

BIBLE MYSTERY AND BIBLE MEANING OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 13

Daniel

Daniel's life and ministry took place during the rise and fall of kingdoms. Daniel was handpicked for government service, and though a Hebrew became prime minister of Babylon. This ranged during at least three kings: Nebuchadnezzar, Balthazar, and Darius. As a prophet he reached out not only to the Jewish people but to the Gentiles as well.

The name Daniel means God is Judge, pure in judgment, and a keen penetrating insight of Spirit. Daniel was one of God's most trusted servants. The Book of Daniel has more fulfilled prophecies than any other book in the Bible. Within the twelve chapters there are many dreams that Daniel had that are God given visions including beasts, trees, animals, and images. Daniel is even endorsed by Jesus himself: *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readied, let him understand:)* Matthew 24:15.

Daniel is truly one with the Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent God. Daniel prophesied of Jesus. Daniel tells of the rise and fall of the antichrist and the second coming of Christ. Again we see an evolution taking place on a deeper scale to previous Books in the Bible. At times it is parallel to the Book of Revelation. Both contain a lot of prophetic illuminating imagery, scaling deep innate realms; embracing and unfolding, in the mystical and metaphysical enlightenment of the human psyche. All of this, in a nut shell, is leading to the death of the flesh and the complete evolution of the Christ self.

Authors note: The Book of Revelations remains one of the most debated and misunderstood books of the Holy Bible. A suggested reading for your own personal growth in Christian metaphysical mysticism: The Open Book of Revelation by Dr. Rev. Miriam Comer Johnson

Strong Characteristics throughout the Book of Daniel:

- Obedience and devotion to God's principles brings blessings
- Moving beyond what we see in the outer world of error thoughts and illusions and trusting in God Consciousness
- We stand strongest and tallest on our knees
- Having an intimate relationship with God, knowing there is no duality, we are not victims. There is only God Consciousness; All Good.

*Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: And he changeth the times and the seasons:
He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise,
and knowledge to them that know understanding:
He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with Him.*

-Daniel 2:20-22

Daniel lived in the authority of God and expressed His Authority. It was in his meekness and humility that he spoke with such great authority, for it was the word of God.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

-Daniel 6:10-11

... he went into his house: This represents his deep inner consciousness, which in Daniels case was pure and of the kingdom of Heaven; *...Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth ...* -Luke 11:2

...and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem: His windows being open toward Jerusalem is Daniel's being receptive to the highest natural state of the flesh evolving in the image and likeness of God; being highly receptive to the Jerusalem consciousness from within his chamber. The chamber is the brain activity of his house, his whole conscious being. It is the secret place of Jesus (Christ Mind). That which filters all that he has witnessed. All that one witnesses is not only of truth but also of the race mind and erroneous illusions. With the window open facing Jerusalem, Daniel is filtering that which is not needed in his sub-conscious and remaining pure to his divine innate oneness with God. It is through his super-consciousness (Christ Mind) that he discards what his consciousness sees each day and remains only receptive to his highest potential, which is God Mind; of which there is no separation.

...he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime: Daniel's kneeling is not merely physical, it is also of his entire being, from his heart, mind, and soul. He does this three times a day. Three is a cycle of completion found often in life.

i.e. Father, Son, Holy Ghost; Man, Woman, Child; Vegetable, Mineral, Animal; Electrons, Protons, Neutrons.

This is Daniel's deep understanding of God, and knowing the importance of living the principles of God's Laws. In this state of receptivity to divine truth, he flows effortlessly in the divine cosmic fluidity of GOD LIFE.

Daniel had so humbled himself in absolute consciousness that he was pure and receptive to the cosmic innate science of God's deep inner knowledge, expressing in it in complete obedience.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

-Daniel 1:8

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams

-Daniel 1:17

In the stories of the Old Testament we constantly hear about great floods, fires, the wall of Jerusalem tumbling to ash and rubble, cities completely destroyed. Then we hear about the great re-builders that are of God Mind and evolving in Christ Consciousness. All of this begins with one thought and comes into existence within the psyche. All part of the invisible nervous system that builds from the sub-conscious and maps out through the soul which then leads us in the directions of our dreams and ambitions. We then mold and shape our ideas into fruition; sculpting and painting with our feelings and emotions.

All of this takes place on a physiological plane; the Law of Mind, before it becomes a sociological unity of life expressing in and of the Law of Expression and the Law of Attraction.

Here we have Daniel pure in mind and heart: Daniel 1:8. This is his Law of Mind. In as such he has great wisdom and knowledge and is a great prophet. He has ears that hear and eyes that see: Daniel 1:17.

Facing the Fire

Daniel 3:19-29

King Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful might of the flesh and held much land on the earth. He practiced Idolatry, worshiping the material expression of the creative outer senses. When the music began all were to bow before the immense gold statue that was of his creation. All were obeying. They were all tapped into the nervous system of his self-centered wonderment of himself.

It was brought to his attention that there were three men who were not obeying his law. Three Hebrews-- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; refused to bow before this statue.

Nebuchadnezzar in a state of rage demanded they bow before his golden idol or be thrown into a fiery furnace. They chose God over the golden idol and so Nebuchadnezzar chose, from his army, several of his mighty men of valor to bind the three Hebrews and cast them into the raging furnace. The flame was so hot that it killed the men who took the Hebrews up to the furnace as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, bound, fell down into midst of the burning fiery furnace. Nebuchadnezzar's impatience led to the men of valor's death, for the furnace was too hot.

However much to the king's surprise and astonishment when he looked and saw four men walking about in the fire. He turned to his counselors and asked, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace?" "True, O king", they replied.

The king then went to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and said to the three men, servants of the Most High God, come out and come here. All the king's men gathered together and saw that the men were not harmed in any way from the fire. Not even the smell was upon them. Blessed be the God of these three men, the king proclaimed. The angel of their God came to deliver them from the fires. How great is their faith!

King Nebuchadnezzar decreed that from this day forward no man may smite their God. To do so they will be cut to pieces and their houses made into a heap of ash. He then promoted them in the province of Babylon.

In our greatest of struggles, all the more we must stay in the Truth of God Science, taking charge with the Authority and Might of the most high; to stand steadfast in these laws and principles.

Faith prevails in the raging fiery anger, and the bottomless smoke - filled pit stemming from the belly of shallow self-centeredness and a self will run riot. We need not fight fire with fire. We need only to remain receptive to the truth, to keep the window of our chamber open to Jerusalem.

The outer world can be golden and sparkle with a beauty that earns no more merit than that of motionless overbearing statue. To carry that weight in our mind and soul is sickly. We need not be attached to that which is but the sum of thoughts or thoughts made into the visible earth. For it is in heaven as it is in earth, not the other way around.

In such a rage even our strengths of valor get consumed, for they are only of our beliefs, thoughts that have been established as part of our ritualistic practices. However good they are, they still are not of the divine innate self. So they are destroyed in the heat of a self-destructive moment. After all they were only thoughts. In the divine, though we have thoughts, none the less, they come from the eternal absolute Goodness. That Goodness cannot be harmed or altered in any way shape or form. So the body of Truth is unharmed, not even a trace of stench can be found.

Even in the King Nebuchadnezzar consciousness a great witnessing takes place. The king astonished, in awe, repents and in doing so is not consumed in the fiery rare of his own making. His thoughts of valor are consumed as he stands at the mouth of the burning fiery furnace in awe; a witness to the glory of the Angelic Truth of Divine Energy. All his thoughts cannot counsel him as they gather to make sense of it as an earthly king. Instead he pays homage and honors God Truth.

The Lions' Den

Daniel 6:10-26

In this story we have King Darius and the plotters. They represent manipulation, fear, doubt, selfishness, and all the other erroneous thoughts of duality and self-centeredness. King Darius is not an evil man but his faith dwells in the outer world of limited beliefs and thinking. The outer world in truth has power to bind us or hold us back. The cause and effects that take place are from within our own mind. It is our beliefs that bind us and limit us. It is but a small part of the outer life, the sum of man's ideas; and the majority of being stems from how we understand what we witness and how we choose to react to it. It is in being aware of the law of limitation that is of the essential. It will play a significant part in how well we function in, and apply in Oneship with the authority of God, regarding all the other Laws of God.

The plotters are of an evil consciousness. They are race mind functioning in a capacity of such limitation that they can only express and create from absolute negativity.

Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, that no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. - Daniel 6:16

In this passage we see these man made limitations functioning as a means to providing and feeding the law of resistance. The plotters used this law to not only condemn Daniel, but also to force the king to abide to their cunning and malicious acts. An outer law which offered no way out and created impossibilities rather than possibilities. King Darrius had promoted Daniel to a high position. Often someone in his position was challenged by narrow minded thinkers. All they could express is jealousy, contempt, disrespect, envy, loathing, and so forth.

All of these traits are found within us. When we succumb to our lower self we put forth such negative energy that it topples the highest confidence of the flesh. It is only in God Consciousness that we see, live, breathe, and have the authority to ignore such weakness. This is the paradox. What topples us from our throne is not power, it is weakness. In God Mind there is only power and it is the only power. All else is an illusion of weak thinking, and faith in that weakness. It is the beast, the animal, functioning from only the sub-conscious, allowing our senses to respond in the most primitive manner in seeing life. In this state we are susceptible to being pulled in, dragged around, and confronted by everything that comes down the pike. When in Truth we need not be a part of any of it.

Often most people will use the Law of Resistance in negative ways. Laws of that which were created in the most sacred state of being are neither good nor bad. It is how we apply them. Below are four Biblical examples of the Law of Resistance, used in the positive and in the negative.

Positive Resistance

Resist not evil. -Matthew 5:39

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. -James 4:7:

Negative Resistance

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. -Acts 7:51

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation -Romans 13:2

In this manipulated weak state the king had no choice but to throw Daniel into the lion's den. The king wanted no part of this but the limitations of his own law prevented him from doing otherwise.

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him. -Daniel 6:18

The next morning when the king arose he immediately went to the den only to find Daniel very much alive, completely unharmed by the lions.

Here we see the science of God's laws at work. Daniel replies, "My God has sent His angel and shut the lion's mouth..."

The angel is our angelic thoughts that are of the fountainhead of God's deep inner thoughts. It is our illuminating oneness expressing as God in Christ. This state of mind protects us. Daniel's faith allowed him to deeply breathe in this perfect science and stay attuned to that which always is. This divine science formula is well put in the Book of Numbers:

The Aaronic benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make His grace shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them. -Numbers 6:24-27

Daniel brought such grace and peace to the lion's den that man and beast prevailed in spiritual harmony. No duality was to be had. The Allness of life is more than it seems, for it is God in creative expression through all LIFE and as all LIFE. First there is God and so first there is God

Consciousness. We cannot really go astray from this scientific truth principle. In duality we can create an illusion that we have gone astray and cause bodily harm to the outer self and the outer world. The flesh can suffer from our thoughts and beliefs, but God Consciousness cannot. It just is, no more, no less.

Daniel's still being alive in the morning proved his innocence before man and god. King Darius was exceedingly glad and had Daniel lifted out of the den. He then praised Daniel and his God of the most high. King Darius proclaimed Daniel's God the living God and that all should tremble and fear the God of Daniel.

Of the flesh King Darius, with all due respect, makes his best attempt in honoring the God of Daniel as he understands Him. *In this salvation the "king", our higher self as man, is restored and returns to his throne. The "king" not only honors the Daniel state of mind but also his God; for Daniel would not be Daniel without his God. It is here the "king" let's go of all the negative thoughts, ideas, and emotions and casts them into the lion's den, as Darius did with all the plotters.

**Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. -John 14:10*

Again we see clearly the New Testament already at work. These stories told are more and more revealed in the coming of Christ in Jesus. LIFE is making way for the Glory of God in earth as it is in Heaven.

The Antichrist - Daniel 7 and Revelation 13

Through the books of Revelation and Daniel: The prophecy of the antichrist

We are going to take only a very small glimpse at this. An entire course could be on this alone and still only a glimpse would be revealed.

...up from the sea' Rev. 13:1
...the beasts arise 'out of the sea' -Daniel 7:3
...'like unto a leopard' - Rev. 13:2
...another, like a leopard', Daniel 7:6
...feet of a bear -Rev. 13:2
...like to a bear -Daniel 7:5
...mouth of a lion - Rev. 13:2
...was like a lion -Daniel 7:4
...seven heads: The four beasts have a total of 7 heads. Rev. 13:1, Daniel 7:4-7
...it had ten horns' Rev. 13:1, Daniel 7:7 (The beast and the little horn rule for the same period of time).
...make war with the saints - Rev. 13:7
...the same horn was making war with the saint -Daniel 7:21
Power and position come from the 'dragon':

The antichrist represents the denial of Christ within us all. Its strength stems from false ideas of the carnal mind that misrepresents all of life. It can appear in the disguise of greatness, success...even angelic. For those who are living in the Truth of the Christ Mind / Super-Consciousness, they will have the sight of wisdom and grace to know the difference. To be able to

see a false god or the fallen angel appearing as Truth. It is staying as one, knowing there is no duality, no separation, this knowledge will keep one from the duality of shadows that so easily fill the mind of man.

It is through the Christ Mind that we are delivered from lack disguised as abundance. Jesus the Teacher passed onto us the Holy Spirit and the fountainhead of God's deep inner Knowledge. In this teaching we become protected in the illumination of God Mind. We need not fall prey to false prophets of self-profit or philosophers who speak these words of the most high only to use them for self-gain, sucking the life out of everyone and everything they come in contact with. They are destroyers. Though their words sound Christ-like, their actions are that which are of the grave of death.

...lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil... -Luke 11:4

In these words it means exactly what is being said. To speak and use the truth for personal gain at the expense of others and nature...life itself; this is the antichrist!

For in TRUTH God...*Leads us not into temptation but dost delivers us from all evil* -Aramaic Lord's Prayer

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. -Daniel 12:3

Assignment

1. Why are we looking into both Daniel and Revelation in this lesson?
2. Read Daniel 7 and give your metaphysical interpretation of Daniel's dream; the beast with the four heads.
3. In both stories; Facing the Fire and The Lion's Den, how can we relate psychologically as one to the entire stories? (How does the scenario of the story and all its characters pertain to us?)
4. Define the word angel as consciousness within ourselves.