

Shadows of the Gospel: Daniel

Week 1

Daniel 1:1 and Dueteronomy 29

Of all the 66 books of the Bible, the book of Daniel has fascinated me personally in regard to end time prophecy; applications for my life; and the minuté details of God. It is hard to believe that Daniel will be the tenth Bible study of the Shadows series. Ten, in Hebraic context, is the number of testing, and I am sure I will be tested as I proceed to write this particular study. I am personally excited to see what the LORD will show us in this journey together.

There could not be a more exciting time to study this great book that has lain dormant for thousands of years, than now. Daniel wrote of Israel's future when no one thought Israel had a future! Daniel is a study regarding the apocalyptic and prophetic events for Israel all during her history, even up to the end of days. In understanding Israel's future, perhaps we will find our own.

On May 14th, 1948, after approximately 500 years of captivity and 2,000 years of non-existence, Israel was brought back to life and a new state was born. There is no other destroyed ancient civilization that has ever been resurrected. Certainly there is not a country that is in the media more than this little nation of 8,019 square miles (which is slightly smaller than New Jersey). Perhaps in our time together, we will understand why this

small country is the timepiece of the LORD.

Because of the length of Daniel, we will be doing this study in two sections. Prepare to have your mind challenged. Remember that this may be your first visit to this incredible book that has challenged scholars for years. I certainly do not profess to be able to answer all your questions but it is my deepest prayer that we will have a deeper understanding of this message than when we started. Please remember that many wonderful scholars have spent their lives studying this book. There are many layers of richness to its words and it will bless us in our spiritual journey.

I would love to thank *ChristiansUnite.com*, who gave their permission for us to use the picture for our cover. They have wonderful pictures on their website.

As with all of the Shadows studies, we will begin this week setting up our journey. We will study some of Israel's history which led up to the life of Daniel. It will help us better understand Daniel's life if we can understand what had happened in his culture that set his mind so firmly on his LORD: YHWH (Yahweh) whom we call Jehovah.

Our journey begins with a young Hebrew teenager of royalty, Daniel, who is swept away in a siege that befell Jerusalem around 605 B.C., approximately 600 years before God came to earth in the form of the man Jesus...

If this sounds interesting to you please contact us for more information. The homework sheet is attached for week one's lesson. This is a 10 week study!

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Study Sheet

1. Jerusalem was besieged the first time in what year?
a. 600 b. 602 c. 605
2. Who besieged Jerusalem?
a. Nebuchadnezzar b. Belshazzar c. Darius
3. Who was king of Judah at the time it was besieged? _____
4. What does the name "Jehoiakim" mean?

5. How old was Manasseh of Judah when he became king?
a. 55 b. 22 c. 12 d. 16
6. What does the name Manasseh mean?

7. According to 2 Kings 21:2, how did he do evil in the eyes of the LORD? (fill in the blank)
"He _____ in the detestable _____
Of the _____ of the _____."
8. According to 2 Kings 21:3, who did Manasseh worship?
a. the LORD b. Baal c. Asherah
9. Did Manasseh know he was provoking the LORD to anger?
Yes No
10. According to 2 Kings 21:6, Manasseh practiced what?
1. _____ 2. _____
11. He consulted to groups of people, who were they?
1. _____ 2. _____
12. Leviticus 19:31 & 20:6 warns about two groups of people, who are they? _____
13. Did Manasseh lead the LORD's people wisely? Yes No
14. Whose genealogy is Manasseh in? _____
15. Who was Manasseh's son? _____
16. What does his name mean? _____
17. Was he a Godly king? Yes No
18. Who killed him? Enemies Assassins His Officials

