



Serving the King

Daniel

LEADERS GUIDE

11 Studies for Youth Group

Study One

Activity correct order below

11. Assyria attacks The northern tribes of Israel are destroyed.	8. David becomes king From shepherd boy to sovereign king.
1. Creation	3. The Tower of Babel is destroyed by God.
9. King Solomon The kingdom of Israel is at its largest, most successful and safe. King Solomon builds the temple for God.	7. Warning! Before Israel enters the promised land, God warns the people they must keep his law, otherwise they'll be overrun by other nations and thrown out of the land.
5. The Exodus God rescues Israel from Egypt. The time of Moses.	13. Daniel An exiled Israelite in Babylon.
12. Babylon attacks Jerusalem is destroyed. Many Israelites are deported.	4. Abraham God gives 3 promises to Abraham: land, many descendents and blessing.
10. Israel divides The once great kingdom divides in Israel (north) and Judah (south).	14. Persian King Cyrus Tells the Jews they can go back to their land to rebuild their city and temple. The time of Ezra.
2. Noah and the Flood	6. The 10 commandments Given to Israel.

Question 1

- If there is heaps of time read all of the passage listed in the box. If you feel time is short only read the passages listed in the table.
- Refer to Appendix 2 if you or your group is interested in the history.

Study Three

Question Three

Appendix 3 deals with the historical nature of the dream, if you decide to show this to your group remember to emphasise the big picture God will save his people.

What we have seen in the first two chapters of Daniel and will continue to see as we travel through Daniel is an apocalyptic cycle. (see Appendix 1)

Don't be like Dave and get excited about all the historical details and the coolness of the way the bible backs up world history but focus on the big picture of God saving his people. If there is time at the end have a look at the details.

Study Six

Question Three

In case you are having a huge mental blank, the answer to this question is Jesus dying on the cross and coming back to life again, defeating death, paying the penalty for our rebellion against God and presenting us pure and blameless in God's sight.

Study Eight

Question Three

The big picture here is the apocalyptic cycle.

1. Someone or something opposes God and his people
2. God promises salvation
3. God comes through on his promise (Jesus)

The beasts here are very reminiscent of chapter 2 and most people reckon they are talking about the same kingdoms. The interpretation however is not as clear. Not to mention the extra factor of all these horns popping up all over the place (some people think they are describing the fighting between the different rulers of the kingdoms that arose after Alexander the Great's death, but there is not enough info to really be sure).