



DANIEL

~ Lesson 3 ~

“Dreams & Challenges”

WEDNESDAY CONNECT STUDY

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Introduction:

In our study so far, we see that Daniel and his friends have quickly realized that doing good can sometimes get you in trouble! The late Civil Rights leader and Georgia Congressman John Lewis used the phrase “Good Trouble” as a servant leader principle in his life. He is quoted as saying, “...it's time for us all to stand up, make our voices heard and get into some ‘good trouble.’” That declaration is a fitting rallying cry for the church of God as we journey through the “great controversy” between the kingdom of heaven and the realm of darkness. The profound truth of that statement will be realized more and more for those who will or have “purposed in their hearts” to follow God. Our study this week gives us not only a recording of the challenges God’s people faced in being faithful to Him but also a preview of what is yet to come for the righteous who will endure the perilous times of the last days. As troublesome as these challenges have been and will be, what must not be missed or lost is that the God of deliverance then is the same God of deliverance now and tomorrow. Let’s give careful study to the message of Daniel 2 & 3 in this week's lesson, “Dreams & Challenges.”

Focus Text ~

⁴ Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation.” ⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.

Daniel 2:4–5 (NKJV)

What is the backstory for this text?

Night Trouble!

What disturbed King Nebuchadnezzar in the night?

Daniel 2:1

Challenge - I

How do both the Babylonian King and his council of wise men react to His night disturbance?

Daniel 2:2-12

How does God reveal Himself in this troubling narrative?

Daniel 2:13-49

Challenge - II

What is the challenge found in the following passage?

Daniel 3:1

Challenge - III

What was the specific challenge these followers of God faced in Daniel 3? What was the outcome? How did God move in this situation?

Daniel 1:5-21

Conclusion:

What are some takeaways for you and how do they apply to the Christian journey from your study of Daniel 2 & 3?
