



DANIEL & DRAMA

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1. Read Daniel, chapters 1, 3, 9, & 12:9-13; "Prophets & Kings", chapters 37 & 41.
2. How many generations are there from Abraham to David? How many generations are there from David until the carrying away into Babylon? How many generation from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ? Matt. 1: 17
3. During which siege of Jerusalem were Daniel and his friends carried captive to Babylon? 2Kings 24:1,2; Daniel 1:1-4
4. What happened to the Ark of God that had been in the Most Holy place of the Temple and where is it now? Prophets and Kings p.452-453; 1 Bible Commentary, page 1109.
5. What was the first test of fidelity to God that Daniel met and what was the outcome? Daniel 1:8-20
6. What test came to Daniel's three friends? What was the outcome? Why did the test occur in the first place? Prophets & Kings, chapter 41 (pp503-513); Daniel 3
7. To what position was Daniel elevated after the Medes and the Persians overthrew Babylon? Daniel 6:1-3
8. How did the princes of the kingdom attempt to thwart Darius' planned elevation of Daniel? Daniel 6:5-9
9. What was the outcome of this plan of the princes of the kingdom for Daniel? For themselves? Daniel 6:16-22; Daniel 6:23-24
10. In Daniel, chapter 9, Daniel prays for his people because he has been studying the writings of Jeremiah. He doesn't understand what he has read, but he knows that the problem is the sins of his people. What is it that he doesn't understand and what happens while he is praying? Daniel 9:2 and 20-23 What is the interpretation given to him? Daniel 9:24-27
11. What is the last thing that God tells Daniel? Daniel 12:9-13 What does that mean to us today? Revelation 22:10
12. Give six identifying characteristics of a true Prophet.
13. Drama: Practice and perform a Bible related play of at least 30 minutes in length or 2 skits (of 15 minutes each). You may use a written script or you may write your own.



Answers to Daniel & Drama

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1. Read the assigned reading in order to answer the following questions.
2. There were 14 generations between each of these events. Matthew 1:17
3. It was the first Babylonian siege. 2Kings 24:1-2; Daniel 1:1-4
4. The Ark was secreted away and hidden in a cave where it still resides.
“The precious record of the law was placed in the ark of the testament and is still there, safely hidden from the human family. But in God’s appointed time He will bring forth these tables of stone to be a testimony to the world against the disregard of His commandments & against the idolatrous worship of a counterfeit Sabbath (Manuscript 122, 1909)”. Bible Commentary (vol. 1), p. 1109
5. Daniel and his three friends were asked to eat the rich food that the king ate and that had been offered to idols. They refused and proposed a test where they would be given pulse (fruit and vegetables) and water for 10 days. They passed the test and at the end of three years of study, King Nebuchadnezzar questioned them and found them to be 10 times wiser than all the wise men in Babylon.
Daniel 1:8-20
6. They were asked to bow down and worship a golden image erected by Nebuchadnezzar on the plain of Dura. They refused to worship the image and told the king that their God could save them from his punishment and even if He didn’t, they could not worship the image. The king, enraged, ordered the furnace made seven times hotter and then had the three Hebrews thrown in. Instead of being consumed by the fire, they were joined by a fourth individual who had the appearance of the Son of God. They were called out of the furnace by the king and found to have no evidence of having been in the fire except that the ropes that bound them had burnt up. “Prophets and Kings”, chapter 41
7. He was to be elevated to the first of three presidents in the kingdom. Daniel 6:1-3

8. Since they couldn't find anything wrong with the way Daniel handled government affairs, they wrote a law requiring that only the king could be worshipped for thirty days and tricked the king into signing it. Daniel 6:5-9
9. Daniel found himself in a den with a bunch of quiet lions. He survived a night with them and then the king had him lifted out of the den. The princes didn't fair so well. The king then had them and their families rounded up and thrown into the lion's den. Before they reached the bottom, they were torn up and devoured by the lions. Daniel 6:16-24
10. Daniel doesn't understand the prophecy about the 70 years that Jeremiah talks about. He knows that the problem is in the sins of the people of Israel, so he begins praying for them and for an interpretation of the prophecy. When he finishes praying, Gabriel is standing at his side and tells him that God heard his prayer and sent him (Gabriel) immediately from the throne room to be at Daniel's side when he finished praying. Gabriel then tells him that seventy weeks have been determined for his people and it starts with the decree to build and restore Jerusalem which will come at the end of the 70 years he had been reading about. This was the time line to Messiah the Prince. It foretold when Jesus would come the first time. Daniel 9:2, 20-27
11. God told Daniel the book would be sealed up until the time of the end and no one would be able to understand it till then. Daniel 12:9-13. We have an understanding of the prophecies of Daniel. We also have an understanding of the book of Revelation. Revelation was not a sealed book. God told John that for his book, the time was at hand. Revelation 22:10
12. Six characteristics of a true prophet are:
 - a) The person is someone God speaks to in visions and dreams – Numbers 12: 6
 - b) The person is someone whose predictions are fulfilled. Jeremiah 28: 9 and Jeremiah 18: 7 – 10
 - c) They are in agreement with the Bible. To the Law & and Testimony if they speak not...Isaiah. 8: 20
 - d) Their life bears fruit that matches Bible teachings. Matthew 7: 15 – 20.
 - e) They bear witness to the divine-human nature of Jesus Christ. 1 John 4: 1 – 3
 - f) They do not make up their own prophecies. 2 Peter 1: 20 – 21.

13. Drama requirements: one 30 minute play or two 15 minute skits.

The following items are part of preparing for a Drama (Play or skit) that can be used in your presentations.

- a) Warm – up: It's a good idea to do relaxation exercises any time before Appearing in front of an audience. Do a few minutes of physical exercises to relax prior to practice & performing.
- b) Close your eyes & imagine you are sitting by a stream, take off your socks & shoes and put your feet in the cool water. Relax.
- c) Close your eyes and try to imagine the setting of the play.
- d) The basic components of Drama and Acting:
 - **Character building** - Think as much as you can about the character you are portraying; how, where, & when did they live. What's their relationship to Jesus? Try to be in character by words and dress.
 - **Stage** – sometimes performances are presented in the great outdoors, an arena, or in your school or church buildings. These indoor stages would have very simple sets so as not to block the view of the audience.
 - **Scene setting** – create the right set by creating an environment onstage that establishes the atmosphere, era, and location of the play or skit.. Choose your props; old furniture, lamps, items created out of paper mache', etc, and hang a curtain for room dividers or curtain for scenes.
 - **Accepting directions from the drama director** - a director is there to guide and direct the play – work together.

Sources: "The kids Guide to Acting & Stagecraft" by Lise Friedman, 2002.
Skits may be written by Pathfinders or staff.
Source for Plays: