Daniel Chapter 1 – Daniel Declines Eating Food From King Nebuchadnezzar’s

Daniel 2:8-15 (NIV) - 8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. 9 Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, 10 but the official told Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you.” 11 Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, 12 “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” 14 So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. 15 At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.

Colour in the picture below
Daniel was taken into captivity, along with other Israelites, to Babylon. He was chosen as one of the young men from the royal family who were without physical defect, handsome, smart, well informed, and quick to understand. The king ordered food and drink to be given to the young men from his own table, but Daniel requested different food. What kind of food did he request?

Find the answer by comparing the small food items with the ones in the group picture. Locate the letter in the group picture and transfer it to the lines provided.
Daniel and his friends were in training to be servants of King Nebuchadnezzar. The king wanted his servants to be healthy, strong, and smart, so he fed them the same kind of food he ate himself.

But Daniel said, “Please let us eat only vegetables and drink only water for ten days. Then compare us with the other young men who eat the king’s food. See for yourself who looks healthier.”

Decode the message below to find out what happened.
DANIEL CHAPTER 2 – DANIEL INTERPRETS KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR’S DREAM OF THE STATUE

Daniel 2: 27 (NIV): 27 Daniel replied, “No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. 
30 As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.
45 “The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

Colour this picture
DANIEL CHAPTER 3 - The Image of Gold and the Blazing Furnace

Daniel 3:1-6 (NIV): King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

4 Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. 6 Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

Colour in this picture
DANIEL CHAPTER 3 – Musical Instruments Activity

Daniel 3:5 (NIV) – “As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.”

In the King James Version of the Bible, the 6 instruments are listed as: “cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer.”

Name the musical instrument you see in each picture in the white boxes below (from the 6 instruments listed in Daniel 3:5.)

Who is the inventor of all musical instruments? Here is the answer:

In Genesis 4:21 that Jubal (the 7th generation after Adam and Eve) was the father of the Lyre, [a harp – i.e. stringed instruments] and the Ugab a Shepherd’s flute. Shepherds had a lot of time in the field and that’s where King David learned to play his harp.

After musical instruments had been created, we read in Genesis 4:26 – “men began to call on the name of the LORD.” WOW! So singing praises to our Heavenly Father through CHRIST – it is a form of PRAYER!
DANIEL CHAPTER 3 – The Horn Activity

(1) This activity involves buying or drawing a ram’s horn or giving the student in your class a picture of a ram’s horn.

[NOTE: Real ram’s horns can be purchased from—THE JEWISH BOOK STORE - GOLD’s WORLD OF JUDAICA, AUSTRALIA (Melbourne, Victoria): email Benjamin @ http://www.golds.com.au/c-396-gifts-judaica.aspx]

(2) Cut out the verse(s) from the Bible (supplied on the next page) and attach/stick onto the horn for all to be reminded of the inspired words of God.

(3) Demonstration of the horn blowing will prove much joy to all and make all realize the power of GOD behind the grand loudness in the sounds of playing a ram’s horn!

DID YOU KNOW?
Short sounds of the horn blowing were for mourning… longer for more jubilance…

(4) Students may wish to find other passages of scripture(s) in the Bible where the horn was played and reflect on the anti-typical significance of the account described:-

E.g.

Joshua 6: 20 (ESV) –

“So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.”

Judges 7: (ESV) –

“15 As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the Lord has given the host of Midian into your hand.” 16And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. 17And he said to them, “Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. 18When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon.’” 19So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. 20Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!” 21Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. 22When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man’s sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, 4 as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

(5) Sing the Song – “Dare to Be a DANIEL.. Dare to Stand Alone”—Refer to the following pages for the lyrics and music score.
Cont. of “The Horn Activity” BLANK PAGE for next page “cut-outs.”
Cont. of “The Horn Activity” from the previous page:

Choose which of these two Bible verses you wish to cut out and past onto your horn as a memory verse.

Learn this verse and share it with whomever GOD directs you to so all may turn toward our Heavenly Father through CHRIST JESUS in praise!

There are 2 of each image to cut out at the very bottom of this page.

“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.” Psalm 105:1 (KJV)

Cut here - the images below are for the activity unless you need the spare ones above 😊

“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.” Psalm 105:1 (KJV)
DANIEL CHAPTER 3 – The Golden Image

Daniel 3:13-15 (NIV) - 13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, 14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? 15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

Colour this picture in.
Daniel 3:19-22 – "19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. 21 So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. 22 The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,

Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into a fiery furnace, but they did not burn."
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DANIEL CHAPTER 3 – The Fiery Furnace Activity – Canvas/Wall Hanging

(1) Colour in the pictures on the next 3 pages. Choose one to cut out and glue onto your canvas/cardboard.

(2) Dip hands in yellow, orange and red paint and place hand prints lightly all over the flames section of the picture so that it too, looks like flames.

(3) You may wish to stick in bark or sticks/twigs around the base of the picture to represent a fire place.

(4) Choose any of the Bible texts below to cut out and stick on the picture on the canvas/cardboard:

Cut here -------------------------------------------------

“...the God we serve is able to deliver us...” – Daniel 3:17

or

“17 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. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.” - Daniel 3: 17-18 (KJV)

or

“28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.” – Daniel 3:28 (KJV)
Righteous Men in the Fiery Furnace

I see four men . . ., walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God (Daniel 3:25).
DANIEL CHAPTER 3: The Fiery Furnace - Picture 2 of 3
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into a fiery furnace but God protected them so they wouldn't burn even a hair on the head.

Daniel 3:8-30
1. Standing by a purpose true,
   Heeding God’s command,
   Honor them, the faithful few!
   All hail to Daniel’s band!

REFRAIN:
Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known.

2. Many mighty men are lost,
   Daring not to stand,
   Who for God had been a host
   By joining Daniel’s band.

3. Many giants, great and tall,
   Stalking through the land,
   Headlong to the earth would fall,
   If met by Daniel’s band.

4. Hold the Gospel banner high!
   On to vict’ry grand!
   Satan and his hosts defy,
   And shout for Daniel’s band.

Memory verse:

Psalm 17:3 – “You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night, you have tested me, and you will find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.”

Daniel 1:8 – “But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.”
Dare to Be a Daniel

1. Standing by a purpose true, Heeding God's command,
   Honor them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel's band!

2. Many mighty men are lost, Darling not to stand,
   Who for God had been a host By joining Daniel's band.

3. Many giants, great and tall, Stalking through the land,
   Headlong to the earth would fall, If met by Daniel's band.

4. Hold the Gospel banner high! On to victory grand!
   Satan and his hosts defy, And shout for Daniel's band.

Refrain

Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known.
Across
1 People, nations and ____ heard command
6 Shadrach, before Babylon
9 Required by God
11 Biblical socks
14 “We ____ not careful to answer thee”
15 Between governors and judges
18 Stringed instrument

20 Shadrach, Meshach, and ____
22 What king does
23 Threescore; cubit height of image
25 “He will deliver us out of ____ hand”
26 Alternative to bow
28 The signal to fall
30 Opposite of in
31 Shadrach, ____ and Abednego
Cont. of DANIEL CHAPTER 1:3 – Puzzle

33 Tale
34 A biblical bagpipe
35 ____ Meshach, and Abednego
38 Those gathered together to hear decree
41 Heats many of today’s furnaces
43 Province where image was erected
44 They “yielded their bodies, that they might not ____ nor worship any god, except their own God”
45 Tied up
47 Name of plain
48 “Our God whom we serve is ____ to deliver us”
49 Helping friend
51 Fate of mighty men who threw Jews into furnace
53 Deadly fireplace
55 “Burning ____ furnace
56 PM opposite
57 Biblical unit of measure
58 “O king, live for ____”
59 ____ kinds of music”
61 Opposite of women
62 Chaldean activity
63 “Nor the smell of fire had passed on ____”
65 Statue
68 The Almighty
70 Empty
74 “The form of the ____ is like the Son of God”
75 ____ of fire
76 What Nebuchadnezzar was, plural
78 Small cities
80 Give adoration
81 “We will not serve ____ gods”
82 “At what time ye bear the ____”

Down
2 Abednego, before Babylon
3 A long time ____
4 ____ of God
5 Furnace product
6 Opposite of she
7 “We will ____ serve thy gods”
8 Opposite of yes
10 Also made of king’s gold
11 Another name for Jews
12 Opposite of happy
13 All ____ down
15 Ancestor of today’s trumpets
16 Buddies
17 Image breadth of cubits
19 Instrument similar to harp
21 King
24 Opposite of no
25 Number thrown In furnace
27 King was “full of ____”
29 Between treasurers and sheriffs
31 Meshach, before Babylon
32 Sizzled hair
36 Rescue
37 Comet Is one type
39 Not to be worshiped
40 Last seen (abbr.)
42 “We will not ____ thy gods”
46 Prophet friend of Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
48 Opposite of courageous
50 Times furnace heated hotter
51 Reason for gathering before image
52 Official proclamation
53 Wind instrument
54 Between counselors and rulers
60 Long, detailed account
61 Power
64 Furnace opening
66 Wait for
67 All
69 Direction of fall
71 “____ it was in the beginning”
72 No kill (abbr.)
73 To fall in worship
74 Homonym of four
77 “He ____ it up in the plain Dura”
79 “There ____ no other God that can deliver after this sort”
DANIEL 5: The Writing On The Wall – Activity

Connect the blocks below to reveal the meaning of the message that appeared on King Belshazzar’s wall.

Write the answer to this activity on the lines below:

___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

Where is “Belshazzar” mentioned in this chapter? _______________________________________

DID YOU KNOW:

He was the son of Nabonidus who ruled for 17 years. He was not emperor in his own right but made co-regent in Babylon during the 3rd year of Nabonidus and ruled Babylon for his Father while Nabonidus was away from the city on extensive leaves. It was Belshazzar who lost the throne when the Medes and Persians (ruled by Cyrus) took Babylon in 539 BC – Daniel 5:30.
“This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN. “Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.
Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.
Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” Daniel 5:25-28
DANIEL CHAPTER 6 – Daniel Prays To God

Daniel 6: 6-11 (ESV): ⁶ Then these high officials and satraps came by agreement to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction. ¹⁰ When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.

“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.” – Psalm 55:17
DANIEL CHAPTER 6 – Daniel Prays To God
So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

DANIEL CHAPTER 6 – Daniel In The Lion’s Den

Daniel 6:16-22 - 16 So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”
19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”
21 Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

Colour in this picture:
Join up the dots. Daniel is in the ___ ___ den. How many of them can you see?

You can find this story in Daniel 6:16–23.
God sent an angel to shut the lion’s mouth and Daniel was saved. The conspirators were thrown into the den in Daniel’s place.
Daniel was put in a lions' den but the lions' mouths were stopped and he lived to tell the tale.

Can you find ten bones hidden in this picture?

Look up the story of Daniel in the lions' den in Daniel 6.
Daniel & the Lions Crossword

Across
3. Daniel got on his knees and prayed this many times everyday.
4. King Darius changed this so that everyone was ordered to pray to him alone.
7. God ____ Daniel because he was faithful to Him.
8. The lion's mouths were ____ and Daniel was unharmed.

Down
1. The other servants of the king were ____ because the king liked Daniel more.
2. The men who wanted to get rid of Daniel could find no ____ with him.
5. King Darius felt this when he heard Daniel had to be thrown in with the lions.
6. Daniel ____ in God, that's why he continued to pray.
7. Daniel did this even though the law said he couldn't.
9. Daniel was thrown into a den of ____ because he prayed to God.

Word List:
believed law
protected sad
closed three
jealous lions
prayed faults

DANIEL 6:16 (ESV) – "Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!'"
DANIEL CHAPTER 6: Daniel and the Lion’s Den Crossword – Answers (upside-down)

9. Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he prayed to God.

7. Daniel, did this even though the law said he couldn’t.

6. Daniel, in God, that’s why he continued to pray.

5. King Darius felt this when he heard Daniel had to be thrown in with the lions.

4. The men who wanted to get rid of Daniel could find no reason to condemn him.

3. The King and Daniel more.

1. The other servants of the King were hurt because the King liked Daniel.

Across

Daniel got on his knees and prayed this many times everyday:

Down

8. The lions’ mouths were open and Daniel was unharmed.

7. God because he was faithful to Him.

4. King Darius changed this so that everyone was ordered to pray to him alone.

Across

Daniel & the Lion’s Crossword
DANIEL CHAPTER 6: Daniel in the Lion’s Den

Colour in the picture & circle the correct answer to the question below:

WHY was Daniel thrown into the lion’s den? Choose the right answer:

A. Because Daniel refused to eat the King’s food
B. Because Daniel wanted to tame the lions
C. Because Daniel disobeyed God
D. Because he did not obey King Darius’ decree which was that for thirty days (from the signing of the decree by the King) no one was allowed to pray to any other god or human being except to King Darius and if they did not obey this, they would be thrown into the lions’ den. (Daniel 6:12) The administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel because they were jealous of his “exceptional qualities” (Daniel 6:3) whereby the King wanted to make Daniel in charge over “the whole Kingdom.”
Daniel and the Lions Maze

Help the angel find Daniel in the lion’s den.
Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Daniel & the Lions Anagram

abeellmss

aejlosu

hmostu

aberv

alsw

ilnos

adepry

cdelos

aeqln

cdeersu
DANIEL CHAPTER 6 – Let Us Be Thankful and Praise God Yahweh through His son Jesus forever!

DANIEL CHAPTER 6: 21-22 (ESV) - 21 "Then Daniel said to the king, ‘O king, live forever! 22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.’"

Colour and cut out the print below – perhaps make a card to give to someone 😊
DANIEL CHAPTER 6- Daniel Prospers during the reign of King Darius

Daniel 6:19-27 (NIV) - 19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

21 Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth:

“May you prosper greatly! 26 “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. “For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. 27 He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”
DANIEL CHAPTER 2 – The Statue in Nebuchadnazzar’s Dream

Label the following with the name of the Empires and dates. (Use the information provided on the next page for clues):

Empires: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Roman, Grecian.

**Head of Gold**

**Babylonian Empire**

EMPIRE: ______________________

DATE: ______________________

**Breast and Arms of Silver**

EMPIRE: ______________________

DATE: ______________________

**Belly and Thigh Parts of Brass**

EMPIRE: ______________________

DATE: ______________________

**Legs of Iron**

**Roman Empire**

EMPIRE: ______________________

DATE: ______________________

**Iron and Clay**

________________________________________
Here is a pictorial summary of Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream of the statue (Daniel 2), Daniel’s dream of the four beasts (Daniel 7), and Daniel’s vision of a two-horned ram and a goat (Daniel 8):

**Four World Empires of Daniel 2 & 7:**

- **Gold**
  - Babylon
  - 610-539 BC

- **Silver**
  - Medo-Persia
  - 539-332 BC

- **Bronze**
  - Greece
  - 332 BC-48 BC

- **Iron**
  - Rome
  - 48 BC – ARMAGEDDON
    - (Revelation 16:16-20)
  - **Iron/Clay**

**Daniel 2:38**

- King Nebuchadnezzar is called a lion in Jeremiah 4:7

**Daniel 7:4** – lion, wings of an eagle

**Daniel 7:5** – bear, 3 ribs in its mouth

**Daniel 7:6** – leopard, 4 wings, 4 heads

**Daniel 7:7, 19** – terrifying & frightening beast, iron teeth, 10 horns

**Daniel 7:8 – another horn, a little one with eyes and a mouth = papacy = the antichrist**

**Daniel 8:3, 20** – 2 horned ram

**Daniel 8:5, 21** – shaggy goat.

1st horn = Alexander the Great

The stone (representing our Lord’s kingdom authority,) smote the image in 1914 (in harmony with Daniel 2:44 when the kings were still on the scene,) which dealt the nations a weakening blow that began a gradual process of grinding the nations to powder until they are all finally removed at the end of Armageddon,, as shown in Revelation 16:15-20.
DANIEL 2 & 7 – IMAGE & BEASTS – WHAT DO THEY REPRESENT?

2 ARMS –
Illustrated the eastern and western parts of the Medo-Persian empire.

2 LEGS –
Illustrated Rome’s eastern (Byzantium or Constantinople) and western empire (with Rome as its capital).

10 TOES –
Illustrated the eventual division of this power into ten kingdoms.

LION –
The Babylonians used winged lions in much of their art and imagery to represent themselves. When the wings were plucked and it was made to stand on the ground like a man – this represents King Nebuchadnezzar’s humbling and recognition of the true God Most High after he became a beast for seven years, for “a man’s heart was given to it.” (Daniel 7:4)

BEAR –
The Medo-Persian Empire was ferocious as a bear—raised up on one side showing more strength on one side than the other, which is similar to one horn higher than the other in the earlier dream. Sir Isaac Newton suggested that the 3 ribs represent the countries Medo-Persia conquered: Babylon, Lydia and Egypt. God used Cyrus to free the Israelites from captivity breaking in pieces the Babylonian nation that subdued them for years.

LEOPARD –
A leopard is known for its speed suggesting that Greece was swifter than Persia as it marched from one victory to another under Alexander the Great. The 4 heads – demonstrate the 4 divisions of the Grecian empire after Alexander’s death.

THE LAST BEAST –
Like the metal in the image of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of the statue which had legs of iron and ten toes, this beast had ten “iron” teeth, and ten horns. Zechariah 1:8 defines 4 horns as 4 empires which scattered and wasted the Jewish nation. These 10 horns were to arise out of this beast – the empire of Rome.
1. **Which King is represented in the “head of gold” of the statue in Daniel chapter 2?**

   "---------------------"

2. **What 4 empires and their dates are represented in the statue that was in King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream?**

   1 "---------------------"
   2 "---------------------"
   3 "---------------------"
   4 "---------------------"

3. **Describe the 4 beasts in Daniel chapter 7 and provide scriptures.**

   1 "---------------------"
   2 "---------------------"
   3 "---------------------"
   4 "---------------------"
Daniel 9:17-19 - “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16)
JESUS taught us to pray too...

Read Jesus’ prayer in the Gospel of John, chapter 17.

Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

COLOR CAREFULLY AND FRAME THIS PAGE FOR YOUR ROOM
THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST THEE.

PSALM 119:11 (KJV)
Choose some memory verses from this list to read, learn and discuss.
How does your particular verse help to develop a CHRIST-like character that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father?

MEMORY VERSES (NIV):

1. Daniel 1:7 – ‘The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.”

2. Daniel 1:17 – ‘To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.”

3. Daniel 1: 20 – “In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.”

4. Daniel 1: 16 – “At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.”

5. Daniel 1:20 – “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.”

6. Daniel 1:21 – “He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

7. Daniel 1:22 – “He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.”

8. Daniel 1:23 – “I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you…”


10. Daniel 1:44 – “In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.”

11. Daniel 1: 45 – “The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

12. Daniel 1:47 – “The king said to Daniel, ‘Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.’ ”

13. Daniel 3:17-18 – “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

14. Daniel 2:20 – “Praise be the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his.”

15. Daniel 3:28 – “Then Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.’”

16. Daniel 4:3 – “How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.”

17. Daniel 4:26 – “Your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.”
18. Daniel 4:27 – “Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

19. Daniel 4:34-35 – “His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.”

20. Daniel 4:35 – “He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’”

21. Daniel 4:37 – “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

22. Daniel 5:23 – “You did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.”

23. Daniel 5:25-28 - 25 - “This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN 26 Here is what these words mean:
Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.
27 Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.
28 Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

24. Daniel 6:5 – “Finally these men said, ‘We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.’”

25. Daniel 6:10-11 – “Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. 11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.”

26. Daniel 6:22 – “My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

27. Daniel 6:23 – “… When Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.”

28. Daniel 6:26-27 – “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. 27 He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

29. Daniel 7:13-14 – “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

30. Daniel 8:17 – “Son of man, he said to me, understand that the vision concerns the time of the end.”
31. Daniel 9:2 – “… I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the L ORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.”

32. Daniel 9:3 – “I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.”

33. Daniel 9:4-5 – “… Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.”

34. Daniel 9:9 – “The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him…”

35. Daniel 9:14 – “The L ORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the L ORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.”

36. Daniel 9:24 - “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.”

37. Daniel 9:25-27 – “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

26 After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

38. Daniel 10:18 – “Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed, he said. Peace! Be strong now; be strong.”

39. Daniel 11:33-34 – “Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 34 When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them.”

40. Daniel 11:35 – “Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time.”

41. Daniel 12:1 – “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.”

42. Daniel 12:2 – “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”

43. Daniel 12:3 – “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

44. Daniel 12:4 – “But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

45. Daniel 12:10 – “Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.”

46. Daniel 12:11 – “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.”

47. Daniel 12:12 – “Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.”
ABEDNEGO  FURNACE  MOST HIGH GOD
AZARIAH    GOLD     NATION
BABYLON    HANANIAH NEBUCHADNEZZAR
BELSHAZZAR HIGH     PEOPLE
BELTESHAZZAR INTERPRETATION PERSIANS
BRONZE     IRON      PROVIDENCE
CHALDEAN   JERUSALEM SHADRACH
CLAY       JUSTICE   SIGNS
COURT      KNOWLEDGE SILVER
CYRUS      LANGUAGE  SON OF GOD
DANIEL     LIONS DEN TRUTH
DARIUS     MEDES     UNDERSTANDING
DREAM      MESHACH   WISDOM
EVERLASTING KINGDOM MISHAEL WORSHIP