “resolved” teach us about making up our minds before temptation comes?
2. In verses 12–15 – What does their healthier appearance after eating vegetables show us about trusting God’s way over the world’s provision?

Daniel 3 – Faith in the Fire

Lesson: True faith is willing to trust God without conditions.

Questions:

1. In verse 25, the king sees a fourth man “like a son of the gods.” How does this foreshadow Christ’s presence with believers in trials?
2. In verses 27 – Why did not even the smell of fire remain on them, and what does that symbolize about God’s deliverance?

Daniel 6 – Prayer in the Lions’ Den

Lesson: A disciplined prayer life strengthens faith under pressure.

Questions:

1. In verse 10, Daniel continued praying as usual even when threatened. What does this reveal about the role of spiritual habits in times of crisis?
2. How does Daniel’s choice show us the difference between fearing man and fearing God?

Daniel 7 – Vision of the Son of Man

Lesson: Earthly powers are temporary; God’s kingdom is eternal.

Questions:

1. In verses 3–7, four beasts rise up from the sea. What do these beasts represent, and how does that help us understand the instability of human kingdoms?
2. In verses 13–14, Daniel sees the “Son of Man” receiving authority. How does this connect to Jesus’ words in Matthew 26:64, and what does it show us about Christ’s authority?

Daniel 12 – Hope Beyond the Trial

Key Scripture: *Daniel 12:3* – “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens.”

Lesson: Endurance in faith leads to resurrection and eternal reward.

Questions:

1. In verse 3 – What does it mean to “shine like the brightness of the heavens,” and how can we live toward that now?
2. In verse 10, it says the wicked will not understand but the wise will. How does this challenge us to pursue spiritual wisdom in our daily walk?

Closing Reflection Across Daniel

- Which chapter gave you the clearest lesson about living as a woman of faith in today’s “Babylon”?