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DANIEL!**

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# STUDYING GOD'S SCRIPT— A BIBLE STUDY YOU CAN DO!

**H**ey, guys! It's great to have you back on another great Bible adventure. We are on our way (Molly, Sam the great detective beagle, and me) to meet my Aunt Sherry in Hollywood, California. My name is Max. We are going to help out on the set of a brand-new television series that is being made on the Book of Daniel. Daniel is a very interesting, historical book in the Bible that shows us not only **WHAT** happened in the past, but also **WHAT** is going to happen in the future. Doesn't that sound *exciting*?

We are going to use God's script, the Bible, to find out **WHO** the main characters are in the Book of Daniel and **WHAT** happens to them as God's story unfolds. **HOW** do Daniel and his friends handle difficult situations? **WHAT** lessons can we learn about trusting God when bad things happen to us? **WHO** has visions and dreams? **WHAT** do these dreams mean? And **WHO** is in control of all Daniel's circumstances?

This is going to be one *awesome* television series with some unbelievable special effects to capture these special dreams and events! You can take part in creating this exciting series by studying God's Word, the Bible, the source of all truth, and by asking God's Spirit to lead and guide you. You also have this book, which is an inductive Bible study. That word *inductive* means you go straight to the Bible *yourself* to investigate what the Book of Daniel shows us about God and His plan for the future and a young man who is serious about God.

In inductive Bible study you discover for yourself what the Bible says and means.

Doesn't that sound like fun? Grab your script on Daniel as we take a look into the past so we can film this action-packed adventure that will take us into the future!

## THINGS YOU'LL NEED

New American Standard Bible (Updated Edition)—  
preferably the New Inductive Study Bible (NISB)

Pen or Pencil

A Dictionary

Colored Pencils

This Workbook

Index Cards

# 1

## WELCOME TO BABYLON... OR MODERN-DAY IRAQ



### DANIEL 1

It's great to have you here in sunny California! Molly and I are soooo excited about this new Bible adventure where we'll get to help on a brand-new television series. Miss Leslie, the producer of this series, is a friend of my Aunt Sherry, who developed the comic book on the life of Joseph called *Joseph—God's Superhero*.

Miss Leslie asked Aunt Sherry to come out to California to help her create and direct this fantastic television series on the life of Daniel. Aren't you excited? Not only do we get to learn all about Daniel and how to be like him, but we also get to learn how to create and shoot a television series. Are you ready to get started? Great! Then let's head over to the set and start reading God's script.



### SCAN THE SCRIPT!

"Hey, guys, I see you made it!" Aunt Sherry said with a smile as we walked on the set. "Are you ready to start studying God's script, the Bible?"



“We sure are!” Max replied as he gave Aunt Sherry a hug.

“Great. Then grab your scripts and have a seat in those chairs.”

“Look, Max,” Molly exclaimed, “our chairs have our names on the back just like in the movies.”

“That is so cool!” Max said with a smile. “Look, Sam! Aunt Sherry even has a chair just for you.” Sam jumped up into his chair and sat on his haunches looking like Mr. Hollywood. Aunt Sherry, Max, and Molly cracked up laughing. “Okay, WHAT is the first thing you need to do before you open your script?” asked Aunt Sherry.

“Pray,” Molly answered. “I’ll pray and then we can get started reading our script.”

Remember, Bible study should always begin with prayer. We need to ask God to help us understand what the Bible says and to direct us by His Holy Spirit, so we can make sure we understand His Word and handle it accurately.

All right! Now that we have prayed, did you know that Daniel is a book in the Bible that is both historical and prophetic? Since you study history in school, you know that history is about people and events. Prophecy is when God reveals to us what is going to happen in the future. Season One (*You’re a Brave Man, Daniel!*) of our new television series will focus on the historical events in Daniel 1–6, while Season Two

(*Fast-Forward to the Future*) on Daniel 7–12 will show us what is going to happen in the future. Pretty cool, huh?

Now that you know what our television series is going to be about, let's scan our script to make sure we have just the right location to begin taping our television series. Your script is the Observation Worksheets located at the back of this book. These pages have the Bible text printed out for you to use.

Turn to page 134. Read Daniel 1:1-2. To discover the setting and characters for our new television series, we need to ask the 5 W's and an H. WHAT are the 5 W's and an H? They are the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW questions.

1. Since this book is both a historical and prophetic book, asking WHO is very important. Asking WHO helps you find out:

WHO are the main characters?

WHO is this prophecy about?

WHO is involved?

2. WHAT helps you understand:

WHAT are the main events taking place?

WHAT is God telling you?

3. In any historical event, WHERE is very important. And in prophecy it is also important to know WHERE it happens.

WHERE helps you learn:

WHERE did something happen?

WHERE did they go?

WHERE was this said?

When we discover a WHERE, we double-underline the WHERE in green.

4. WHEN tells us about time. We mark it with a green clock  or a green circle like this: .

WHEN tells us:

WHEN did this event happen or WHEN is it going to happen?

WHEN is so very important in history and prophecy. It helps us follow the order of events.

5. Looking at history, WHY asks questions like:

WHY did this event happen?

Looking at prophecy, WHY asks:

WHY is God telling us this is going to happen?

6. HOW lets you figure out things like:

HOW did something happen?

HOW did the people react to what happens?

HOW is something going to happen in the future?

HOW does it come to pass?

Now read your script and ask those 5 W's and an H.

Daniel 1:1 WHEN does this scene take place? Draw a green clock or green circle over this time phrase in Daniel 1:1 on page 134. Then circle the correct answer below.

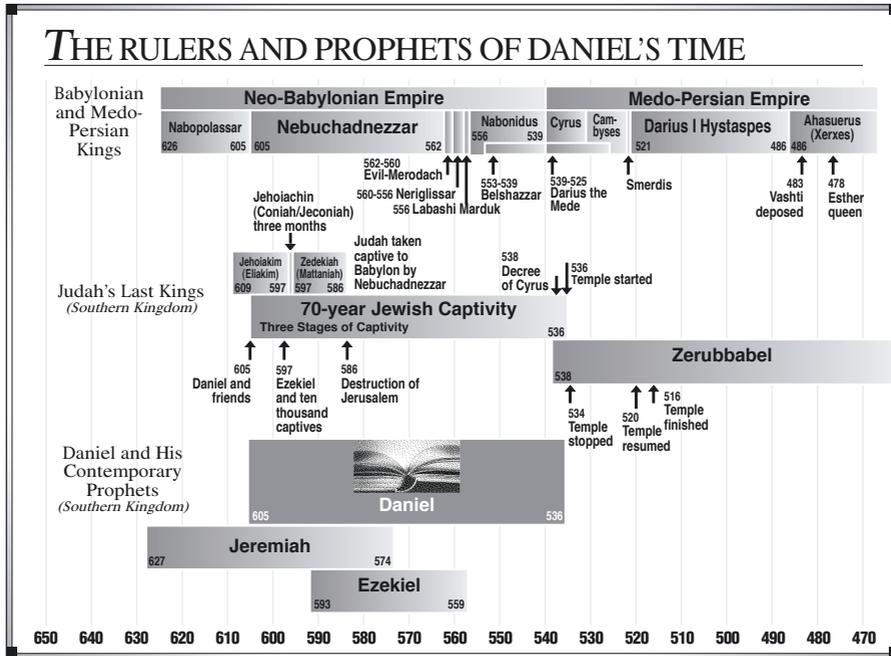
- a. the first year of the reign of Jehoiakim
- b. the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim
- c. the sixth year of the reign of Jehoiakim

WHO are two of the characters in our script?

\_\_\_\_\_, king of \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_, king of \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the chart "The Rulers and Prophets of Daniel's Time," and circle the names of these two rulers.



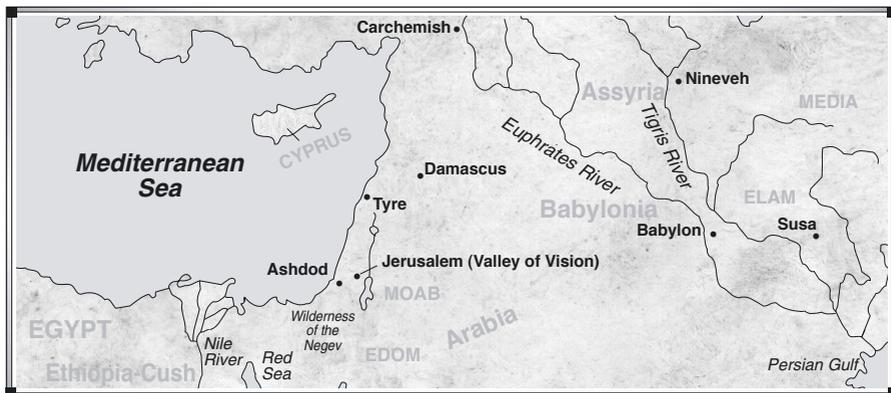
So WHERE are our two kings from?

Daniel 1:1 WHAT is the location of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah? WHERE does Nebuchadnezzar come to?

J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m

Daniel 1:1-2 WHERE is King Nebuchadnezzar from?

King of B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n, the land of \_\_\_\_\_



To learn more about the special location King Nebuchadnezzar is from, take a look at the notes of Miss Anna, the production manager, below.



## PRODUCTION MANAGER'S NOTES

*BABYLON* means "gate of God" and is one of the most important cities in the ancient world.

Babylon is located east of the Euphrates River, 56 miles south of present-day Baghdad in Iraq. It is in the fertile plain of Mesopotamia between two rivers: the Tigris and the Euphrates. It lies near the Garden of Eden, near the cradle of civilization.

The first mention of this ancient city in the land of Shinar is found in Genesis 10–11. In Genesis 11, the people of Babel (Babylon) sin by wanting to make a name for themselves instead of having God rule over them. From the beginning of time, this city has been in opposition to God.

Keep your eyes and ears open because Babylon not only plays an important part in history, but it will also play a part in the future. You can study more about Babylon and what happens to it in the future by studying the Book of Revelation in Max and Molly's Bible adventure *A SNEAK PEEK INTO THE FUTURE*.

Daniel 1:1 WHAT did Nebuchadnezzar come to Jerusalem to do?

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Daniel 1:2 WHO wins this battle?

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Daniel 1:2 WHO gave King Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into King Nebuchadnezzar's hand? WHO was in control?

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Wow! Are you surprised to see that God gave Jehoiakim into King Nebuchadnezzar's hand? WHY would God allow His chosen people, the sons of Israel, to be taken captive by their enemies? One way we can find out is by looking at some other passages of Scripture. This is called *cross-referencing*.

Look up and read Deuteronomy 28:1-7.

Deuteronomy 28:1 WHAT did the children of Israel need to do to be set high above all the nations of the earth?

"\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD your God, being careful to \_\_\_\_\_ all His \_\_\_\_\_."

Deuteronomy 28:7 WHAT would happen to Israel's enemies if Israel obeyed?

Israel's enemies will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Read Deuteronomy 28:15,25.

Deuteronomy 28:25 WHAT would happen if Israel did not obey? WHAT would the Lord cause the children of Israel to be?

\_\_\_\_\_ before your \_\_\_\_\_

Wow! Look at HOW important it was to God that the children of Israel obey Him! They would defeat their enemies if they obeyed, but if they disobeyed, then they would be defeated.

HOW about you? Do you think God expects you to obey Him?

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WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW are you going to know what God wants you to do? Would studying the Bible help you to know what God expects? HOW would studying the Bible help you?

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HOW much do you obey God? Circle one of the answers below.

- a. all the time      b. a lot of the time  
c. sometimes      d. not very often

WHICH answer should you circle? Write it out below:

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Now that you have thought about what you do and what you should do, why don't you go to God and ask Him to help you change anything that you need to change, to help you obey Him?

Way to go! You have done some awesome research today. You went straight to God's book, the book of truth. You saw that there are two kings: the king of Judah who is king over God's chosen people, and the king of Babylon, king over a very wicked city who defeats the king of Judah and takes some of the sons of Israel into captivity.

You also saw by looking at other passages of Scripture that God told His people as long as they obeyed Him, they would defeat their enemies. Does that mean the sons of Israel didn't

obey God and His commandments since King Nebuchadnezzar takes God's chosen people into captivity? You'll find out tomorrow as you continue the research for our new television series. But before you leave the set today, you need to discover your memory verse for this week.

Did you know that the original language the Bible was written in was Hebrew with some Aramaic in the Old Testament, and Koine Greek in the New Testament? Since the Book of Daniel is written in both the Hebrew and Aramaic languages, we thought it would be fun if you discovered this week's verse by using a fun made-up language that kids like to use called "Pig Latin."

There are different ways to write Pig Latin depending on if a word begins with one consonant, multiple consonants, or a vowel. If a word begins with a single consonant, you take the consonant off the front of the word and put it at the end of the word, adding *ay* after it (such as, if I wanted to say *Daniel* in Pig Latin, I would say *anielday*).

Now if a word begins with two or more consonants, you would take the group of consonants off the front of the word and add them to the end, and then add *ay* to the end of the word. For an example, the word *choice* would become *oicechay*. And if a word starts with a vowel, you just add *ay* to the end of the word. For example, the word *up* would become *upay*.

Solve this week's verse by looking at the words on the next page that are in Pig Latin and writing the real word for this fun made-up language underneath each blank. Then find the reference for your verse in Daniel 1. Practice this verse by saying it in both Pig Latin and English three times in a row, three times today!

utbay anielDay ademay upay ishay indmay  
 \_\_\_\_\_

atthay ehay ouldway otnay efileday imselfhay  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ithway ethay ingskay oicechay oodfay oray  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ithway ethay ineway ichwhay ehay ankdray;  
 \_\_\_\_\_;

osay ehay oughtsay ermissionpay omfray ethay  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ommandercay ofay ethay officialsay atthay ehay  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ightmay otnay efileday imselfhsay.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 1: \_\_\_\_\_

You did it! We are so proud of you!



## ON THE SET OF ISRAEL

“Look at that, Molly! Isn’t that set amazing?” Max asked as they walked onto the set with Aunt Sherry. “It looks just like the pictures I have seen of ancient Jerusalem.”

Aunt Sherry told the kids, “This is the set where we will shoot our opening scene as King Nebuchadnezzar comes up against King Jehoiakim to besiege the city.”

“Will we start filming today?” Max asked Aunt Sherry.

“Not yet. We need to finish casting our characters. But first you and Molly need to find out WHAT the sons of Israel did that caused God to let them be taken into captivity. After you do your research, you can help me, Miss Leslie, and Mr. Preston, the casting director, finish casting.”

“All right!” Molly exclaimed. “Let’s get started.”

Don’t forget to pray! Let’s find out WHAT the children of Israel did that caused God to allow them to be defeated. Start by looking at the production manager’s notes on the nation of Israel.



## PRODUCTION MANAGER'S NOTES

The beginning of the nation of Israel is found in the Book of Genesis as God promises to make Abram (Abraham) a great nation in Genesis 12. This nation is to come through his son, Isaac (Genesis 17:19; Genesis 21:12), and through Isaac’s son Jacob (Genesis 28).

In Genesis 35:10, God changes Jacob’s name to Israel. Jacob (Israel) has 12 sons, whose descendants are known as the 12 tribes of Israel, God’s chosen people.

In 1 Kings, because of King Solomon’s divided heart, God divides the 12 tribes of Israel into two kingdoms: the north and the south.

The northern kingdom of Israel is made up of 10 tribes of Israel. They settle in the north and claim Samaria as their capital.

The southern kingdom of Judah is made up of the remaining two tribes of Israel, Benjamin and Judah, who keep Jerusalem as their capital.