

MON) September 9**Daniel Ch. 1 - Daniel made up his mind**

Jewish teenage boys who were taken captive to Babylonian were required to become Babylonians by eating the food designated by the king, and even change their names to Babylonian names. In other words, they were required to abandon everything as God's people and become Babylonians in their thoughts and lives. However, how did God bless the boys who kept their faith?

"As for these four youths, God gave them () and () in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all () and ()."

Ch. 2 - The one who reveals secrets is God in heaven

Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel says that the king's dreams cannot be known by wise men, magicians, sorcerers, or diviners. Who is the only one who can reveal secrets?

* The head of gold symbolizes Babylon, the chest and arms of silver symbolize the next empire, the Medo-Persian Empire, the belly and thighs of bronze symbolize the Greek Empire, and the legs of iron and feet of iron and clay symbolize the Roman Empire. The "stone without hands" symbolizes Christ who will come during the Roman Empire and establish the kingdom of God.

Ch. 3 - Even if God does not save us

In this chapter, King Nebuchadnezzar makes a golden image and makes all the people worship it. Similar to the story in Chapter 1, Daniel and his friends show their faith.

"Our God whom we serve is able to () us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will () us out of your hand, O king. But if (), be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Ch. 4 - God humbles the proud

This chapter records King Nebuchadnezzar's second dream and Daniel's interpretation. Twelve months after the interpretation, when Nebuchadnezzar was drunk on his glory and kingdom, he is made like a wild beast. How long does he stay like a wild beast?

TUE) September 10**Ch. 5 - Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin**

Belshazzar took a different path than his father, Nebuchadnezzar. The writing on the wall was in Aramaic, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." Daniel interprets the meaning of these words: Mene (counted) means that Belshazzar's days were numbered, and Tekel (weighed) means that all of Belshazzar's actions in life were weighed on the scales of God. Upharsin also refers to the division and destruction of the kingdom. What does Daniel point out as the cause of the tragedy of Belshazzar and Babylon? (V. 23)

Ch. 6 - He prayed and gave thanks as he had done before

Here, Daniel, in faith, openly prays to God in violation of a law that only the king should be worshiped. "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 () three times a day and () and gave () before his God, as he had done previously"

Ch. 7 - The kingdom of the Most High is an everlasting kingdom.

This chapter is divided into three parts: [1] the vision of the four beasts that Daniel saw in the first year of Belshazzar (vv. 1-8), [2] the vision of the second coming of the Messiah (vv. 9-14), and [3] the interpretation of the vision (vv. 15-28). The four beasts represent four kings that would arise in the world, and the fourth kingdom (symbolizing the Roman Empire) was terrifying and fearful even to Daniel. However, this kingdom would eventually be destroyed. When would his power be taken away and completely destroyed?

Ch. 8 - Seal up the vision

This vision that Daniel saw in the third year of King Belshazzar is an amazingly accurate prophecy of events that would happen in history three hundred and four hundred years after Daniel's time. Verse 26 says that this would happen many days later. Verse 27 says that Daniel did not understand it. Daniel is instructed to "() up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."

WED) September 11**Ch. 9 - Daniel prays**

This chapter is set in the first year of King Darius of the Medo-Persian Empire (539 BC). Daniel had already been taken captive to Babylon (605 BC), and was now in his 80s. One day, Daniel reads in Jeremiah 25:8-11 and 29:10-14 that the captivity of Judah would end in 70 years. He realizes that the time is almost up, and as soon as he realizes this, he decides to fast and pray. Write Daniel's prayer, especially in verse 19, where he cried out "Lord!" three times during his prayer.

Ch. 10 - A Man greatly loved

This chapter records the vision Daniel received in the third year of King Cyrus' reign. Daniel was unable to return to Jerusalem, and his heart was heavy when he heard that the Jews who had returned were unable to continue construction after laying the foundation of the temple. At this time, Daniel fasted and prayed for three weeks, and the angel who appeared in the vision comforted Daniel, saying that he was a man of greatly loved. When was Daniel's prayer answered?

Ch. 11 - God's time

This chapter includes prophecies about events that will occur in the future (viewed from the time the prophecy was given). In particular, find and write verses that show us that all history is in God's hands and that all timelines are in God's plan.
1) V. 27: For the time has not yet come,
2) V. 29:
3) V. 35:

Ch. 12 - Go and wait for the end

This chapter is a continuation of chapter 11, a revelation about the last days. He urges Daniel and us who live today to go your way until the end comes. Write verse 13.

THU) September 12**Hosea Ch. 1 - This nation has committed adultery by forsaking the Lord**

Hosea was a prophet who prophesied from the time of the reign of Jeroboam II (793-753 BC) of Israel to her last king, Hosea (732-722 BC), until the fall of Israel. This chapter is special in that the first word God gave to Hosea was for Hosea to take a promiscuous wife and have children (2). Write the names and meanings of the three children Hosea had from his marriage to the promiscuous woman Gomer.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Ch. 2 - You are my people

In this chapter, God rebukes Israel's sins by comparing them to the promiscuous behavior of Hosea's wife Gomer, but also promises Israel's restoration. "

"I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my (.....)'; and he shall say, 'You are my (.....).'"

Ch. 3 - The Lord loves them

In this chapter, when Hosea is commanded to love his wife who ran away to another man (1), the prophet pays fifteen pieces of silver and a homer of barley as a ransom to the man and takes Gomer back as his wife (2). This scene show that even though the children of Israel serve other gods and enjoy raisin cakes (offered to idols), the Lord still (.....) them.

Ch. 4 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge

In this chapter, Hosea points out the sins of the Israelites, which are represented by idolatry and fornication. God's people must have the knowledge of God. What happens if they do not have that knowledge?

FRI) September 13**Ch. 5 - Israel's pride is revealed**

God pronounces judgment on the priests, the royal family, and the tribes of Israel. What is the purpose of allowing suffering for the Israelites who have abandoned their covenant with God and fallen into idolatry? (Verse 15)

Ch. 6 - Let us return to the Lord

The people return to God in their suffering with an attitude of repentance (1). They trust in God who has torn and wounded them but will heal and bind them up again. They will cry out with words that are deeply embedded in their bones, "Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord" (3). What did God want more than sacrifices, more than burnt offerings?

Ch. 7 - They plot evil against me.

In this chapter, Hosea continues to urge repentance for Israel's syncretism, idolatry, and pride. Which of the following is not a metaphor for the wicked Israel?

- 1) Baker's heated oven
- 2) Unturned bread
- 3) Foolish dove
- 4) Birds of the air
- 5) Treacherous bow

Ch. 8 - The Sins of Israel

Here, Hosea tells the reason for which Israel received God's judgment. Find and write the sins of Israel.

- 1) V. 1:
- 2) V. 3:
- 3) V. 4:
- 4) V. 11:
- 5) V. 12:
- 6) V. 14:

SAT) September 14**Ch. 9 - Because they would not listen, God abandons them**

Here, Hosea laments the situation of the Israelites who will be punished for their sin of corruption. He prophesies that God will abandon Israel who did not listen to God's warning and devoted themselves to idolatry. "They shall not remain in the land of the Lord, but Ephraim shall return to (.....), and they shall eat unclean food in (.....)."

Ch. 10 - Because they have false hearts

Here, Israel is an example that wealth and abundance actually makes people more corrupt and separate them from God. What did Israel make as they became rich with lush vines and prospered?

Ch. 11 - How can I let you go? How can I forsake you?

Here, we can see God's love and concern for Israel. God does not abandon them even though they are far from Him and do not want to return to Him.

"How can I give you up, O (.....)?
How can I hand you over, O (.....)?
... My (.....) recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender."

Ch. 12 - Therefore, return to your God

In this chapter, God urges Israel to return to God, using the life of (.....) as an example. (.....) was a naturally cunning and greedy person, but just as he met one in Bethel and returned, God speaks the same to Israel.

*Unless you lay down your life of pursuing vain things, relying on your own strength and your own tricks like Jacob, you cannot return to God. Those who know that returning to God and living and resting in His bosom is the greatest happiness are truly blessed. Jacob eventually realized it. What about you? Shouldn't you end your wrestling and return to God now?