



BYKOTA
Verse by
Verse
Journey
Through
The Book
of Daniel

Week 10

Please join our class for the
2017 BYKOTA Christmas
Auction

Friday, December 8

6:30pm

CCC Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish and
something to auction off for
charity!

Daniel 3: 19 (NASB)

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

Daniel 3: 20 (NASB)

He commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire.

Daniel 3: 21 (NASB)

Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

Daniel 3: 22 (NASB)

For this reason, because the king's command was urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

Daniel 3: 23 (NASB)

*But these three men,
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abed-nego, fell into the
midst of the furnace of
blazing fire still tied up.*

Question

What is the king
expecting to happen
now?

What does happen?

Daniel 3: 24 (NASB)

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, “Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king.”

Question

What is the king doing?

He jumped out of his chair in shock and is astonished at what he is seeing!

Daniel 3: 25 (NASB)

He said, “Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!”

Question

What do you think was different in the appearance of the fourth person that made the king think they were not flesh and blood?

Question

How does this fourth figure in the fire apply to us today?

Question

Do you think Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were afraid as they were led to be pushed into the flames?

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

*Elijah was afraid and ran
for his life.*

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die..

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

“I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.”

1 Kings 19: 1-9 (NIV)

So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

Never forget that when
you take a stand for God
and you find yourself
facing the fire, God is with
you and He has said,
*"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."*

I can tell you from my own experience that when you get into a situation where you take a stand on the Truth and you start to fall under attack, you get this tremendous sense that God is there with you.

1 Peter 4: 14

*If you are insulted
because of the name of
Christ, you are blessed,
for the Spirit of glory
and of God rests on you.*

Daniel 3: 26 (NASB)

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!"

Daniel 3: 26 (NASB)

*Then Shadrach, Meshach
and Abed-nego came out
of the midst of the fire.*

Daniel 3: 27 (NASB)

*The satraps, the prefects,
the governors and the
king's high officials
gathered around and saw
in regard to these men
that the fire had no effect
on the bodies of these men*

Daniel 3: 27 (NASB)

nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

Question

What is happening now?

Note: everyone who bowed is examining them and has forgotten about the fake god of gold and is now seeing the one True God!

Daniel 3: 28 (NASB)

*Nebuchadnezzar
responded and said,
"Blessed be the God of
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abed-nego, who has sent
His angel and delivered
His servants who put their
trust in Him*

Daniel 3: 28 (NASB)

*violating the king's
command, and **yielded
up their bodies** so as not
to serve or worship any
god except their own God.*

Question

Does the phrase *yielded up their bodies* sound familiar?

Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12: 1-2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Question

Does it sound like
Nebuchadnezzar
understands who
God is?

Daniel 3: 28 (NASB)

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trust in Him

Question

Why is
Nebuchadnezzar
suddenly OK with
them violating his
commands?

Daniel 3: 29 (NASB)

*"Therefore I make a decree
that any people, nation or
tongue that speaks
anything offensive against
the God of Shadrach,
Meshach and Abed-nego
shall be torn limb from
limb*

Daniel 3: 29 (NASB)

*and their houses reduced
to a rubbish heap,
inasmuch as there is no
other god who is able to
deliver in this way."*

Question

Does this punishment
sound familiar?

*Note: the king still doesn't
get it. He still thinks
there are other gods, just
not as powerful as the God
of these young men.*

Daniel 3: 30 (NASB)

Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

Question

Who was it that caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon?

God!!!

Question

How do you think the
accusers of Shadrach,
Meshach and Abed-nego
feel now?

God is in control!!!



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Chapter 4

Summary

Chapter 1-Judah taken
captive due to pride of
leaders

Chapter 2-Daniel's lack of
Pride

Chapter 3-
Nebuchadnezzar's
prideful desire to be a god

Chapter 4- The fall of a
prideful king and the grace
given by God when humbled

Daniel Chapter 4 is
James 4:6 demonstrated in
the life of king
Nebuchadnezzar!

James 4: 6

*But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says,
"GOD IS OPPOSED TO
THE PROUD, BUT
GIVES GRACE TO
THE HUMBLE."*

Question

What is pride?

What are symptoms of
someone who is
prideful?

Proverbs 21: 4

*Haughty eyes and a
proud heart, The lamp
of the wicked, is sin.*

Proverbs 6: 16-17

*There are six things which
the LORD hates, Yes,
seven which are an
abomination to Him:
Haughty eyes, a lying
tongue, And hands that
shed innocent blood,*

Proverbs 16: 5

*Everyone who is proud
in heart is an
abomination to the
LORD; Assuredly, he
will not be unpunished.*

Proverbs 8: 13

*The fear of the LORD is
to hate evil; Pride and
arrogance and the evil
way And the perverted
mouth, I hate.*

Proverbs 16: 18

*Pride goes before
destruction, And a
haughty spirit before
stumbling.*

Proverbs 29: 23

*A man's pride will bring
him low, But a humble
spirit will obtain honor.*

Proverbs 11: 2

*When pride comes, then
comes dishonor, But
with the humble is
wisdom.*

Question

Why do you think the Bible is full of scriptures condemning pride?

Note: Most scholars agree that 25 to 30 years have passed since Chapter 3 because this is near the end of Nebuchadnezzar's reign. Also, Daniel would be 45 to 50 years of age.

Daniel 4: 1 (NASB)

*Nebuchadnezzar the king
to all the peoples, nations,
and men of every
language that live in all
the earth: "May your
peace abound!"*

Question

Who is writing this?

What type of document
does this sound like?

Who is he addressing
the letter to?

Daniel 4: 2 (NASB)

"It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me.

Question

In scripture what do signs and wonders refer to?

Miracles!

Daniel 4: 3 (NASB)

*"How great are His signs
And how mighty are His
wonders! His kingdom is
an everlasting kingdom
And His dominion is from
generation to generation.*

Daniel 4: 4 (NASB)

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.

Question

What is
Nebuchadnezzar telling
us in the following
sentence?

Daniel 4: 4 (NASB)

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.

His kingdom is
flourishing, times are
good, there are no wars
or major trials. It is a
good time to be king!

Daniel 4: 5 (NASB)

"I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

Question

Does this sound familiar?

What did he do the last time he had a nightmare?

What do you think he will do this time?

Daniel 4: 6 (NASB)

"So I gave orders to bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

Question

Does this sound
familiar?

Some people never
learn!

Daniel 4: 7 (NASB)

"Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners came in and I related the dream to them, but they could not make its interpretation known to me.

As the famous
philosopher Gomer Pyle
puts it:



Daniel 4: 8 (NASB)

"But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, saying,

Note: This time Daniel
arrives on the scene
before the king decides
to tear everyone limb
from limb!

Question

Why do you think the king makes note of Daniel's Babylonian name?

Look at the verse again and see if you can tell how the king compares his god to the one True God of Daniel

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Question

Why do you think the king refers to Daniel's God as *the spirit of the holy gods*?

Daniel 4: 9 (NASB)

O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.

Question

Why do you think the king refers to Daniel's as the *chief of the magicians*?

Daniel 4: 10 (NASB)

Now these were the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth and its height was great.

Question

Note: this time he remembers the dream!

What was a tree a symbol of in ancient times?

Ezekiel 31: 2-3

*Son of man, say to Pharaoh
king of Egypt and to his
hordes, 'Whom are you like
in your greatness? Behold,
Assyria was a cedar in
Lebanon with beautiful
branches and forest shade,
And very high, And its top
was among the clouds.*

Amos 2: 9

*"Yet it was I who
destroyed the Amorite
before them, Though his
height was like the height
of cedars And he was
strong as the oaks; I even
destroyed his fruit above
and his root below.*

Daniel 4: 11 (NASB)

*The tree grew large and
became strong And its
height reached to the sky,
And it was visible to the end
of the whole earth.*

Daniel 4: 12 (NASB)

Its foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, And the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches, And all living creatures fed themselves from it.

Daniel 4: 13 (NASB)

*I was looking in the visions
in my mind as I lay on my
bed, and behold, an angelic
watcher, a holy one,
descended from heaven.*

Daniel 4: 14 (NASB)

'He shouted out and spoke as follows: "Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit; Let the beasts flee from under it And the birds from its branches.

Daniel 4: 15 (NASB)

“Yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, But with a band of iron and bronze around it In the new grass of the field; And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, And let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

Question

What do you think *a band of iron and bronze* around the stump refers to?

This is describing a fence

Daniel 4: 16 (NASB)

"Let his mind be changed from that of a man And let a beast's mind be given to him, And let seven periods of time pass over him.

Question

What does a time or a period of a time refer to in scripture?

One year