

Daniel 1



Bible Study Guide For All Ages

Remember It? True or false?

- **T F** Jacob said that God had given his descendants the land of Egypt.
- T F Manasseh was Jacob's oldest son.
- T F Manasseh would be greater than his brother Ephraim.

Answers: 1) Gen 48:3-4 2) Gen 41:50-52 3) Gen 48:19

Guess What...

Jacob and his twelve sons died, but they had **many descendants**, just as God had promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.





After many years, the descendants of Jacob left Egypt and went to Canaan, the **land** God had promised.

In Canaan, the descendants of Jacob did not follow God, so God let the Babylonians conquer them and take them as captives to Babylonia.

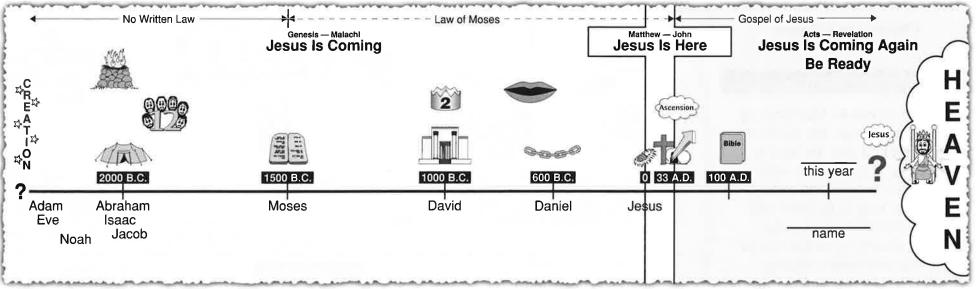




God had promised that a king from Judah would always rule, but now that the Israelites were being ruled by a foreign nation, it did not seem like God was keeping his promise.

Daniel was written to show that God had not forgotten his promise. A king would come from the family of Judah and **bless the whole world**, just as God had said. The king would be Jesus.





Time Line

- 1. Write this year and your name in the blanks.
- 2. Label the son of Jacob who was an ancestor of Jesus. Circle the king who will always rule.
- 3. God promised many descendants, land and the blessing of the whole world to three fathers. Place a check ✓ by each of them.
- 4. King Nebuchadnezzar took the first Israelite captives to Babylon in 605 B.C. Circle the captivity chain above 600.
- 5. Label Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
- 6. From about 1500 B.C. until the death of Jesus, the Israelites were commanded to live by the law that God gave to Moses. Draw a box around the tablets of stone on which the law was written. Daniel lived under the Law of Moses. Do you?

Apply It!

 Read Daniel 1:8. Why was Daniel so determined to avoid eating the king's food? What do you think he would have done if the guard had refused to test him for ten days? What is God saying to you for your life? Answer using the word "I" or "me."

- · How can you be more like Daniel?
- Talk to God about what he has taught you in this lesson.

Get Active

Write down something that you need to make up your mind about. What is something bad that you need to stop doing? What is something good you need to start doing?

Share what you've written and pray about your decision.



Captives in Babylon Daniel 1

Discover the Bible

- 1. In the gray boxes, label the city that was conquered, the building that was robbed and the land to which some of the people were taken captive. Unscramble the name of the king of Babylon and write it in the blank. Above the people in chains, circle the son of Jacob who was their forefather.

 Why did God let the king of Babylon conquer Jerusalem and take the people to Babylonia? For help, look at 2 Kings 22:16-17; 24:3-4.
- 2. Draw a line from each new name to the correct man.
- 3. Read the Bible verse. In your own words, write **why** the chief official would *not* do what Daniel asked.
- 4. In the box, circle what Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego ate and drank during the test. On the arrow, write the number of days the test lasted. Why do you think the four men looked healthier than the other young men?
- 5. Draw a line from the bubble to the man who could understand visions and dreams. What did King Nebuchadnezzar think about the four men from Judah? Shade the "thumbs up" or "thumbs down."

