

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
LESSON 7—QUESTIONS
DANIEL 2:46-49
GOD THE LORD OF RULERS

Pray that the Lord will strengthen and grow your faith (Col.2:6-7) filling you with the knowledge of His will in wisdom and understanding (Col.1:9) as you examine and study His Word.

REVIEW

1. As we conclude chapter 2 let's reflect on all the glorious attributes and truths about God that are recorded by Daniel. From the following verses describe who God is.

2:18 _____

2:20 _____

2:21a _____

2:21b _____

2:21c _____

2:22a _____

2:22b _____

2:23a _____

2:23b _____

2:28 _____

2:37 _____

2:44 _____

2:45b _____

2:45c _____

2. When you contemplate the list above, what comes to your mind? What reassurance does it give to your heart? During a trial what attribute above has helped you the most? Or, have you ever struggled to believe the truth of any of these attributes? If so, what? How has our study of Daniel helped you in this area? _____

READ DANIEL 2:46-49

3. In verse 45, Daniel completes his interpretation of the dream by declaring, *“The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy.”* How did the king respond (v.46)? _____

4. Following the king’s homage to Daniel he acknowledges the power and glory of God proclaiming what about Him (v.47)? _____

a. At this point in Nebuchadnezzar’s life do you believe this is a declaration of faith in the true God? Is he a believer? (See Daniel 3:1-5.)

5. This event with Nebuchadnezzar can be a good example for us. Not knowing the state of a person’s heart, how might you follow-up with someone who declares praise and adoration for God? What actions could you take? What scripture might you share in that moment?

6. Many times believers wonder what part they should play when it comes to the political world. From the following scripture describe our personal responsibilities as believers toward rulers, government, and elected officials.

Matt. 28:19-20 _____

Luke 24:46-47 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

Rom. 10:13-14 _____

2 Cor. 5:18-20 _____

1 Tim. 2: 1-2 _____

7. Do you believe that we are to confront rulers, government and elected officials over their sin? Explain. Also, consider what these examples in scripture reveal regarding this. 1 Sam. 13:9-14; 2 Sam 12:1-8; 1 Kings 18:17-18; Matt. 14:3-4.

8. In what ways did the king honor Daniel as a result of this incident? At Daniel's request, how did the king also honor his three friends (vv.48-49)?

9. In Jeremiah 29:4-7 the Lord gives commands to the exiles living in Babylon. From reading this passage do you see any area where Daniel might have served as an example?

- a. Just as Jeremiah speaks to the exiles on how to live, we too can follow in living our daily lives, building houses, planting gardens, having families, and seeking the welfare and peace of our city while interceding in prayer for it. However, at times it seems that we become so preoccupied in everyday life, that we forget the truth that we are also "*sojourners and exiles*" (1 Pet. 2:11). In what ways does the reminder in these verses encourage and comfort you? Phil. 3:20; Heb 11:16; Heb. 13:14.

10. Consider how Daniel has responded to the challenges in this chapter and the opportunity he had to seek credit for himself. Do you think he faced temptation when the king paid him such honor (vv. 46,48-49)? What evidence (for or against) do you find in chapter 2?

11. Proverbs 27:21 says, "*The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold, and a man is tested by the praise accorded him.*" Have you ever struggled with desiring approval and attention while doing the work of the Lord? What is the danger in receiving praise and reward from others? What does it look like to give glory and praise to God when he graciously uses you? How can you remain humble? What scripture has helped you in this area?

12. How does Nebuchadnezzar's promotion of Daniel (and his friends) reveal God's faithfulness, sovereignty, and care for his people amid exile?

13. In what ways do the circumstances of chapter 2 influence your view on global powers, world leaders, and current events? How might you minister to someone that is filled with worry, anxiety, and restlessness about the future? Give examples and scripture.
