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PRESENT FAITHFULNESS/ FUTURE HOPE

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DANIEL OVERVIEW

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(1) _____ BIBLICAL (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

(5) _____ (6) _____ AND (7) _____ WAITING

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. EXPLAIN HOW THE DEFEAT OF JUDAH/JERUSALEM MADE IT SEEM LIKE GOD HAD “LOST”? FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, WHAT WAS THE REAL STORY OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY WITH THE GOD’S PEOPLE? HOW WAS GOD’S GRACE VISIBLE EVEN IN HIS ACT OF JUDGEMENT?
2. DESCRIBE HOW IT CAN FEEL AT TIMES LIKE GOD HAS “LOST” IN OUR CULTURE TODAY. HOW DO WE MAINTAIN HOPE AND A “BIG-PICTURE-BIBLICAL-PERSPECTIVE” IN THE FACE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY?
3. HOW DOES HAVING A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE PRACTICALLY HELP US AS WE ASSESS, PROCESS, AND RESPOND TO ISSUES IN OUR CULTURE TODAY? WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO EVALUATE ISSUES THROUGH WHAT WE READ IN THE SCRIPTURE? CAN YOU GIVE SOME EXAMPLES?
4. WE ARE TO LIVE DISTINCTLY AS JESUS FOLLOWERS SO HOW DO WE DO THAT? THINK THROUGH EACH OF THESE PERSPECTIVES—“SEPARATE”; “ASSIMILATE”; “BE A FAITHFUL PRESENCE”, CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE DYNAMICS OF EACH? HOW ARE JESUS’ WORDS (EX -- JOHN 15:19) THAT WE ARE “IN” THE WORLD AND NOT “OF THE WORLD” CAPTURED IN “BEING A FAITHFUL PRESENCE.”
5. LOOK OVER MATTHEW 24 – 25. HOW DID JESUS RESPOND TO THE DISCIPLES WHEN THEY ASKED HIM FOR “A TIME-LINE” OF THE FUTURE?
6. IN YOUR OWN WORDS WHAT IS “WORSHIPFUL AND PURPOSEFUL WAITING?” IN MATTHEW 24-25 JESUS CALLED THE DISCIPLES TO “WATCH” “WAIT” AND “WORK”. HOW CAN WE APPLY THAT TO OUR LIVES TODAY?
7. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “WAIT PRODUCTIVELY?” HOW ARE YOU USING WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO SERVE HIM AND OTHERS?
8. ARE YOU INVOLVED IN MINISTRY “WITHIN THE WALLS OF GRACE?” DESCRIBE IT. ARE YOU INVOLVED IN MINISTRY “OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF GRACE?” DESCRIBE IT.
9. HOW CAN YOU RENEW YOUR FAITH AND TRUST IN JESUS TODAY AS YOU CONSIDER HIS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE PROMISES? HOW IS HE ASKING YOU TO TRUST HIM NOW?
10. HOW CAN YOU LIVE FOR HIM DISTINCTLY THIS WEEK? WILL YOU PRAY AND ASK HIM TO SHOW YOU? WILL YOU PRAY AND ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL SOME ONE ELSE ABOUT WHO HE IS?

FILL IN THE BLANK KEY

1. KEEPING 2. PERSPECTIVE 3. LIVING 4. DISTINCTLY
5. PRACTICING 6. WORSHIPFUL 7. PURPOSEFUL



THE BOOK OF
Daniel

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Historical and Prophetic
Narrative and Apocalyptic
Practical and Personal
Timely and Timeless

DYNAMICS OF DANIEL

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God.

DANIEL 1:1-2

These he carried off to the temple of his god in
Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his
god.

DANIEL 1:1-2



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³¹ “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The **head** of the statue was made of **pure gold**, its **chest** and **arms of silver**, its **belly and thighs of bronze**, ³³ its **legs of iron**, its **feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay**.

DANIEL 2:31-35

³⁴ While you were watching, **a rock** was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer.

DANIEL 2:31-35

The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But **the rock** that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

DANIEL 2:31-35

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:31-45



Head of Gold
BABYLON
605 BC - 539 BC

Breast and Arms of Silver
MEDO-PERSIA
539 BC - 331 BC

Belly and Thighs of Brass
GREECE
331 BC - 168 BC

Legs of Iron
ROME
168 BC - 476 AD

Feet of Iron and Clay
**PAPAL ROME &
MODERN NATIONS OF EUROPE**
476 AD - Second Advent

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³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed,

DANIEL 1:3-4

quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

DANIEL 1:3-4; 1:5B

³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs,

DANIEL 6:3-4

but they were unable to do so. They could find **no corruption** in him, because he was **trustworthy** and neither corrupt **nor negligent**.

DANIEL 6:3-4

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¹ In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet,

DANIEL 9:1-3

that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

DANIEL 9:1-3

24 “**Seventy ‘sevens’** are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

DANIEL 9:24

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²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up **an abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

DANIEL 9:27

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