



In the Fire

• THE BOOK OF DANIEL •

Bible Reading Plan

Before you read, pray! Ask God to speak and for you to hear something from him today.

Week #1		
Day 1	Taken to Babylon	Daniel 1:1-7
Day 2	Daniel's Decision	Daniel 1:8-21
Day 3	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 2:1-16
Day 4	Daniel Seeks God's Help	Daniel 2:17-30
Week #2		
Day 1	Daniel Interprets the Dream	Daniel 2:31-45
Day 2	The King's Reaction & Daniel's Reward	Daniel 2:46-3:7
Day 3	The Image of Gold	Daniel 3:8-18
Week #3		
Day 1	The Fiery Furnace	Daniel 3:19-30
Day 2	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Tree	Daniel 4:1-12
Day 3	The King's Confusion	Daniel 4:13-18
Week #4		
Day 1	Daniel Interprets the Dream	Daniel 4:19-27
Day 2	The Dream Is Fulfilled	Daniel 4:28-37
Day 3	The Writing on the Wall	Daniel 5:1-12
Week #5		
Day 1	Daniel Reads the Writing	Daniel 5:13-30
Day 2	Daniel in the Den of Lions	Daniel 6:1-18
Day 3	God Rescues Daniel	Daniel 6:19-28

Some questions to ask:

Chapter 1

1. What can we learn from this part? How is God speaking to you through this scripture?
2. Are there ways you identify with an experience of exile or oppression or the feelings the exiles experienced?
3. Are there ways you feel that you're being redefined at this point in your life in ways that aren't good? What does Daniel show us?

4. What would it mean for you to live with integrity here and now?
5. What difference do you think it made that the three boys were together? Are you in community with others?

Chapter 2

1. What do you notice about Nebuchadnezzar?
2. What do you notice about Daniel?
3. What do you notice about God?
4. What is the point of the dream in the passage?
5. Are you facing anything that seems impossible, where prayer could bring God's wisdom?

Chapter 3

1. Why does Nebuchadnezzar set up the gold image?
2. What repetitions do you notice in the writing?
3. Can you think of parallels in our time? What demands our allegiance?
4. What might it mean for you to be a witness of God's reality in your context?
5. Are there ways you see that God has you where you are for a purpose?

Chapter 4

1. What do you notice? What's surprising? Is there anything different in the narration from previous chapters?
2. What can we learn about God from this chapter?
3. Some of us might be in a position to speak difficult truth to someone in power: a boss, HOA leader, advisor, etc. How might Daniel's example encourage you?

Chapter 5

1. What stands out to you or is weird in this chapter?
2. Why do you think God chose to make himself known in the way that he did?
3. What does the fact that neither Belshazzar nor his spiritual advisors were able to interpret the message emphasize?
4. Why are we so slow to learn lessons from the example of others (and insist on making the same mistakes for ourselves)?
5. How does the kingship of Jesus compare with that of Belshazzar?
6. Which person do you identify with in this chapter and why?

Chapter 6

1. What stands out to you most in this section and why?
2. How does Daniel's integrity and dedication make him a target in this chapter? Can you relate this to any personal experiences?
3. What can you learn from the way Daniel handled his trials?
4. What role do prayer and trust play in Daniel's situation?
5. What does this chapter teach about God's justice?
6. What has God shown you through the story of Daniel regarding your own time "in the fire?"