

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TEACHING SERIES ON THE PROPHET DANIEL

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PART 1: HIS EARLY YEARS

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BIBLE

From the time of Edward Irvin (1792-1834), dispensationalists have depended heavily on the prophets of the Old Testament to validate their doctrine. Many times, text has simply been taken out of context and made to fit the teaching of dispensationalism. This is a gross sin and Jesus warned us strongly not to tamper with the Scriptures. **Revelation 22:16-21**

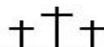
For many years, liberal so-called “scholars” have attacked the book of Daniel and taught that the book was written in 167 B.C. to boost the morale during the Maccabean era when the Jewish leadership was trying to restore Israel by the sword. When I attended seminary in 1969-73, this was the official doctrine taught at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California. I strongly rejected this claim and as a result I was treated as an imbecile by the “learned” faculty. Furthermore, they also taught that the five books of Moses were not actually written by Moses; the book of Isaiah was not written by the prophet, but by three different men, and thus it was not reliable enough to use for preaching. The four Gospels were written after the death of Christ; as a result, no one really knows for sure what Jesus said when he walked on this earth. The book of Revelation was written in a secret code so that the apostle John could send a message from the island of Patmos, where he was a prisoner, to the Christians in Ephesus. With their damnable theology, the faculty at the seminary destroyed the faith in God for hundreds of young men who had come to learn but did not know that the seminary was a graveyard for their faith.

THE CRITERIA OF A PROPHET

In this series of preaching on the prophets, I will do my best to bring out historical facts, cultural settings, but most of all, the message from God that was spoken by the prophets. The prophets were sent to the people of Israel at a time of crisis when the nation was in upheaval and sin was rampant. Their assignment was to rebuke sin, warn of coming judgments and teach the people how God wanted them to live. **Jeremiah 1:1-10**

BACKGROUND

- Daniel is a Hebrew name meaning “**God is my judge.**”
- The Bible does not give us information as to who Daniel’s parents were; the only information given is that he was either of royal lineage or of noble descent.



- ❑ He was also well educated. **Daniel 1:3-4**
- ❑ His parents lived in Jerusalem during an unstable time, and it is estimated that Daniel was born in 615 B.C. At this time, there were two superpowers in the area, Babylon and Egypt, both of which tried to control the kingdom of Judah, with its capitol Jerusalem.
- ❑ The Bible tells us that evil prevailed, including idolatry. **2 Kings 23:31-35**
- ❑ King Jehoiakim born 633 B.C. and died in 597 with a life span of 36 years.
- ❑ In 604 B.C., a Babylonian army came and forced the King of Judah to switch his alliance with Egypt to Babylon. **2 Kings 23:36-37**;
- ❑ King Jehoiakim was a wicked man and mocked the word of God spoken by the prophet Jeremiah. **Jeremiah 36:1-32**
- ❑ It is easy to see that Daniel was brought up in a very corrupt society but must have been educated under men who followed the prophet Jeremiah.
- ❑ The Babylonian king came three times to Jerusalem to establish his rule of the Jews. The first time was in 604, when the might of the Babylonian military convinced King Jehoiakim to switch his allegiance with Egypt to Babylon. It was at this time that King Nebuchadnezzar demanded that the brightest and educated children of royal and noble descent would be taken and moved to Babylon. Daniel would have been around 11 years old.

THE BOY DANIEL LOVED THE LORD GOD

- ❑ When I previously read the book of Daniel, I had never before understood that Daniel was only a young boy when he was castrated to become a eunuch. His first stand for God was taken, not as a young man, but as a young boy. **Daniel 1:5-8**
- ❑ The same anointing that was upon Joseph was also evident in Daniel. This leads me to the conclusion that Daniel's parents were godly people who had brought up Daniel in the fear of God. He was separated from his parents, taken to a foreign land, mutilated and forced to learn a strange language; in all this, it is clear that Daniel had real faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **Daniel 1:9-16**
- ❑ God responded to these four young boys and gave them supernatural understanding and wisdom. **Daniel 1:17; Hebrews 11:1-6**
- ❑ When Daniel at the age of around 14 years old, he stood before the mighty King of Babylon; he was not intimidated but radiated the power of God and impressed the most powerful man on earth at that time. **Daniel 1:18-21**

LESSON TO BE LEARNED

- ❑ God can and will operate in all kinds of circumstances. It does not matter what the political situation is, how bad the moral climate is, or how wicked people are, God is able to raise up children in the midst of debauchery and turn them into powerful witnesses for Him.

- It does not matter who is ruling a nation, what people say and do, God's will shall be done on this earth! **Numbers 14:21**
- Get into God's glory today! **John 14:15**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?
ARE YOU COMPLAINING OR PRAISING THE LORD?**