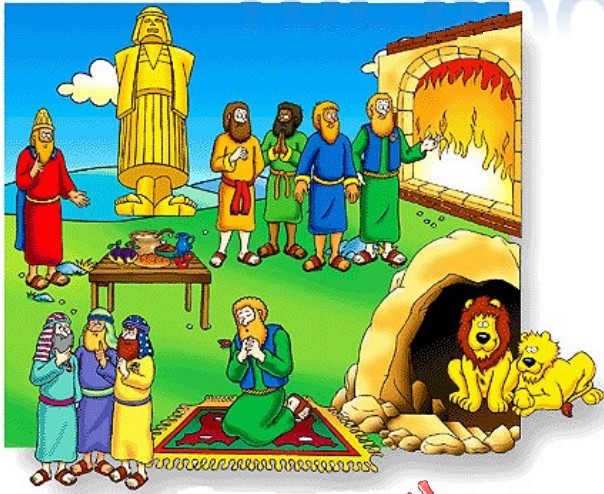


THE BOOK OF DANIEL



WHO IS DANIEL?

- He is the author of the book of Daniel
- His name means “God is my Judge”
- He is Jewish, of noble birth
- He was exiled to Babylon in the 1st captivity
- He became a member of the Babylonian Royal service (Nebuchadnezzar’s advisor)
- He is a man of faith, righteousness, courage, prayer and wisdom
- He remained faithful to God in a pagan land

NO COMPROMISE!
In food & worship

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank” Daniel 1:8



KINGS SERVED & MAIN EVENTS

- **Nebuchadnezzar** – During his reign the 3 young men were thrown in the fiery furnace. He was a man of dreams. Nebuchadnezzar’s humiliation “driven from men and ate grass”.
- **Belshazzar** – During his reign he saw the writing on the wall and the end of the Babylonian Empire
- **Darius the Mede** - During his reign Daniel was thrown in the lions’ den

Daniel & His Friends

Nebuchadnezzar changed their names!

Daniel Hebrew name - *God is my judge*

Beltshazzar - *Beltis protect the king*

Hannaniah Hebrew name - *Jehovah is gracious*

Shadrach - *Aku's command (a heathen god)*

Mishael Hebrew name - *Who is like God*

Meshach - *Who is like Aku*

Azariah Hebrew name - *Jehovah is my helper*

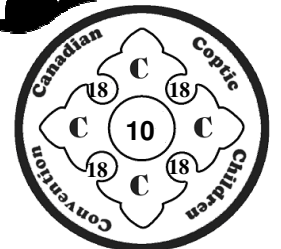
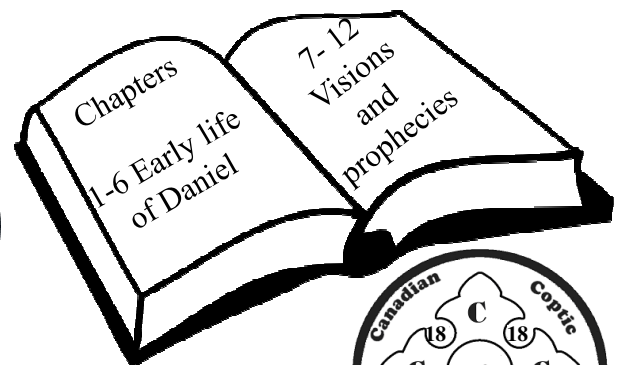
Abednego - *the servant of Nego (another heathen god)*

GOD

In the Book of Daniel

- Is the keeper of His own
- Is the reveler of the secrets of men’s hearts
- Is the deliverer who keeps his own

Change in names but not in characters

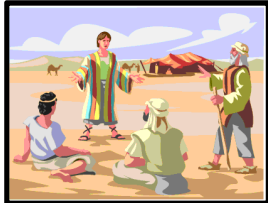


J O S E P H



IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

- He was a shepherd.
- He was the favorite of Jacob (his father), who made a coat of many colors for him.
- His brothers hated him for this reason
- His brothers planned to kill him. Rueben tried to rescue him by persuading them not to kill him.
- His brothers sold him to the caravan of Ishmaelites going to Egypt.
- His life was changed in a moment, from being the beloved son to a slave in an unknown land, Egypt.



IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

- He was a good administrator and faithful servant
- God was with him.
- God made him prosperous and successful.
- God blessed his master through him.
- Potiphar, his master, had entrusted him with charge of all of his house affairs.
- He did not give in to the temptation by Potiphar's wife.
- Due to the false accusation of Potiphar's wife, he was cast into prison. (Gen 39:20)
- Once again, he paid the price for being righteous!



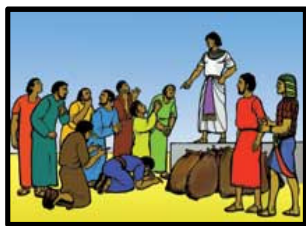
IN PRISON

- Joseph continued to be faithful
- The Lord again blessed him in all his work.
- The Jailer gave him charge of all the other prisoners.
- In prison, he helped the chief butler (cup-bearer) to regain his position in Pharaoh's office, but the cupbearer forgot his promise to mention Joseph's innocence to the Pharaoh.



THE CHIEF MINISTER OF EGYPT

- Joseph was 30 years old when he was brought to Pharaoh to interpret Pharaoh's dreams about 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine.
- He suggested the preparation for the famine by storing food during the good harvest years.
- The Pharaoh liked his proposal. He made Joseph the Head of State to implement his plans for the upcoming famine.

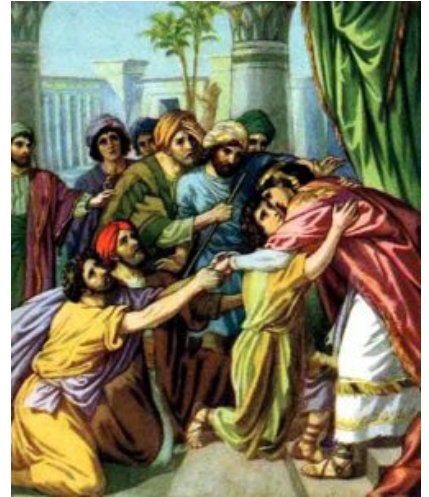


*"The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man."
(Gen. 39:2)*

JOSEPH cont'd

The Unusual Family Reunion

- The famine brought all the people from different nations to Egypt for help, including Joseph's brothers from Israel.
- They could not recognize him, but he knew them. He remembered the dream he had, when he was a young boy.
- Joseph, after testing them in different ways, made himself known to them.
- He forgave them and persuaded them to settle in Egypt with their father, Jacob.
- Joseph lived for 110 years.



“You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.”
(Gen 50:20)

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Life of Joseph resembles the life of Christ

- He was loved by his father
- Rejected by his brothers
- Turned to Gentiles
- Unjustly tried
- Suffered
- Was exalted with honor and glory
- Returned to his family and was accepted
- Delivered his people from death