

1. Daniel: the teenager

- a) Daniel 1:1–8, why was this an important decision for Daniel?
- b) Daniel 1:9–14, how could Daniel be certain there would be a noticeable difference in their appearance after only 10 days?
- c) What gifts did the Lord give to these young captives who had determined to honor God even in the small decisions of life? Daniel 1:17; Daniel 1:18–20
- d) What simple yet vitally important lesson can we learn from this story for our lives today?

2. Daniel: the young prophet

- a) Crisis in Babylon, Daniel 2:1–13
- b) Daniel’s response, Daniel 2:14–18
- c) God’s revelation, Daniel 2:19
- d) Daniel’s prayer, Daniel 2:20–23
- e) It would be easy for Daniel to be proud of his new-found knowledge but how does he respond? Daniel 2:24–28
- f) This chapter contains one of the greatest time prophecies in the Bible! What lesson can we learn from the fact that God trusted young Daniel to deliver such an important message?

3. Daniel’s three friends

- a) Daniel 3:1–6
- b) Daniel is absent in this story, but his three friends take center stage. Daniel 3:7–18

- c) How did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego have the courage to stand for God when everyone else bowed down to the Golden Image?
- d) Daniel 3:19–25
- e) Someone might say, “That’s a great story, but many don’t see that kind of dramatic deliverance.” How would you respond?
- f) How does this story prepare us for the prophecy revealed in Revelation 13:11–15?

4. Daniel’s witness to a pagan king

- a) Daniel 4 records the remarkable conversion of King Nebuchadnezzar from a proud pagan monarch to a humble servant. Compare his declaration in Daniel 3:28–30 to Daniel 4:37.
- b) It’s easy to judge others for their pride and arrogance, but how might we be guilty of a similar attitude?

5. Faithful until the end

- a) Daniel 6:1–5
- b) Daniel 6:10
- c) Daniel 6:19–23
- d) What vitally important lessons can we learn from this story for our lives today?

