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Journey
Through
The Book
of Daniel

Week 3

God Always Warns

1. He warned through the prophets.
2. They saw the Northern Kingdom destroyed.
3. He allowed Judah to experience a small taste of what it was like to be taken captive.
4. God brought revival

Question

Do these warnings from
God to His People sound
familiar today?

World Trade Center

On February 26, 1993, a truck bomb was detonated below the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The device contained 1,336 pounds of urea nitrate—hydrogen gas.

World Trade Center

The bombing should have sent the North Tower crashing into the South Tower, bringing both towers down and killing tens of thousands of people.

World Trade Center

For some reason it failed to collapse but it did kill six people and injured over a thousand.



Questions

Where was the World Trade Center located?

The twin towers in New York

What is New York known for being?

The financial heart of America.
The home of the stock market.

Questions

Who planned this attack on the World Trade Center?

Ramzi Yousef

Where was he born?

Kuwait

Where is Kuwait?

Babylon

9/11 Attack



9/11 Attack

Who was the mastermind behind the 9/11 attack?

Osama Bin Laden

Where was he born?

Saudi Arabia

Where is Saudi Arabia?

Babylon

9/11 Attack

Many still say it is impossible for a single plane to bring down an entire building.

9/11 - Why Natural Collapse was Mathematically Impossible

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Question

How did Israel respond when God sent a pagan army to attack them in hopes that they would repent and turn to Him?

Isaiah 9: 8-10

The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel. All the people will know it—Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria—who say with pride and arrogance of heart, “The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.”

Isaiah 9: 8-10

The Israelites are probably alluded to damage done by Tiglath-Pileser in his first invasion. The Assyrians were in the habit of actually cutting down trees in foreign countries, in order to injure and weaken them;

History of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

Around 750 BC the Assyrians were a world leader. They had a ruler by the name of Tiglath-Pileser, also known as Pul. He moved into the Northern Kingdom and forced them to pay taxes and put them under Assyrian domination.

➤ 2 Kings 15: 19

2 Kings 15: 19 (NASB)

*Pul, king of Assyria, came against the land, and *Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his rule.*

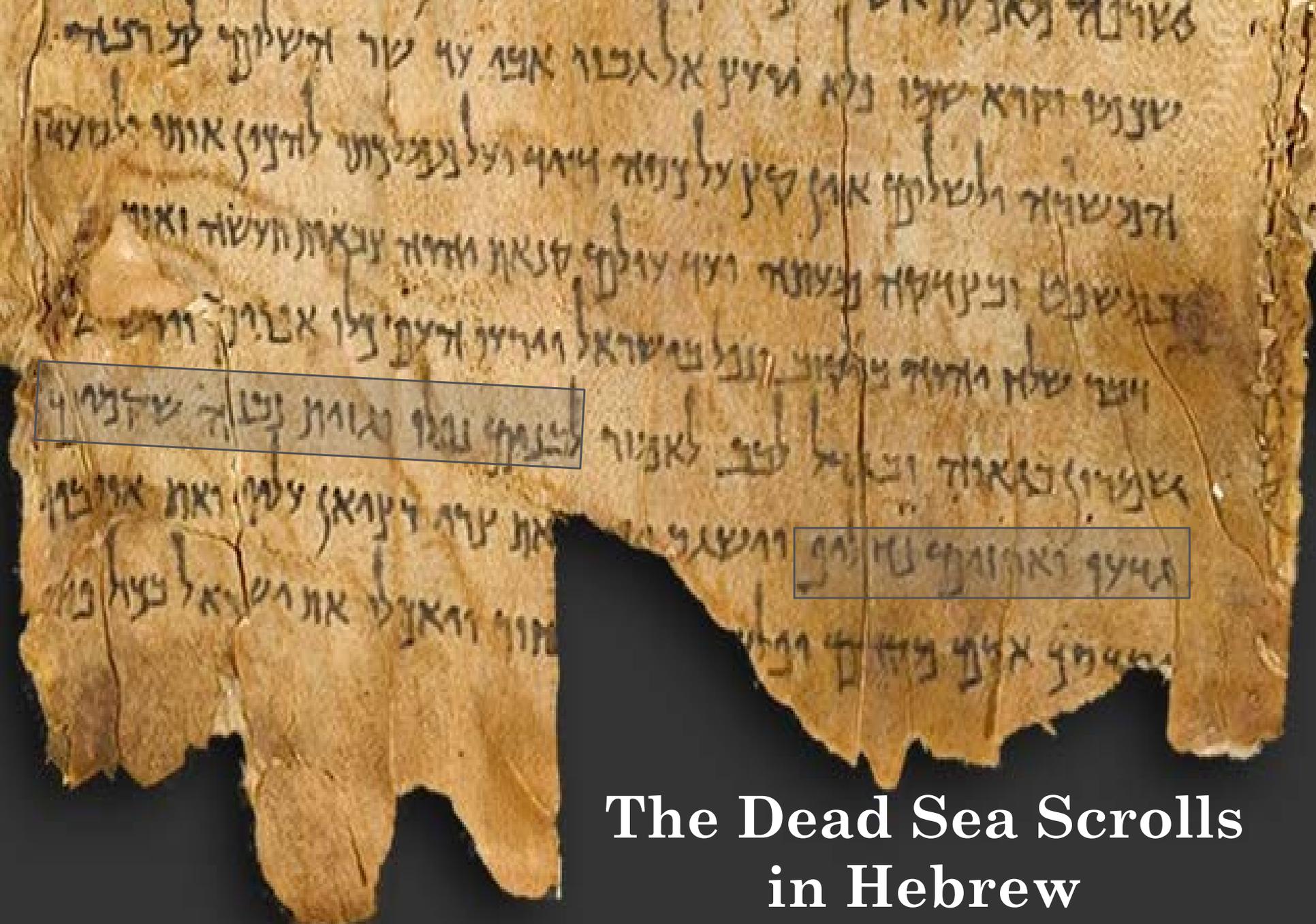
**Meneham was the king of the Northern Kingdom at this time*

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Question

Do you know what other nation has made this exact statement of defiance against God?



The Dead Sea Scrolls in Hebrew

לבנים נפלו וגזית נבנה שקמים גדעו וארזים נחליף:

(lə-ḅê-nîm) The bricks
(nā-pā-lū) have fallen
(wə-ḡā-zîṭ) but with hewn stones
(niḅ-neh) we will rebuild
(šiq-mîm) The sycamores
(gud-dā-‘ū) Have been cut down
(wa-’ă-rā-zîm) but into Cedars
(na-ḥă-lîp̄.) we will change.

New York Governor George

Pataki marked the start of

construction for the new One

World Trade Center on July 4,

and the focus of the occasion was

the placement of a 20-ton piece of

granite, hewn in the Adirondack

Mountains of New York State and

donated by Innovative Stone of

Hauppauge, NY.



A Tree is Killed

What kind of tree was it?



It was a Sycamore

It was Replaced with a Cedar



The Rector of St. Paul's Chapel at the Tree of Hope dedication in late November 2003 said:

This Ground Zero Tree of Hope (a tree from the Cedar family) will be a sign of the indomitable nature of human hope...The Tree of Hope is planted in the very spot where the 60 year old Sycamore stood the morning of September 11, 2001.

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Question

Are these coincidences???

If it looks like a duck,
walks like a duck and
quacks like a duck, then it
just may be a duck

Walter Reuther

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Question

Why do Americans reject
the thought that these
might be warning signs
from God?

If it looks like a duck
and it walks like a duck
and it quacks like a duck
but you *think* it's a pig
then for you it's a pig.

Daniel 1: 2 (NASB)

The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

Question

Who gave Johoiakim King
of Judah into
Nebuchadnezzar's hands?

God was no longer
defending Judah or even
His temple.

Question

Why did Nebuchadnezzar take the sacred objects from the house of God into the house of his god (most likely the baal god marduk)?

This was a custom that if you took the items from the gods of the land you take captive into the house of your god and nothing happens then your god is seen as being more powerful than their god.

1 Samuel 5: 1-5

After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon.

1 Samuel 5: 1-5

When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord!

1 Samuel 5: 1-5

His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained. That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon's temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.

1 Samuel 5: 11

So they called together all the rulers of the Philistines and said, “Send the ark of the god of Israel away; let it go back to its own place, or it will kill us and our people.”

Question

How do you think the people of Judah felt when they lost their land and were taken captive by Babylon due to their sin?

Psalm 137: 1-4 (NLT)

Beside the rivers of
Babylon, we sat and wept
as we thought of
Jerusalem.

We put away our harps,
hanging them on the
branches of poplar trees.

Psalm 137: 1-4 (NLT)

For our captors demanded a song from us. Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn: “Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!”

But how can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a pagan land?

Daniel 1: 3-4 (NASB)

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,

Daniel 1: 3-4 (NASB)

youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge,

Daniel 1: 3-4 (NASB)

*and who had ability for
serving in the king's court;
and he ordered him to
teach them the literature
and language of the
Chaldeans.*

Question

Why did Nebuchadnezzar chose captives from Judah youth who were from the royal family, youth of nobility who were without defect?

Question

How old were these captives?

Youth in Hebrew meant between 13 and 17. Many scholars believe Daniel was around 14 when he was taken captive.

Remember Nebuchadnezzar's father had died so he left Judah under Jehoiakim's rule while he returned to Babylon to plan his father's funeral. Nebuchadnezzar very wisely took captive royalty to ensure there was no retaliation from Judah.

Nebuchadnezzar also knew that if he could indoctrinate and brainwash these young men as his royalty they would lead the rest of Judah into following him.

Question

Does this sound familiar?
Should Judah be surprised
about this?

Isaiah 39: 5-7

*Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah,
“Hear the word of the Lord
Almighty: The time will surely
come when everything in your
palace, and all that your
predecessors have stored up
until this day, will be carried
off to Babylon. Nothing will be
left, says the Lord.*

*And some of your descendants,
your own flesh and blood who
will be born to you, will be
taken away, and they will
become eunuchs in the palace of
the king of Babylon.”*

Question

Then the king ordered
Ashpenaz, the chief of his
officials or eunuchs

What does it mean to be a
eunuch?

Isaiah 5: 3

*And let no eunuch
complain, "I am only a
dry tree."*

Questions

Why would the king want the young men of nobility from Judah to be made eunuchs?

To prevent reproduction and possible challenge to the throne of Babylon by the rise of a new king with royal heritage from Judah!

What qualities were the Babylonians looking for?

1. Without defect
2. Good-looking
3. Intelligent
4. Endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge
5. Able for serving in the king's court

Question

Who were the Chaldeans?

At the height of the Babylonian Empire, the Chaldeans were an influential and highly educated group of people within the Babylonian Empire, they were the wisest of the wise men.

Question

Why did the King of Babylon want them to learn the literature and language of the Chaldeans?

He wanted to brainwash these young men and make them forget Judah and God.

Question

Is there a place today where we send our children that has the potential to teach them new ways, brainwash them and make them forget home and God?

Daniel 1: 5 (NASB)

The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

Question

What is special about the king's choice food and drink?

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind about the king's choice food.



Pork was a delicacy to the Babylonians and the king's food was made up of pork and rich foods and desserts.



Also, the food would be offered to the king's false gods before it was served to the king.

Question

Why would the king want to give them the luxury of eating the best of the best food and drink?

This was all part of the brainwashing of these young men. It made them feel special and also obligated to the king.

After 3 years of
brainwashing with false
teaching and being treated
like a king they would then
be taken into the king's
personal service and in their
luxurious living they will
have forgotten their
homeland, their people and
their God.

Daniel 1: 6 (NASB)

Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

Only 4 out of around 50-75 young men were not able to be brainwashed.

Question

Why were they unable to be
brainwashed?

What is the importance of a
name?

Let's look at the meanings
of their Hebrew names:

Daniel

God is Judge

Hananiah

The Lord is Gracious

Mishael

Who is What the Lord is

Azariah

The Lord is my Helper

Question

What can you tell about the parents of these 4 youth, who refused to compromise their faith, by the names they gave their children?

Daniel 1: 7 (NASB)

Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Michael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.

Daniel

God is Judge

Is changed to:

Belteshazzar

baal provides

Hananiah

The Lord is Gracious

Is changed to:

Shadrach

Shudur-aku, "the command of
Aku" or command of the
moon god aku

Mishael

Who is What the Lord is

Is changed to:

Meshach

Me-sa-aku, "Who is as
Aku." or

Who is What aku is

Azariah

The Lord is my Helper

Is changed to:

Abed-nego

This name is a modification of Abed-Nebo which means servant of nebo, son of baal.

Question

What is the Babylonians
wanting these young men
to forget by naming them
new names?

GOD