

Daniel Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What are the main challenges Daniel faced when he arrived in Babylon?

What do we learn about his upbringing?

What would you have done regarding the diet offered him if it were you?

What if he and his friends had decided to just “go with the flow?”

In the incident of the first dream, what do we learn about prayer?

What do we learn about God?

Why is it important that Daniel emphasized that no human being could answer the king’s question?

This was the first step in Nebuchadnezzar’s conversion, yet it took a lot more to turn him around. Can you think of how this affects an impossible request you are making of God?

What is the importance of Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego’s “But even if He does not” statement?

Does God always rescue us from danger?

What do you expect was going through Belshazzar’s mind as the handwriting on the wall was interpreted for him?

What are the differences between him and his grandfather?

Daniel worked for two rival empires and was appreciated for his work. Does this have any application to us today?

What lesson can we learn about dealing with jealous co-workers?

Does the likelihood that Daniel influenced the Persian kings to be favorable towards Judah make the prophecy of Isaiah any less amazing? (Naming Cyrus as the one to allow rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple.)

What do you think about the statement that “the Prince of Persia” opposed the angel bringing an answer to Daniel’s prayer?

There have been many attempts to interpret Daniel’s prophecies. The coming of Christ seems to fit the chronology but there is a break before “the end.” Why might that be?

What is the purpose of prophecy?

What does prophecy tell us about the day in which we live?