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Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

(Readings are for the week previous to the lesson topics.)

1. September 1. Daniel Honors God's Law

M — The Price of Evil. II Chr. 36:5-8.
T — Request for Mercy on the Disobedient. I Kgs. 8:46-51.
W — Prayer for Help. Ps. 141:1-4.
T — Committed to God's Word. Ps. 119:105-112.
F — Reward for Righteousness. II Sam. 22:21-25.
S — Faith Challenged. Dan. 1:1-7.
S — Faith Triumphs. Dan. 1:8-21.

2. September 8. Daniel's Friends Refuse to Bow

M — Israel—God's Treasure. Deut. 7:6-10.
T — God Is Faithful to Deliver. II Kgs. 19:14-37.
W — Praise the Lord Most High. Ps. 9:1-20.
T — Worship God Alone. Dan. 6:1-23.
F — Serve God Alone. Matt. 4:8-11.
S — The Golden Image. Dan. 3:2-7.
S — The King's Decree Defied. Dan. 3:1, 8-18.

3. September 15. Daniel's Friends Trust God

M — God, Our Shield. Ps. 7:6-11.
T — Anger Leads to Foolish Actions. Prov. 14:16-17.
W — The Faithful Know God Is Faithful. Ps. 18:20-30.
T — Daniel's God to Be Revered. Dan. 6:24-27.
F — The Lord Redeems His People. Isa. 43:1-7.
S — Rejoice in God's Salvation. Ps. 92:1-8.
S — Acknowledgment of the Most High. Dan. 3:19-28.

4. September 22. Daniel Prophesies the Son of Man

M — John's Vision of the Son of Man. Rev. 1:9-16.
T — Jesus Transfigured. Mark 9:2-10.
W — God Is the Judge. Ps. 50:1-6.
T — The Judgment of the Dead. Rev. 20:11-15.
F — The Arrogant Will Be Humbled. Isa. 2:12-18.
S — Four Great Beasts. Dan. 7:1-8.
S — Dominion of the Son of Man. Dan. 7:9-14.

5. September 29. Daniel Sees Future Kingdoms

M — Destruction of the Wicked One. II Thess. 2:1-12.
T — Preserve God's Words Until the End. Dan. 12:1-4.
W — Seal Up the Prophecy. Rev. 10:1-4.
T — The Beginning of the End. Matt. 24:4-14.
F — The Male Goat and Ram. Dan. 8:1-8.
S — The Little Horn. Dan. 8:9-14.
S — Victory over a Fierce King. Dan. 8:19-26.

6. October 6. Daniel Intercedes for Israel

M — Curses for Disobedience. Deut. 28:15-19, 36-37.
T — Curses of Enemy Conquest. Deut. 28:49-57.
W — Israel Judged for Idolatry. Jer. 44:2-6.
T — Ezra's Confession for the Nation's Sins. Ezra 9:5-15.
F — Israel's Confession of Sins. Neh. 9:28-37.
S — Gabriel and Daniel. Dan. 9:21-27.
S — Appealing to God's Covenant Promises. Dan. 9:4-14.

7. October 13. God Strengthens Daniel

M — God's Word Will Come to Pass. Ezek. 12:21-28.
T — God Prepares Isaiah to Speak for Him. Isa. 6:1-8.
W — The Spiritual Forces of Evil. Eph. 6:12-18.
T — Spiritual Weapons for Spiritual Battles. II Cor. 10:1-6.

F — Downfall of an Evil Mighty One. Ezek. 28:11-19.
S — Daniel's Terrifying Vision. Dan. 10:1-9.
S — Battle in the Heavens. Dan. 10:10-19.

8. October 20. Jesus Points to Daniel

M — Jerusalem's Destruction. Luke 21:20-28.
T — Prophecy of Last Things. Dan. 12:5-13.
W — The Abomination of Desolation. Matt. 24:15-20.
T — Great Tribulation. Matt. 24:21-31.
F — As in the Days of Noah. Luke 17:22-36.
S — The Great Day of the Lord. Joel 2:1-11.
S — Coming in the Clouds of Heaven. Mark 13:14-27.

9. October 27. Jonah Runs and Is Found Out

M — Praise to the Creator of All. Ps. 33:3-9.
T — The Land Divided by Lot. Num. 26:52-56.
W — The God Who Made the World. Acts 17:22-27.
T — No Other God but Israel's God. II Kgs. 5:15-19.
F — God Rules from Heaven. Ps. 115:1-8.
S — Jonah's Disobedience. Jonah 1:1-6.
S — Jonah's Peril. Jonah 1:7-17.

10. November 3. Jonah Repents

M — Prayers Directed Toward God's Temple. I Kgs. 8:27-30.
T — Hope in the Lord. Ps. 39:7-13.
W — Overwhelmed with Trouble. Ps. 88:3-9.
T — God Is Just and the Savior. Isa. 45:20-22.
F — A Cry of Distress. Ps. 18:4-6.
S — Reaching for Strength from God. Ps. 143:5-8.
S — Jonah's Prayer. Jonah 2:1-10.

11. November 10. Nineveh Repents

M — Coming Destruction of Nineveh. Zeph. 2:13-15.
T — God Is Slow to Anger. Nah. 1:1-6.
W — The Lord's Judgment of Nineveh. Nah. 1:7-14.
T — God Responds to Repentance. Jer. 18:7-10.
F — Rend Your Heart. Joel 2:12-14.
S — There Is Forgiveness with God. Ps. 130:1-6.
S — Nineveh Mourns Their Sins. Jonah 3:1-10.

12. November 17. Jonah Is Angry with God

M — Cain's Anger. Gen. 4:3-7.
T — God's Kindness to the Nations. Ps. 117:1-2.
W — Elijah's Request for Death. I Kgs. 19:1-8.
T — The Lord Is Gracious. Ps. 145:1-13.
F — Resenting Forgiveness. Luke 15:25-30.
S — God Describes Himself. Ex. 34:4-8.
S — Uncompassionate Prophet. Jonah 4:1-11.

13. November 24. Jesus Points to Jonah

M — Is He the Christ? John 7:25-31.
T — Show Us a Sign! Matt. 16:1-4.
W — A Kingdom Divided Will Fall. Luke 11:14-23.
T — After Three Days, He Arose. Matt. 27:62—28:8.
F — Christ Crucified—the Power and Wisdom of God. I Cor. 1:22-25.
S — Unwilling to Believe. John 5:39-47.
S — The Sign of Jonah. Matt. 12:22-32, 38-40.

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

DAN. 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus.

NOTES

Daniel Honors God's Law

Lesson Text: Daniel 1:8-21

Related Scriptures: II Chronicles 36:5-8; Psalm 119:105-112; Daniel 1:1-7

TIME: 605 B.C.

PLACE: Babylon

GOLDEN TEXT—"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat" (Daniel 1:8).

Preparing to Teach the Lesson

TODAY'S AIM

Facts: to understand the culture and politics of Daniel's time and recognize the influence that had on young Daniel.

Principle: to appreciate the resolve of a young man caught up in a world of idolatry and mysticism.

Application: to confirm that God is in control regardless of our feelings or circumstance and to encourage believers to stand up for their faith, trusting God for the outcome.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON

In 605 B.C., Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem and forced Judah's king Jehoiakim to submit to his authority. At that time, Nebuchadnezzar ordered his officer Ashpenaz to select from the Israelites choice young men of royal birth, those who had no blemishes and an aptitude for learning. The Babylonian king required the best that Israel could offer. He would take these young men to Babylon and train them in the history, culture, and language of the Chaldeans (Babylonians) so that they might serve him in the empire's administrative services.

Nebuchadnezzar's indoctrination program included the boys' diet. They were given the king's food daily. The best meats and wines were to be the regular fare. This would make them dependent on the king's generosity.

DEVELOPING THE LESSON

1. The resolve of Daniel (Dan. 1:8-16). The name Daniel means "God is my Judge." This name probably signified Daniel's parents' faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

When he arrived in Babylon, Daniel was given a new name, Belteshazzar (vs. 7). Likewise, his three companions were given Babylonian names. But if Nebuchadnezzar thought the transformation of these men from Israelites to Babylonians was complete with the changing of their names, he was very wrong!

Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself by eating the king's food. Notice, however, that he did not go on strike or demand his rights. Daniel found favor with the head of the king's servants because he used tact and was considerate when he asked for an alternative to the king's food. We can easily recognize an application for