

The Bible - Week 24 (June 20th)

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Daniel

Author: The Prophet Daniel while in exile

Date: This book covers the time between 605 and 530 BCE

Audience: Daniel was speaking to the Hebrew people in Babylonian exile and Persian Exile.

Reason: Daniel is an apocalyptic and attempts to show God in everything.

Theme: No matter how things shake out here on earth, God will reign eternally.

Key Verse:

Daniel 4:34b-35 CEB

“At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes to heaven. My reason returned to me, and I praised the Most High. I worshipped and glorified the one who lives forever because his rule is everlasting; his kingdom is for all time. All of earth’s inhabitants are nothing in comparison. The Most High does whatever he wants with the heaven’s forces and with earth’s inhabitants. No one can contain his power or say to him, ‘What do you think you are doing?’

Sections: Stories of Daniels Influence (Chapters 1-6), Prophecies of God’s future (Chapters 7-12)

Key Words: Dreams, Kingdom, Authority, Time

Basic Intro: Daniel and Revelations are the two

apocalyptic books of the Bible. Through natural and supernatural prophecies Daniel reveals to us God's intentions not as they are but as they should be.

Questions for Discussion:

- **How has God shown you favor from those who don't have faith? It happened to Daniel and it's very likely happened to you?**
- **Daniel had to be bold to speak to Nebuchadnezzar, how do we speak boldly when facing power? What is the message? How has God's divine hand been in it?**
- **What does the time that Nebuchadnezzar spends in the wilderness tell us about God?**
- **What does it mean for us to see the writing on the wall? What should we do in that space?**