

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 28: The Major Prophets (Part III)

Remember Acts 17:11

The Major Prophets:

Isaiah

Jeremiah

- **Lamentations**

Ezekiel

Daniel

The Prophet of the Messiah

The Prophet of Judgement

The Cries of Judah

The Prophet of Restoration

The Prophet of Revelation

Daniel (c. 620-538BC):

- “God is my Judge”
- Tribe of Judah
- Taken to Babylon During the 1st Deportation
- Renamed "Belteshazzar" (Bel's Prince)
- Book Compiled c. 530BC
 - o Biographic & Prophetic
 - o Written in Hebrew & Aramaic
 - o Venerated by Ezekiel 14:14,20; 28:3; Ezra 8:2; Mat. 24:15

Outline:

Biographic (1-6):

Early Life in the Exile Period	1	Hebrew
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	2	Aramaic
The Trial of the Fiery Furnace	3	
The Repentance of Nebuchadnezzar	4	
The Pride of Belshazzar	5	
Persecution of Daniel	6	

Visions (7-12):

The Beast and the Son of Man	7	(Pivot)
The Ram and the Goat	8	Hebrew
The Time of Restoration & Daniel's Prayer	9	
The Road to the Abomination of Desolation	10-12	

Early Life in the Exile Period (Ch.1):

- Despite Forced Paganism, Resolved to Remain Faithful

Hananiah “God Has Favored”

Shadrach “Royal Scribe”

Mishael “Who is Like God”

Meshach “Guest of a King”

Azariah “God Has Helped”

Abed-nego “Servant of Nebo”

Early Life in the Exile Period (Cont.):

- The Temple Treasure was Taken to Babylon
- Members of the Royal Household were Selected to Enter into the King’s Service
- Entrusted to a Royal Education for 3 Years
 - o Asked Permission Not to Defile Himself in Eating Unclean Food
 - o Tested with 10 Day Vegetarian Diet
 - o Daniel is Given the Gift of Interpretation
 - o Assigned Positions of Favor/Learning

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (Ch. 2):

- The King Experienced a Troubling Vision
- Challenged Court Mystics (Magi) to Both Tell & Interpret the Dream
 - o Executed All Serving Wisemen
 - o Ordered the Execution of All Disciples
- Daniel Accepted the Challenge (Given in a Dream)
 - o Vision of a Multi-Tiered Statue (Each Tier Represents a Coming Empire)
 - o An Uncut Stone Shatters the Statue into Dust
 - o The Stone Grows into a Mountain that Covers the Earth
- Daniel is Promoted to Governor of Babylon (Province) and Chief of the Magi
 - o 3 Friends are Made Royal Administrators

Statue	Material	Ch. 2	Ch. 7
Head	Gold	Babylon (605-539BC)	Lion
Torso	Silver	Persia (539-331BC)	Bear
Abdomen	Brass	Greece (332-146BC)	Leopard
Legs	Iron	Rome (146BC-1453AD)	Beast
Feet	Iron/Clay	Nations (?)	10 Heads..

The Trial of the Fiery Furnace (Ch. 3):

- Nebuchadnezzar Ordered the Creation of a Golden Idol for Babylon & Decreed it’s Enforced Worship
- Members of the Jewish Population Refused (Esp. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego)
 - o Stood Their Ground when Confronted with Death
- Nebuchadnezzar Ordered a Furnace Super-Heated
 - o The Guards who Bound the Jews Died
 - o The King Saw Four Figures in the Flames

For Discussion:

- Share Reading and Journal Highlights.

Consider Along with the Bible:

- Have You Been Pressured to Renounce God or Compromise His Expectations?
- How Did You Respond?

Handwritten notes on lined paper.