

DANIEL

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



TODAY'S NOTES



1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:

EZRA 1:1



2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

EZRA 1:2-4



5 Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem.

EZRA 1:5



8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

PSALM 25



**20 While I was speaking and praying,
confessing my sin and the sin of my people
Israel, and presenting my plea before the
Lord my God for the holy hill of my God,
21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man
Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at
the first, came to me in swift flight at the
time of the evening sacrifice.**

DANIEL 9:20-21



22 He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

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DANIEL 9:22-23

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God Loves us

even when
we don't
hear His
answer



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DANIEL 9:23



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Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.”



DANIEL 10:12

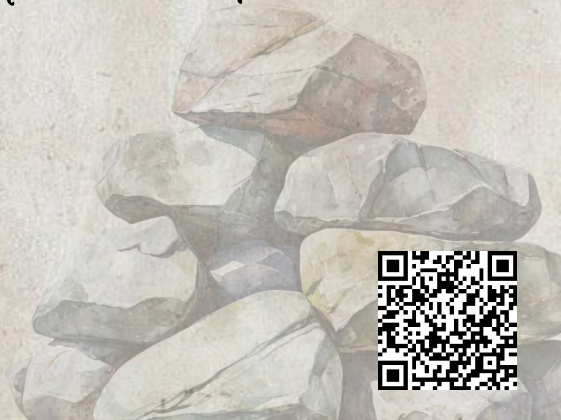
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how well we understand his plan...



*We tend to judge God's faithfulness by
how well we understand his plan...*

**But our faith should rest in God's character even
when his plan remains unclear.**



God's answer **OFTEN** reaches deeper
than our immediate trouble



Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

DANIEL 9:24



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11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation

12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9



For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

HEBREWS 9:24



God's answer **OFTEN**
reaches deeper & farther
than our initial purpose



Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

EZRA 1:2



For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33



What unfinished part of my life am
I assuming will NEVER change?



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I assuming will NEVER change?*

**“God is always doing 10,000 things in your life,
and you may be aware of three of them.”**

- John Piper



*God's promised end holds
us through troubled days*



25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. And for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”



DANIEL 9:25-27

**SINCE God is
sovereign
yesterday,
today, &
tomorrow.**

**How should
we live?**

*Expecting God to move
and taking note of it*



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yesterday,
today, &
tomorrow.**

**How should
we live?**

*Constantly telling the
stories of God's unfolding
goodness in your story.*



1 King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you!

2 It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

**3 How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!**

**His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his dominion endures from generation to generation.**



DANIEL 4:1-3

**SINCE God is
sovereign
yesterday,
today, &
tomorrow.**

**How should
we live?**

*As people who pray
“we/us” prayers*



Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

DANIEL 2:17-18



**SINCE God is
sovereign
yesterday,
today, &
tomorrow.**

*With the understanding that
we may get answers, we do not
like or understand... (yet)*

**How should
we live?**



16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”



DANIEL 3:16-18

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**How should
we live?**

*CONFIDENT AS WE
ENTER PRAYER
(not just how we hope to leave it)*



...I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass...

DANIEL 9:2

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1