

DANIEL PART I
LESSON 3
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What is your worldview and what happens to it when your world changes?

Daniel 1

Your worldview is a matter of your heart.

Dan. 1:1-8

605 B.C. First siege of Jerusalem

Dan. 1:2 God is behind this conquest of a people who had changed their worldview.

Deut. 28:1-68

Babylon vs. Israel God vs. Babylon's god

Dan. 1:3 Royal nobles into slavery

Dan. 1:4 Top of the top, cream of the crop

Chaldeans language was written with wedges: Cuneiform.

Dan. 1:5 Nebuchadnezzar was grooming the cream of the crop to serve him.

Dan. 1:6-7

Dan. 1:8

Although Daniel's world changed; his view of God did not change nor did his worldview.

Babylon: Gate of God

Location: East of Euphrates River

56 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq

Babylon is in the fertile plain between the two great rivers Tigris and Euphrates, near the Garden of Eden where man lived until he changed his worldview about God.

Gen. 3:1, 4-5

*One of the most important cities in the ancient world

*Land of Shinar, Sumerian kings

Hammurabi code = earliest written legal code known to man.

Beginning of the 15th century

One of the four major powers of the orient.

Kept company with the Egyptians, Matanni and Hittites.

End of the 12th century there was a Nebuchadnezzar the 1st 1125-1103 B.C.

He was the Isin king who defeated the Elamites and attacked Assyria.

Babylon = Land of the Chaldeans

Hab. 1:1-6

Beginning of the 9th century, Chaldean King Merdock 2nd 722 – 710 B.C.
(close to 605 B.C.)

Important political role because he went against the Assyrians who are an enemy of God (capital is eventually Nineveh)

626 B.C. Assyria in turmoil

Nabopolassar = king of Babylonia (father of Nebuchadnezzar 1st) allied himself with the Medes and destroyed Assyria.

Nebuchadnezzar II reigned 43 years 605 B.C – 562 B.C.

Dan. 1:21...and Daniel continued...in king's service, Babylonians, for 43 years.

After Nebuchadnezzar's death in 562 B.C. there was a struggle for power that lasted several years.

Nabonidus – king of Babylonia 556 – 539 B.C. (one of Neb's governors)

Antagonized the influential priestly class of Babylon so he had to leave. He goes to modern day Baghdad and puts his son Belshazzar in power.

539 B.C. Babylonians are defeated by Cyrus the great, king of Persia.

Belshazzar is killed. (Nabonidus, his father, is captured at Sippar)

Dan. 5:30

Sippar is modern day Baghdad.

When you become the tail instead of the head, will your worldview change?

I The Babylon of Genesis

Gen. 10-11

Gen. 10:1 Sons of Noah

Gen. 10:6,8 Son of Ham had curse placed on them

Gen. 10:8-9 Cush is the father of Nimrod

Gen. 10:10-11 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel in the land of Shinar.....went forth into Assyria; built Nineveh and later destroyed by God.

Nimrod's name = let us revolt. Revolt against the knowledge/command of God.

Ham: survived the flood. Grandfather of Nimrod.

Gen. 11:1-2 Daniel has to learn a NEW language.

Gen. 10 Overview

Gen. 11 Fills in the details

Gen. 11:2-4

Gen. 9:1,7 God blessed and said go forth and be fruitful and fill ALL the earth. Nimrod goes against God: We will

Gen. 11:6-7

II Babylon of the Kings and Prophets

2 Kings 17:24 – Zech. 6:10 257 direct references to Babylon

Genesis: Book of beginnings

Explanation of a worldview that changes
Fear of God to: make a name great for themselves

Kings and Prophets

Israel changed worldview
Acknowledges God but doesn't obey

Is. 14:4-7 Prophecy and future
Moves from the ruler of Babylon to one who is above him; the Morning Star: Satan
There are earthly nations but there are heavenly principalities above those nations.
Is. 14:22-23
Sadaam Hussein was rebuilding Babylon.
Zech. 5:5-11 "This is wickedness"

III Babylon of the Future

Rev. 17-18 One message of a city
Rev. 17:3-6 Babylon is filled in this cup with the blood of the saints.
That would be people who held to their worldview and paid for it with their lives.
Rev. 17:18 The Great City (not Rome)
Rev. 18:2-3 Fallen is Babylon the great. All the nations of this earth aligned with her.
Rev. 18:3
Rev. 18:8,18-19,23 All the nations were deceived
You are deceived when you hold any worldview other than a Biblical worldview.
Daniel chapter 1 is all about Daniel's worldview and how he demonstrates it.
Faith is not faith until it is tested.
Jer. 13:11
A worldview is a matter of the heart.
Prov. 4:23, 23:7
Matt. 5:28
2 Chron. 16:9
1 Sam. 13:14
Daniel is taken captive because God wants to place a man after His own heart in the land of Shinar.
Biblical Worldview= foundation by which we live and build our lives upon.
Look at the way you live and you'll know what your Biblical worldview is.

Dan. 1:8 But Daniel made up his mind = set upon his heart, that he would not defile himself. He holds to his worldview.

Lev. 11 Dietary laws

God is taking you and rooting and grounding you in a Biblical worldview.

Everything around Babylon is in direct opposition to our Christian values.

Study well – learn – apply – stand

Dan. 11: 32 People who hold one worldview and changed it, but...the people who....

Dan. 1:7 When Daniel's world changed, his worldview didn't.

Dan. 4:8 Belteshazzar = according to the name of my (Neb's) god

Daniel = God is my judge

God is your judge and He will have to deal with you.

ALLEGIANCE TO THE KING

He is the King of kings and He triumphs.