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Daniel 1

Verses 1-2

- What is the timing in this passage?
- Have you noticed that all these prophets are all talking about the same thing?
- Do you remember reading in Ezekiel about the capture of Jerusalem?
- Who besieged Jerusalem?
- He couldn't have done this without the Lord's permission. Observe verse 2.

Verses 3-7

- How were the sons of Israel that Ashpenaz brought in described?
- What were his orders regarding these sons?
- How long would they be educated?
- Among them, four are named. What are their Hebrew names and their Babylonian names?
- Who do you think Azariah was named after based on what we've read before?

Verses 8-13

- About what did Daniel make up his mind?
- What did he feel like eating the king's food would do to him? Where would he have gotten this idea based on what we've read in the past?
- What did God grant? How can we make application?
- What was Daniel's request?

Verses 14-16

- How long were they tested?
- What did the overseer give them to eat rather than the king's choice foods (dainties, in some versions)?

Verse 17

- Though we are told the youths were being educated, what was the source of their knowledge and intelligence?
- What is the application for us?

Verses 18-21

- When these four sons of Israel were presented before the king, what did he find?
- What did he do with them then?

- What is said about them in relation to the magicians and conjurers?
- What time reference are we given at the end of the passage? (Cyrus was king over Persia, which we will see later).

Daniel 2

Verses 1-3

- What is the time reference here?
- Does this mean the second year of his total reign or the second year of his reign over Jerusalem and Judah? Was he already king of Babylon when he besieged her? It's okay if we aren't sure. We can still get the message God will have us learn by the story.
- Who did the king call in to inquire about his anxious dream?

Verses 4-11

- What would happen to these men if they could not interpret the dream?
- What would happen if they did interpret the dream?
- Was there anyone who could do it?

Verses 12-13

- What orders did the king give?

Verses 14-16

- What was Daniel's request?

Verses 17-18

- Why did they request compassion from God?

Verse 19

- I love this passage and refer to it often.

Verse 20

- What are we told about God in this verse?

Verse 21

- Who is in charge of time?

- Who places leaders in their positions and who removes them? This doesn't mean we shouldn't vote, we absolutely should. What it does mean, is that God places men in positions of leadership to bless a nation or to judge a nation.
- Just a note: Daniel was taken into captivity to a foreign land yet he made himself subject to this foreign king. What had God told them from the mouths of the prophets in regard to subjection in our readings?
- Where does wisdom and understanding come from?

Verse 22

- What does He reveal?

Verse 23

- What had He made known in His compassion?

Verse 24

- What did Daniel say to Arioch?

Verses 25-30

- Did Daniel take personal credit for the interpretation?
- Who did Daniel give credit for the interpretation?
- What is the timing of the dream according to verses 28 and 29?

Verses 31-35

- Try to picture the statue and what happened to it.

Verses 36-38

- The term king of kings means he is over an empire. How did he gain this position?
- In regard to the statue, who was the head of gold? So, which empire does the head represent?

Verse 39

- This verse refers to the Medo-Persian Empire (breast and arms of silver) and then the Greek Empire (belly and thighs of bronze).

Verses 40-43

- This passage refers to the Roman Empire (legs of iron and feet partly of iron and partly of clay).
- This Empire is combined with other nations.

Verses 44-45

- What was the God of heaven doing during the reigns of these kingdoms?
- What will happen to this kingdom?

Verses 46-49

- What did the king do to Daniel in verse 46? Was this a common practice?
- What did Nebuchadnezzar recognize about God?
- How was Daniel rewarded?
- What did Daniel request?

Daniel 3

Verses 1-7

- What did Nebuchadnezzar have made up and where did he put it?
- Who came to the dedication?
- What were the people supposed to do when they heard the music?
- What would happen if you didn't do this?
- What are we told about the people to indicate Nebuchadnezzar ruled over many peoples?

Verses 8-12

- Why were charges brought against the Jews?

Verses 13-15

- How did Nebuchadnezzar feel about the Jews' rebellion?

Verses 16-18

- Did they give him a reason for their disobedience? Remember, I had asked about Daniel's subjection to the king, at what point do we choose not to be subject? Are we given an idea here?

Verses 19-23

- How hot was the furnace?
- Who was thrown into it?
- What happened to the men to took them up?

Verses 24-27

- What was the appearance of the fourth man like?
- What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego?
- What was evidenced when they came out of the furnace?

Verses 28-30

- What did Nebuchadnezzar say about God?
- Whom had God sent? Could this have been a preincarnate Christ?
- What was the decree of Nebuchadnezzar regarding God?

See you tomorrow.