

Daniel Series

Daniel Chapter 5 & 6

Directions

Read Chapters 3 & 4 of the book of Daniel. Each chapter will have its own chapter outline, activity pages, and study questions. There will be a quiz on the last page for Chapters 5 & 6. Do your best and have fun!!!

Take Notes

- We recommend using AVID or Cornell style note taking
- Write out the study guide questions and answer them while you are reading
- Draw pictures if you would like to

Follow the Chapter Outline

- Read the chapters and follow along with the chapter outline
- If a parent is teaching the chapter, they can read the outline to the junior

Do Activity Pages

- If you're able to, print out the activity sheets. If you don't have a printer, take a screenshot of the page and complete it on your tablet or phone. You can email a screenshot of your completed work to foljuniorsministry@gmail.com

Study!!!

- Answer the study guide questions on the last page and take quiz 5 & 6

Take Your Test

- A test will be given at the same time for all Juniors to play together on Saturday at 5pm. Make sure to send an email to foljuniorsministry@gmail.com to be added to our Google Classroom, the link will be posted there.

Chapter Five

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 5 of the book of Daniel was written in Aramaic. It is paired with chapter 6 as they both tell the stories of Daniel interpreting the dream and vision of the 2 kings of Babylon. Both kings became prideful so God sent them a message, King Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself but King Belshazzar didn't. This chapter is well known for the popular story of the hand writing on the wall.

Characters:

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| ★ Daniel (Belshazzar) | ★ King Belshazzar |
| ★ King Nebuchadnezzar | ★ The Queen |
| ★ Astrologers/Chaldeans | ★ King Darius |
| ★ Nobles | ★ The Fingers of a Human Hand |

Vocabulary

Gold Vessels/Goblets: Very holy cups that were used in the tabernacle

Humble: Not proud

Wanting: Of poor quality

Father: An ancestor, King Nebuchadnezzar was not the biological father of King Belshazzar but he was a king that came before him

Countenance: Behavior, facial expression



Chapter Five Outline: The Writing on the Wall

Belshazzar's Feast Verses 1-12

- ★ **King Belshazzar** made a feast for 1,000 of his nobles
- ★ He commanded that they bring him the gold and silver vessels/goblets that his father took from the temple in Jerusalem so they could drink wine from it
- ★ They drank the wine and praised their gods
- ★ The finger of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the wall as the king watched. He turned pale and was so frightened that his legs shook
- ★ The king called for **the Astrologers/Chaldeans** (Wise Men) and said "Whoever can read and interpret the writing will be clothed in purple and be given a golden chain for his neck and will be made 3rd highest in the kingdom."
- ★ None were able to interpret it or even read it so the king became more frightened
- ★ **The Queen** told the king, "Don't be so scared! There is a man in your kingdom who has the Spirit of the Holy God in him. He is wise. Our father made him chief over all the wise men. He can interpret dreams and riddles. Call for Daniel."



The Writing on the Wall Explained Verses 13-29

- ★ **Daniel (Belteshazzar)** was brought before the king and the king told him, "Are you Daniel? The captive from Judah? I heard that the Spirit of God is in you and that you are wise. My wise men could not read or interpret the writing. I heard you are an interpreter, if you can read and interpret this writing, I will reward you and make you 3rd highest in the kingdom."
- ★ Daniel responded, "Keep your gifts and give the rewards to someone else. I will read and interpret this writing. The most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom, majesty, glory, and honor. When he became prideful it was all taken away from him. He was driven to the wilderness and became like a beast until he knew

that the Most High God rules over all kingdoms and He appoints whomever he wants over it. But Belshazzar has NOT humbled himself. They brought the vessels from God’s house, they drank wine from them, and worshipped their gods which do not see or hear or know. The fingers of the hand were from God.”

★ **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**

- **MENE:** God has **numbered** your kingdom and finished it.
- **TEKEL:** You have been **weighed** in the balances, and found wanting
- **PERES:** Your kingdom has been **divided** and given to the Medes and Persians

★ King Belshazzar had Daniel clothed in purple, a gold chain placed on his neck, and was made 3rd highest in the kingdom

Belshazzar’s Fail Verse 30

★ That night Belshazzar was killed. Darius the Mede received the kingdom, he was 62 years old



Daniel Chapter 5 Activities

[Youtube Video](#)

Craft: Writing on the Wall

Material:

- Paper
- White Crayon
- Colorful crayon or watercolor and paintbrush

Directions:

- On a white piece of paper write “MENE MENE TEKEL PERES” with the white crayon
- Then you or a family can draw over it with a crayon or watercolor paint
- If you have a family member color over it, make sure to explain to them what it means



Chapter Six

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapters 6 was written in Aramaic. Chapters 3 and 6 are both paired up, both tell the story of Daniel and his friends being persecuted because of their faith while in Babylon. This chapter covers the famous story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Characters: * an Angel

★ Daniel

(Belteshazzar)

★ King Darius

★ Satraps and governors

Vocabulary

Decree: An official order or law

Realm: A kingdom

Custom: A tradition

Cast: To throw

Signet Ring: A ring with letters

Dominion: Control over a territory

Prospered: Succeed

Chapter Six Outline: Daniel In The Lions Den

The Plot Against Daniel

Verses 1-9

- ★ King Darius set 120 satraps over the whole kingdom and he placed 3 governors



over the satraps. Daniel was one of those governors

- ★ Daniel had an excellent spirit in him and the king wanted to set him over the whole realm
- ★ Some of the Satraps and governors were jealous of Daniel and wanted to charge him with a crime. But Daniel was faithful and did no wrong
- ★ The Satraps and governors came up with a plan and went to the king saying, “We have all agreed to make a decree that everyone should pray to the king and only the king for 30 days. If anyone prays to someone beside you, they will be thrown into the lions’ den. Now king, sign the decree to make it official.”
- ★ So the king signed the decree

Daniel in the Lions’ Den Verses 10-17

- ★ When Daniel found out the decree was signed, he went home. He went to his upper room and with the windows wide open, he knelt on his knees and prayed 3 times that day giving thanks to God. He always prayed this way.
- ★ The Satraps and governors saw Daniel praying so they told the king. The king became very unhappy with himself and tried to save Daniel , but was not able to. So they brought Daniel and cast him into the lions’ den.
- ★ King Darius said to Daniel , “The God that you serve continually will deliver you.”
- ★ Then a stone was laid on the mouth of the den

Daniel Saved from the Lions Verses 18-23

- ★ King Darius went to his palace and spent the night fasting and was not able to sleep. The king woke up very early the next morning and ran to the lions’ den. He cried out to Daniel , “ Daniel ! Servant of the living God, has your God been able to deliver you from the lions?”
- ★ Daniel replied, “O king, live forever! My God sent an Angel to shut the mouths of the lions so they did not hurt me. God saw me as innocent, I have done wrong before you king.”
- ★ The King was very happy and commanded that they bring Daniel out of the den. Daniel had no injuries on him because he believed in God

Darius Honors God Verses 24-28

- ★ King Darius commanded that the **Satraps and governors** who plotted against **Daniel** be brought to him. The king had the men and their families thrown into the lions' den.
- ★ King Darius wrote:
 - To all peoples, nations, and languages that are on earth,
 - I make a decree that everyone in my kingdom must fear the God of **Daniel**
 - He is the Living God. His kingdom will not be destroyed and His dominion shall last forever.
 - He delivers and rescues. He saved **Daniel** from the lions. **Daniel** prospered in the reign of **Darius** and in the reign of King Cyrus



Daniel Chapter 6 Activity

You have read 6 chapters of the book of Daniel! Enjoy this movie that will bring the scriptures to life

Movie

Craft: Make a Lion

Be creative and make or draw a lion. Share your creation with us by sending us a picture to foljuniorsministry@gmail.com



Study Guide Questions

Chapter 5 [Quiz Chapter 5](#)

- Who was the king in this chapter?
- What did the king drink wine from?
- Who did the king give praises to?
- What unusual thing happened at dinner?
- What was written on the wall?
- What does MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN mean?
- Who interpreted the message on the wall?
- What was he given as a reward?
- What happened to the king after Daniel gave him the interpretation?
- He became the new king?

Chapter 6 [Quiz Chapter 6](#)

- Who was the king in this chapter?
- Why were the satraps and governors jealous of Daniel?
- What was the new law/decreed they made?
- What would be the punishment if someone did not obey it?
- Where did Daniel pray?
- How many times did he pray that day?
- Was the king happy to throw Daniel into the lions' den?
- Who shut the mouths of the lions?
- Was Daniel hurt?
- What happened to the satraps and governors who plotted against Daniel?
- What new decree did the King make?

Test Time!

Congratulations on completing your second week! You should be very proud of yourself for studying the 5th and 6th chapters of the book of Daniel.

The live quiz will be on Saturday, April 18th at 5p.m. Make sure to download the Quizizz App.

The link will be posted on our Google Classroom and Facebook Group Page. Have fun and try your best!