



HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

September 2024

UNIT I: Faithful Service of Daniel and Friends

All lessons this month will focus on the prophet Daniel and how Jesus spoke about Daniel

WEEK 1-Daniel Honors God's Laws: This lesson highlights how Daniel remained faithful to God by resisting the pressure to conform to Babylonian customs

WEEK 2-Daniel's Friends Refuse to Bow: This lesson shows how Daniel's friends remained faithful by refusing to bow to the king's image

WEEK 3-Daniel's Friends Trust God : This lesson shows how God revealed His power and presence by preserving Daniel's friends in the fiery furnace

WEEK 4-Daniel Prophesies the Son of Man: This lesson shows how God gave Daniel a vision of Jesus

Week 5-Daniel Sees Future Kingdoms: This lesson shows how God gave Daniel visions of future kingdoms

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DATE OF LESSON: September 1, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Daniel Honor's God's Laws

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 1:8-21

RELATED SCRIPTURES: II Chronicles 36:5-8; Psalm 119:105-112; Daniel 1:1-7

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)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why were Daniel and his friends concerned about the king's diet?
2. Whose integrity is displayed in Daniel 1:9-10?
3. Why did Ashpenaz say he could not grant Daniel's request?
4. How did Daniel offer a creative alternative in his request?
5. Why did the steward agree to this offer?
6. After the diet was changed, what were the results for the four men?
7. Who interviewed these men, and what did he discover about them?
8. How did the gift of wisdom set these men apart from others?
9. What idiom describes their superior intelligence?
10. What does the obedience of the men reveal about their faith"?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- The Price of Evil (II Chronicles 36:5-8)

T- Request For Mercy on the Disobedient (I Kings 8:46-51)

W- Prayer For Help (Psalms 141:1-4)

Th- Committed to God's Word (Psalms 119:105-112)

F- Reward For Righteousness (II Samuel 22:21-25)

Sa- Faith Challenged (Daniel 1:1-7)

Su- Faith Triumphed (Daniel 1:8-21)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 8, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Daniel's Friends Refuse to Bow

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 3:1, 8-18

RELATED SCRIPTURES: II Kings 19:14-37; Daniel 6:1-15; Matthew 4:8-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king"*

(Daniel 3:17)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What motive did Nebuchadnezzar have in setting up his golden image?
2. To whom does "Chaldeans refer (Daniel 3:8)?
3. For what purpose did these advisers come before the king?
4. Why did they tell the king the content of his own decree?
5. What was the penalty for disobeying the decree?
6. Why did the advisers remind the king that he had put the three Jewish men in high positions?
7. How did the king react to the advisers' report?
8. How did the three men answer the king's question?
9. Of what were the three men confident?
10. What was their attitude toward idolatry?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Israel – God's Treasure (Deuteronomy 7:6-10)

T- God Is Faithful to Deliver (II Kings 19:14-37)

W- Praise the Lord Most High (Psalms 9:1-20)

Th- Worship God Alone (Daniel 6:1-23)

F- Serve God Alone (Matthew 4:8-11)

Sa- The Golden Image (Daniel 3:2-7)

Su- The King's Decree Defied (Daniel 3:1, 8-18)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 15, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Daniel's Friends Trust God

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 3:19-28

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 43:1-7; Daniel 6:19-27

GOLDEN TEXT: *"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him,. . . that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God"* (Daniel 3:28)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did God accomplish in allowing His three servants to go through such a difficult trial?
2. What caused the king to become even more angry than before?
3. Why was Nebuchadnezzar's decree foolish?
4. What indicates the king's eagerness in this matter, and what loss did this result in for him?
5. What did the king initially see happening when the men landed in the furnace?
6. What did he observe as he kept looking into the furnace?
7. What did Nebuchadnezzar think about the fourth man?
8. What did everybody observe as the men came out of the fire?
9. What was the king's new understanding about God?
10. In what way is this incident more than historical to us?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- God, Our Shield (Psalm 7:6-11)

T- Anger Leads to Foolish Actions (Proverbs 14:16-17)

W- The Faithful Know God is Faithful (Psalm 18:20-30)

Th- Daniel's God to be Revered (Daniel 6:24-27)

F- The Lord Redeems His People (Isaiah 43:1-7)

Sa- Rejoice In God's Salvation (Psalm 92:1-8)

Su- Acknowledgment of the Most High (Daniel 3:19-28)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 22, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Daniel Prophesies the Son of Man

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 7:9-14

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Mark 9:2-10; Revelation 1:9-16; 20:11-15

GOLDEN TEXT: *I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days”* (Daniel 7:13)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Should we always read the Bible literally?
2. What are some characteristics of apocalyptic literature? Why is this important when studying certain biblical books?
3. What kinds of connections are there between Daniel and Revelation?
4. What is represented by the four beasts in Daniel 7 and the four sections of the statue in chapter 2?
5. Who is the Ancient of Days?
6. What was the purpose of the books being opened at the judgment?
7. Who is the Son of Man? What is the meaning of this expression?
8. What is the significance of the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven?
9. How is “kingdom of God” used in the Bible?
10. What kind of kingdom was given to the Son of Man?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- John’s Vision of the Son of Man (Revelations 1:9-16)

T- Jesus Transfigured (Mark 9:2-10)

W- God Is the Judge (Psalm 50:1-6)

Th- The Judgement of the Dead (Revelation 20:11-15)

F- The Arrogant Will Be Humbled (Isaiah 2:12-18)

Sa- Four Great Beasts (Daniel 7:1-8)

Su- Dominion of the Son of Man (Daniel 7:9-14)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 29, 2024

LESSON TITLE: Daniel Sees Future Kingdoms

LESSON TEXT: Daniel 8:19-26

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Daniel 8:2-14; 12:1-4; Revelation 10:1-4

GOLDEN TEXT: *“The vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true:
wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days”*

(Daniel 8:26)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was the ruler when Daniel saw this vision?
2. What did the ram and the goat represent?
3. What heavenly being appeared and revealed the meaning of the vision to Daniel?
4. What do the four horns represent?
5. When would the stern and severe ruler arise?
6. What is the general consensus among Bible scholars concerning the identity of the little horn?
7. What did he try to force the Jews to adopt?
8. What was one of his most offensive acts?
9. Besides the near-term fulfillment of Daniel 8, what end-time fulfillment is in view?
10. Why was Daniel told to seal the vision?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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M- Destruction of the Wicked One (II Thessalonians 2:1-12)

T- Preserve God’s Words Until the End (Daniel 12:1-4)

W- Seal Up the Prophecy (Revelation 10:1-4)

Th- The Beginning of the End (Matthew 24:4-14)

F- The Male Goat and Ram (Daniel 8:1-8)

Sa- The Little Horn (Daniel 8:9-14)

Su- Victory Over A Fierce King (Daniel 8:19-26)