

Daniel Dialogue

Reading Guide for Daniel 10-12

God Triumphs - He will take us home!

Group Discussion

Describe the best party you have ever been to. Why was it so good?

Kids Activity

Have you ever written a letter-gram? Design a really nice letter-gram and write to God, accepting his invitation to come to the large party He will throwing for us when we all go home with Him. Let Him know how much you have enjoyed getting to know Him and look forward to seeing Him soon. He would love it if you drew something for Him.

It's the best picture—the final episode!

The best party you have ever been to occurs straight after God delivers us home. Cancel all other plans to be at this event. Everything that God has revealed to Daniel about who He is finally comes together—in His plan is to take us home with Him.

The theme of the life of Daniel is now fully revealed. Although at times misrepresented, misunderstood and apparently defeated—God does care. He knows all, He rescues and rules, He watches over all, He protects as our friend, He judges, restores and saves. His cause will triumph. He is victorious. He is King. He will take us home!

The last three chapters of Daniel stand as a unit. This final prophecy says in literal language what the preceding prophecies have been saying in symbolic language.

CHAPTER 10—God listens!

DANIEL'S VISION OF A GREAT WAR verse 1

"In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazar). Its message was true and it concerned a great war."

DANIEL'S VISION OF A MAN verse 2-21

1. Compare Daniel 10:4-9 and Revelation 1:12-18. Who did John see?

ANS: _____

2. One was *sent* to speak to Daniel. What was his message?

ANS: 1. _____ Vs. 11

2. _____ Vs. 14

Note: The 70 years of captivity prophesied by Jeremiah came to an end with the overthrow of Babylon by the Medes and Persians. However, the king of Persia was obviously resisting God's intention for the Jews to return home (vs. 13). The one who was "sent" (vs. 11) was supported by "Michael, one of the chief princes" (vs. 13) or "your prince" (vs. 21).

3. After Daniel was strengthened (vs. 15-19) what message was repeated to him? Vs. 20,21 (compare Daniel 10:1)

ANS: _____

CHAPTER 11—God’s people in trouble!

WAR: the kings of the South and North! verse 1-35

At this stage it is not necessary to identify every detail in history. Read to see the big picture of war and intrigue.

See what happens to God’s people who were like a *football* (in the land of the temple) in the wars between the nations.

The violence and intrigue intensified as the battles continued until, finally, a *contemptible person* (vs. 21) arrived on the battle scene.

WAR: the king who exalts himself! verse 36-45

4. What was prophesied to be his destiny? Vs. 45

ANS: “Yet he will _____,
and _____.”

CHAPTER 12—God’s takes His people home!

VICTORY: THE GLORIOUS CLIMAX verses 1-4

5. Suggest one word that summarises the main thought in these statements from Daniel 12:1-4:

1. “Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise.”

2. “There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.”

3. “At that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.”

4. “Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”

5. “Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

DANIEL: TOLD TO REST verses 5-13

Daniel was told: “As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.” Vs. 13.

DISCUSSION

1. What does Daniel 10 reveal regarding prayer?
2. What does the New Testament tell us about the glorious climax to history and the resurrection? (Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12.)

3. If you would like to read more about the return of Jesus Christ—read Matthew 24. What basic facts about His return did Jesus highlight in Matthew 24:23-51?
4. **Kids DISCUSSION:** Over the past ten weeks we have learnt a lot about God. Can you think of two things that you really enjoyed learning about God? Share your letter with the adults. Now you get to ask them: “What would you want to say to God?”
5. **Daniel 12:1-3 are key verses.** What specific message in these verses is important to you? What would you want to say to God about these things?

FINAL PERSONAL WORD ...

Daniel’s story is an amazing story—the story of one man’s relationship with God. He has made an impact upon us. We can look to the future with confidence and hope. We have learnt from Daniel. But, how are our lives different—and how will our futures be different—from discussing this story and Daniel’s book?

What difference has the story of Daniel made to your life?

As we have studied we have also enjoyed the fellowship of friends and neighbours. Would you like to continue with a dialogue on the Gospel of John, the Book of Hebrews or Revelation? What are your suggestions for a continuing Bible dialogue group?

Suggestions:
