

DANIEL

building faithfully in broken kingdoms

PART 1

How do we get to Daniel?

*human history
&
the heart of God*

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Timeline leading to Daniel

human history

creation - promise - redemption - land - judges - kingdom - division - warning - Babylonian exile
Adam Abraham Moses Joshua David Solomon Jeremiah Daniel

the heart of God

2 CHRONICLES 36:15-16



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The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place.

But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.





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The Theology of Daniel & his Friends

There is one God and he is the God of:

ALL creation - Omnipresent

ALL knowledge - Omniscient

ALL power - Omnipotent

DANIEL 1:1-2

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 gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.



1 In his days, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldeans
and bands of the Syrians
and bands of the Moabites
and bands of the Ammonites,
and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by his servants the prophets.

3 [REDACTED] to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh...

2 Kings 24:1-3



Why would God be
opposed to his people in
such a harsh way?

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2 Kings 21:16

Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.



If God drove out the nations
for such sins, how will he
respond when his own
children commit them?

3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,

4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.

DANIEL 1:3-4





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Therefore let those who suffer
according to God's will
entrust their souls to a faithful Creator
while doing good.

1 Peter 4:19





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Why would God be
opposed to his son in such
a harsh way?

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?...

14 I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;

it is melted within my breast;

15 my strength is dried up like a
potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.



Psalm 22

16 For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
17 I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
18 they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

21 Save me from the



REFLECTION ON PSALM 22

“The lack of broken bones there at the cross was a sign to Jesus, along with the face there of his mother, that whatever happened could not go any further than God’s purposes, and that God’s purposes were good.”

-Russell Moore “The Storm Tossed Family”



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Proverbs 3

11 Do not despise the Lord's instruction, my son, and do not loathe his discipline;

12 for the Lord disciplines the one he loves, just as a father disciplines the son in whom he delights.



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Titus 3

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...



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Titus 3

... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.



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Psalm 22

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!...

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will
praise you:

24 For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.



Psalm 22

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

28 For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.



Let's respond together...

Have I interpreted God's discipline as rejection, when it may actually be his loving correction?

Do I believe God is still sovereign and good when I feel displaced or disappointed?

Where am I tempted to live as though God is just one influence among many?

Stand and sing

Fill out a connection card

Give an offering

Pray on the Porch

