

God's Kingdom: His Plan for History

Daniel 1–2; 6–7

Lesson 8 Questions

First Day: Read Lesson 7 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. How did the lecture enhance your appreciation of the necessary unity among God's people?
2. What in the notes expanded your thinking about the identity of God's people?

Second Day: Read Daniel 1.

As we prepare to explore the concept of God's kingdom in Revelation, this lesson in Daniel helps us understand God's plan to establish His kingdom.

3. a. What circumstances brought Daniel to a foreign land and led to his unique position in the king's palace?
b. What challenges did Daniel face, and what did he resolve to do?
c. How did God bless Daniel and his friends for being loyal citizens of God's kingdom?
4. What lessons can you learn from Daniel's experience?
5. How might you, like Daniel, trust God to live as a faithful citizen of God's kingdom, resisting this world's pressure to conform?

Third Day: Read Daniel 2.

Daniel interpreted the king's dream.

6. a. From verses 1-18, describe the desperate situation Daniel faced and his response.
b. From verses 19-28, for what did Daniel specifically praise God when He revealed the king's dream?
c. What do you learn about God's relationship to earthly kingdoms and rulers from this account?

- d. What has God done for you recently that prompts you to praise Him?
7. a. What do verses 29-45 say about the kingdoms of this world and God's kingdom?
- b. How does the promise of God's kingdom give you hope today and for the future?

Fourth Day: Read Daniel 6.

As the Babylonian empire fell to the Medes, Daniel's growing influence evoked jealous scheming.

8. a. How did God continue to bless Daniel's wisdom and leadership under this new regime?
- b. What conflict caused Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den?
 - c. How did Daniel demonstrate integrity? How did God protect and preserve him?
9. From verses 24-28, what were the results of Daniel's actions?
10. How does Daniel's faith encourage you as you face conflicting loyalties and difficult choices?

Fifth Day: Read Daniel 7.

Daniel prophesied of the eternal kingdom to come.

11. a. From verses 9-14, describe what Daniel saw in his vision.
- b. What does it mean that the Ancient of Days took His seat in this courtroom setting?
12. How does this vision and its interpretation in verses 15-27 give you confidence in God's dominion over all kings and kingdoms?
13. Twice, in verses 15 and 28, Daniel confessed that his visions troubled him. Does what Daniel described trouble you or encourage you? Why?

Sixth Day: Review Daniel 1-2; 6-7.

God's kingdom secures His people in His presence forever.

14. What have you learned this week about God and His kingdom, plan, and sovereignty?

No Passage Discovery (homiletics, word study, etc.) assigned for Group and Administrative Leaders.