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TO THE
FUTURE**

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*In loving memory of
Ryan Lamar,
an awesome young man with a heart for God.
It was a joy and a pleasure to teach you!
You blessed me with your smiles, your hugs, and your stories.*

I love you, buddy,

Mrs. Arndt 

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave.
You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge
of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”*

Matthew 25:23

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STUDYING GOD'S SCRIPT— A BIBLE STUDY YOU CAN DO!

Hey, guys, welcome back to the set! Molly and I are so excited to have you back in Hollywood, California, to continue our awesome Bible adventure on the Book of Daniel. By the way, my name is Max, and this is Sam, the great face-licking detective beagle.

We had so much fun as we filmed *You're a Brave Man, Daniel!* and discovered that Daniel is an exciting historical book in the Bible that shows us not only WHAT happened in the past but also WHAT is going to happen in the future.

As we begin filming the second season of our television series, we are going to find out WHO has visions and dreams in Daniel 7–12. WHAT do these dreams mean? WHO are the four beasts that come up out of the sea? WHAT do they represent? WHO are the other two kingdoms represented on the statue in Daniel 2? And WHO is the little horn with eyes like a man and a mouth of boastful words?

This is going to be an *amazing* television series with some unbelievable special effects as we film some very mysterious dreams! You can take part in creating this fantastic series by studying God's Word, the Bible, the source of all truth, and by asking God's Spirit to lead and guide you. You also have this book, which is an inductive Bible study. That word *inductive* means you go straight to the Bible *yourself* to investigate what the Book of Daniel shows us about God and His plan for the future. In inductive Bible study you discover for yourself what the Bible says and means.

Aren't you excited? Grab your script on Daniel and get ready for a very cool adventure as we uncover some mysterious visions that show us what is going to happen in the future!

THINGS YOU'LL NEED

New American Standard Bible (Updated Edition)—
preferably the New Inductive Study Bible (NISB)

Have you gotten yours yet?

Pen or Pencil

A Dictionary

Colored Pencils

This Workbook

Index Cards

FOUR FEROCIOUS BEASTS



DANIEL 2 & 7

“Whoa! Look out!” Max warned. “Here comes Sam! He missed you so much! He’s about to jump up and give your face a good licking! Okay, Sam—get down, boy! Come on, give them a break. They know you missed them.” Sam quit jumping as he turned in circles and wagged his tail. “Now that Sam has officially welcomed you back to the set, let’s go see what Aunt Sherry and Miss Leslie are up to. We can’t wait to find out what will happen next!”





SCAN THE SCRIPT!

“Hey, guys!” Aunt Sherry smiled as she and Miss Leslie walked back on the set. “Are you ready to start working on Season Two on the Book of Daniel?”

“We sure are!” Max replied as he put Sam back on his leash.

“Great! Then grab your scripts. Now WHAT is the first thing you need to do before you open your script?”

“Pray,” Molly answered.

“Right! Remember, Bible study should always begin with prayer. We need to ask God to help us understand what the Bible says and to direct us by His Holy Spirit, so we can make sure we understand His Word and handle it accurately.”

“Okay, guys,” Aunt Sherry said after praying, “do you remember that Daniel is both a historical and prophetic book? In our first season we focused on the historical events. As we begin filming our new season for Daniel 7–12, we are going to focus on prophecy. We are going to see more visions and dreams as God fast-forwards us into the future and shows us things that haven’t happened yet.

“But before we can get started on our new episode, we need to review. Do you remember what two languages the Book of Daniel was written in?”

Max smiled. “That’s easy. Daniel is a book in the Old Testament, so it was written in Hebrew with some Aramaic.”

“Awesome!” Miss Leslie exclaimed. “Now, looking at Daniel 1–7, do you remember which chapters of Daniel were written in Hebrew and which ones were in Aramaic?”

“I remember,” Molly answered. “Daniel 1 is written in Hebrew, and Daniel 2–7 is written in Aramaic.”

“Amazing,” Miss Leslie replied.

“I told you they were good.” Aunt Sherry winked at Max and

Molly. "Why was Daniel 1 written in the Hebrew language and Daniel 2-7 in Aramaic?"

"Daniel 1 is written in Hebrew because it is about the sons of Israel, and Hebrew is the language of the Jewish people."

"You got it," Aunt Sherry replied. "Now it's your turn, Max."

"King Nebuchadnezzar captures the city of Jerusalem and takes Daniel and the sons of Israel into captivity to Babylon, where they are taught the language of the Chaldeans. Daniel 2-7 focuses on the Gentile nations, so it is written in Aramaic, which is the language of Nebuchadnezzar and the Gentile nations."

"All right! You guys are awesome!" Miss Leslie exclaimed. "Let's review WHAT happens in Daniel 2 after Daniel and his friends enter into the king's personal service."

To remind ourselves of this awesome dream, we need to read Daniel 2 in our Observation Worksheets and ask the 5 W's and an H. WHAT are the 5 W's and an H? They are the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW questions.

1. Remember, Daniel is both a historical and prophetic book, so asking WHO is very important. Asking WHO helps you find out:

WHO are the main characters?



WHO is this prophecy about?

WHO is involved?

2. WHAT helps you understand:

WHAT are the main events taking place?

WHAT is God telling you?

3. WHEN tells us about time. We mark it with a green clock  or a green circle like this: . WHEN tells us:

WHEN did this event happen or WHEN is it going to happen?

WHEN is so very important in history and prophecy. It helps us follow the order of events.

4. In any historical event, WHERE is very important. And in prophecy it is also important to know WHERE it happens. WHERE helps you learn:
- WHERE did something happen?
 - WHERE did they go?
 - WHERE was this said?
- When we discover a WHERE, we double-underline the WHERE in green.
5. Looking at history, WHY asks questions like:
- WHY did this event happen?
- Looking at prophecy, WHY asks:
- WHY is God telling us this is going to happen?
6. HOW lets you figure out things like:
- HOW did something happen?
 - HOW did the people react to what happens?
 - HOW is something going to happen in the future?
 - HOW does it come to pass?

Turn to page 168. Read Daniel 2 and ask those 5 W's and an H.

Daniel 2:1 WHO has a dream? _____

Daniel 2:2 WHOM did the king call in to tell him his dream? _____

Could they tell King Nebuchadnezzar his dream and its meaning? _____

Daniel 2:24-26 WHO told King Nebuchadnezzar his dream and the interpretation? _____

Daniel 2:28 WHO revealed the mystery of the dream to Daniel?

Daniel 2:29 WHAT would this dream show King Nebuchadnezzar?

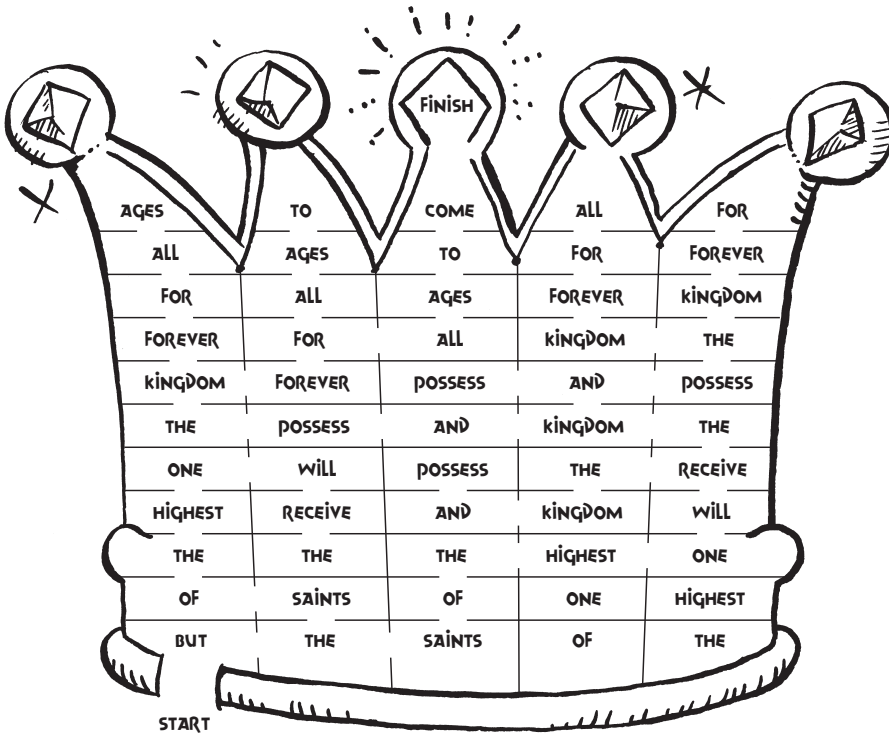
What will take place? _____

Daniel 2:31 WHAT was the dream about?

A great _____

Isn't it amazing that God is going to show King Nebuchadnezzar what is going to happen in the future? Tomorrow we are going to wrap up our review by looking at this awesome statue to help us remember what we learned in *You're a Brave Man, Daniel!* and so we can see how this statue fits in with the vision we will discover in Daniel 7. Hang in there! There is so much more to come!

But before we leave the set today, we need to solve this week's memory verse. Look at the crown maze on the next page that represents God's kingdom. Find the correct path in the crown to see WHO will receive the kingdom and for HOW long, according to Daniel 7. Then fill in the blanks with the correct words from your maze and find the reference for this verse. Practice saying this verse out loud three times in a row, three times every day this week!



Daniel 7:_____

Way to go! We are so proud of you!



ON THE SET

It's great to have you back! Are you ready to take another look at the awesome statue in Daniel 2? Do you remember that this statue shows us four kingdoms that will rule on earth before Jesus returns to set up His kingdom? Last season in *You're a Brave Man, Daniel!* we discovered WHO two of those kingdoms are on the statue, as well as what part of the statue represented God's kingdom. Today we want to review what we learned about the statue in Daniel 2.

Don't forget to talk to God and ask for His help. Then turn to page 171. Read Daniel 2:31-45.

Daniel 2:32 WHAT was the head made of? _____

Daniel 2:38 WHAT part of the statue represented King Nebuchadnezzar?

"You are the _____ of _____."

WHERE does King Nebuchadnezzar rule? WHAT is the name of his kingdom? You can look in your Bible at Daniel 1:1 if you don't remember.

Look at the picture of this awesome statue on page 18. Look at the column for Daniel 2 and color the head. Somewhere in the space beside the head write "Gold: Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon."

Daniel 2:32 WHAT is the second part of the statue?

Its _____ and its _____ of _____

Daniel 2:39 WHAT will there be after King Nebuchadnezzar?

_____ that is _____
to King Nebuchadnezzar's.

Do you remember WHAT kingdom this is? Pull out your Bible and fast-forward over to Daniel 5:28. Remember, this hasn't happened at the time of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. In Daniel 5 we see that this is the time when Belshazzar is king of Babylon. To WHOM does it say Belshazzar's kingdom is given?

The _____ and the _____

Darius the Mede takes over the kingdom of Babylon in Daniel 5:30-31. The head of gold falls, and now the Medes and Persians are in control.

Turn to page 18. Color the second part of the statue. Write in the space next to the breast and arms of silver "Silver: Inferior kingdom, kingdom of Medes and Persians."

Daniel 2:32 WHAT is the third part of the statue?

Its _____ and its _____ of _____.

Daniel 2:39 WHAT do you learn about the third kingdom?

A kingdom of _____, which will _____
over all the _____.

Turn to page 18. Color the third part of the statue. Write in the space next to the belly and thighs of bronze "Bronze: Kingdom will rule over all the earth."

At this time we don't know who this third kingdom is, but we will someday.

Daniel 2:33 WHAT is the fourth part of the statue?

Its _____ of _____, its _____ partly of _____
and partly of _____.

Look at Daniel 2:40-43. WHAT do you learn about the fourth kingdom?

It is as _____ as iron. It will _____ and _____ all these in _____.

Daniel 2:41 It will be a divided kingdom.

Daniel 2:42 Some of it will be _____ and some of it will be _____.

Turn to page 18. Color this part of the statue. Write in the space on the left side, next to the legs of iron, "Iron: Strong kingdom will crush and shatter." And by the feet of iron and clay write, "Divided kingdom, part strong, part brittle."

Daniel 2:42-44 WHAT do the toes of the feet represent? Read these verses again. Verse 42 is talking about the toes, and in verse 43 it says *they*, referring to the toes, and in verse 44 it says WHAT?

"In the days of those _____."

The toes are kingdoms!

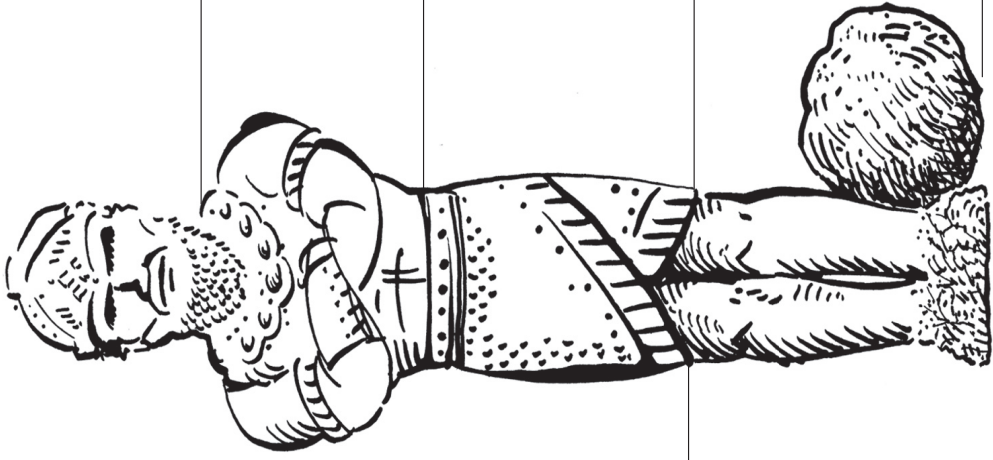
HOW many toes does a person have? _____ toes

So HOW many kings will there be? _____ kings

Daniel 2:44-45 WHAT do we learn about God's kingdom?

It will never be _____; it will not be left for another _____; it will _____ and put an _____ to all these _____, but it will itself endure _____.

Daniel 2



Daniel 7

Daniel 8

Daniel 2:45 WHAT part of our picture represents God's kingdom? WHAT did we learn about the stone? WHAT did it do?

"It c _ _ _ _ _ d the i _ _ _ n, the b _ _ _ _ _ e,
the c _ _ _ y, the s _ _ _ _ _ r and the g _ _ _ d."

Turn to your statue on page 18. Color the stone. In the space beside the stone write "God's kingdom will never be destroyed. Crushes all of the kingdoms. Endures forever!"

Amazing! God has just shown you what is going to happen in the future. So far you have discovered who two of those kingdoms are on the statue: the kingdom of Babylon and the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. You also saw that the stone represents God's kingdom, which will crush and shatter all of the kingdoms. God's kingdom will never be destroyed. It endures forever!

WHO are the third and fourth kingdoms on the statue? Just wait. You'll find out. Don't forget to practice your memory verse.



SKETCHING THE SCENE

"Okay, guys," Aunt Sherry said as we climbed into our director's chairs, "today we are going to start working on our new episode. We are going to need some awesome special effects as we start filming Daniel 7."

"Oh, man!" Max exclaimed. "This is going to be so much fun. I can't wait. We're going to get a glimpse into the future, Sam." Sam, sensing Max's excitement, started barking and wagging his tail. "What do you want us to do next?"

"I'm meeting with Miss Lenyer to talk about the digital special effects, so why don't you two mark your scripts and draw your storyboards?"

“All right,” Molly said. “I’ll pray and then we can get started.”

Doesn’t it sound exciting to know that God is going to show us what is going to happen in the future? Let’s get to work. We need to mark our scripts by looking for key words.

What are *key words*? Key words are words that pop up more than once. They are called key words because they help unlock the meaning of the chapter or book that you are studying and give you clues about what is most important in a passage of Scripture.

- Key words are usually used over and over again. (That’s because God doesn’t want you to miss the point.)
- Key words are important.
- Key words are used by the writer for a reason.

Once you discover a key word, you need to mark it in a special way using a special color or symbol so that you can immediately spot it in Scripture. Don’t forget to mark any pronouns that go with the key words, too! WHAT are pronouns? Check out Max and Molly’s notes below.

Pronouns

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. A noun is a person, place, or thing. A pronoun stands in for a noun! Here’s an example: “Molly and Max are so excited about uncovering the mysteries in Daniel 7. They can’t wait to discover what the four beasts and ten horns represent.” The word *they* is a pronoun because it takes the place of Molly and Max’s names in the second sentence. It is another word we use to refer to Molly and Max.

Watch for these other pronouns when you are marking people’s names:

I	you	he	she
me	yours	him	her
mine		his	hers
we	it		
our	its		
they	them		

Now look at the key-word box below. These are the key words that you will mark as you work on your script for Daniel 7:1-8. You may also want to make a bookmark for these key words so that you can see them at a glance as you mark them on your Observation Worksheets.

To make a key-word bookmark, get an index card or a piece of paper and write the key words listed in the box below, as well as how you are going to mark them on your Observation Worksheets.

Then turn to your Observation Worksheets on page 172. Observation Worksheets are pages (your script) that have the Bible text printed out for you to use as you mark your key words.

Today you are going to read Daniel 7:1-8 and mark the key words you find in these verses on your Observation Worksheets.

Key Words for Daniel 7:1-8

Daniel (color it blue)

I was looking (I kept looking) (circle it in blue)

dream (vision) (draw a blue cloud around it)



beasts (the rest of the beasts) (color all beasts green, except for the fourth beast—the fourth beast is different)

fourth beast (color it brown)

different from one another (different from all the beasts)
(color it pink)

ten horns (color it orange)

another horn (little horn, other horn) (color it red)

Don't forget to mark your pronouns! Mark anything that tells you WHEN by drawing a green clock  or green circle like this: .

Now ask the 5 W's and an H so we can sketch our scenes.

Daniel 7:1 WHEN is this happening?

In the _____ of _____ king
of _____

Daniel 7 begins with the first year of Belshazzar's reign. In Daniel 5 we saw the last night of Belshazzar's reign. Since Daniel 7 is the beginning of Belshazzar's reign, we know that it has to happen historically before Daniel 5. The time in Daniel 7 is around 553 B.C., and Daniel is around 67 years old. It has been about 50 years since Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue.

Daniel 7:1 WHAT does Daniel see as he lies on his bed?

In Daniel 1-6 WHO had the dreams? Do you remember? If not, look up Daniel 2:1 and Daniel 4:4-5 in your Bible, and write out WHO had the dreams.

This is the first time that Daniel has the dream instead of being the one to interpret the dream. Wow! And it didn't happen until he was around 67 years old. Pretty amazing, huh?

Daniel 7:2 WHAT did Daniel see as he kept looking in his vision?

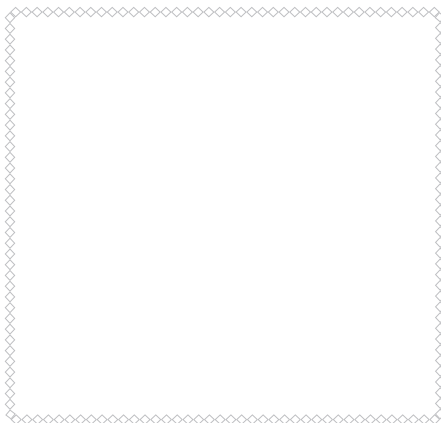
Daniel 7:3 WHAT did Daniel see coming out of the sea?

WHAT do we learn about these beasts?

They were _____ from one another.

Wow! Miss Lenyer, the digital artist, wants you to help by drawing storyboards of these four beasts in the boxes below. Storyboards are sketches of the main scenes in our television series.

Draw each beast the way it is described. On the line underneath the box, write out WHAT kind of beast it is. We know these beasts are hard to draw, but just do your best. This will help you really know what each one of these beasts looks like.



Daniel 7:4

Beast #1: _____



Daniel 7:5

Beast #2: _____



Daniel 7:6

Beast #3: _____

Daniel 7:7

Beast #4: dreadful and
t _____ g

Look at Daniel 7:7. WHAT does the fourth beast do to the remainder (the other three beasts)?

One thing we see about the fourth beast is that it's so different it doesn't even have an animal description.

HOW else was it different than the other beasts?

It had _____.

Daniel 7:8 WHAT does Daniel see as he contemplates (thinks) about the horns?

We start off with _____ horns, then another comes up, so

_____ horns + _____ horn = _____ horns

That gives us HOW many? _____ horns

HOW many are pulled out by the roots? _____ horns

So _____ horns

- _____ horns (the ones pulled out by the roots)

= _____ horns

HOW many horns are left? _____ horns

Look at the horn that comes up after the ten horns in Daniel 7:8.

HOW is this horn described?

Another horn, a _____ one

This horn possessed _____ like the _____
of a _____ and a _____ uttering
great _____.

Whoa! Have you ever seen a horn or beasts like the ones we have just seen in Daniel's vision? Pretty amazing, huh? Did you end up with eight horns when you added and subtracted the horns? Way to go!

You have done an awesome job! We'll find out more about these beasts and horns as we keep studying Daniel.



SCENE TWO: THE VISION CONTINUES

You did a fantastic job drawing those four ferocious beasts for our storyboards yesterday. Were you scared or surprised by Daniel's vision? This will be a very cool episode!

When we left Daniel yesterday, he was still having his vision.



We need to grab our scripts and find out what else Daniel sees as he keeps on looking. Don't forget to talk to God.

Pull out your key-word bookmark and add any new key words from the box below to your list. Now turn to page 173. Read Daniel 7:9-10 and mark the key words listed below on your Observation Worksheet.

Key Words for Daniel 7:9-10

Ancient of Days (Highest One, Most High) (draw a purple triangle and color it yellow)

I kept looking (circle it in blue)

Don't forget to mark your pronouns! And mark anything that tells you WHEN by drawing a green clock  or green circle like this: .

Now help Miss Lenyer by looking at Daniel's night visions.

Daniel 7:9 WHAT did Daniel see set up? _____

WHO took His seat?

The _____ of _____

Describe Him in the blanks below.

His vesture was like _____.

His hair was like _____.

WHAT was His throne like?

His throne was _____ with _____,

its _____ were a _____.

Daniel 7:10 WHAT was flowing out before Him?

A _____ of _____

Daniel 7:10 WHO were attending and standing before Him?

_____ upon _____ were attending Him and _____ upon _____ were standing before Him.

Do you know how many a myriad is? (The Greek word literally means 10,000, but it is often used to mean “countless” or “innumerable.” That’s a big word you can add to your vocabulary. Ask and see if anyone else knows this word.) Can you imagine seeing more than you could possibly count?

Daniel 7:10 WHO sat?

The _____

WHAT was opened?

The _____

You have just seen a very awesome description of the Ancient of Days. Draw a storyboard of this awesome scene of Daniel 7:9-10 in the box below.



WHAT will happen when the books are opened? You’ll find out tomorrow. Don’t forget to practice your memory verse!

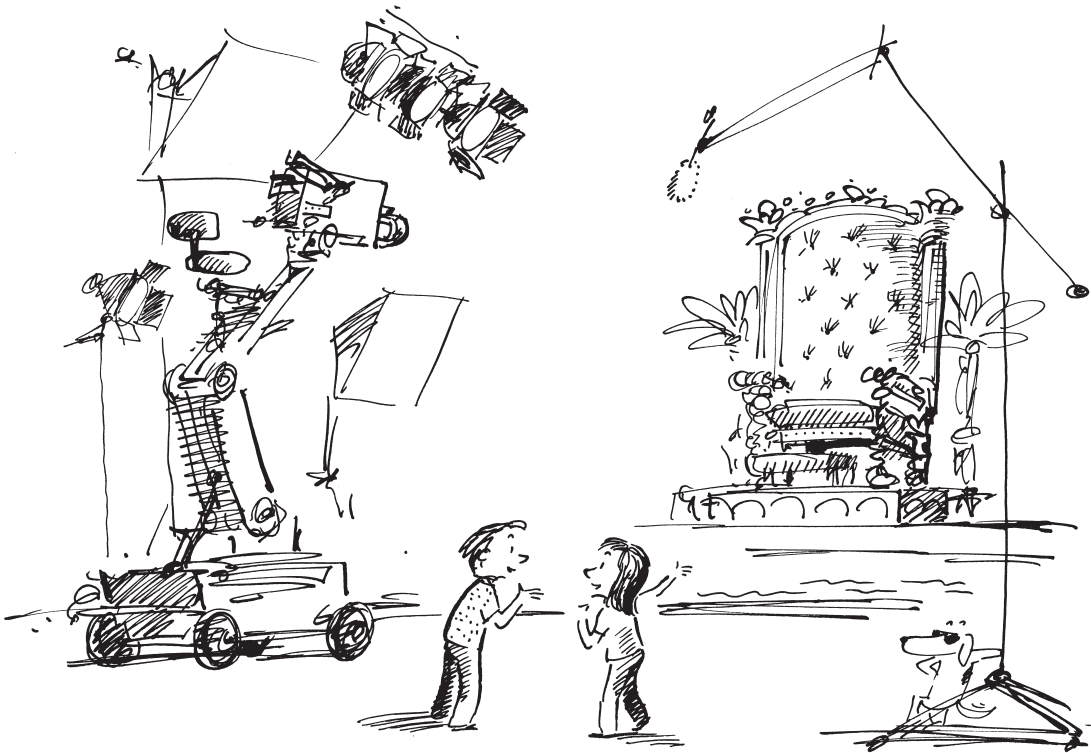


SCENE THREE: THE BOOKS WERE OPENED

"Hey, Molly, look over here!" Max called out as he and Molly walked back on the set.

"Wow! That is awesome. I love the set. I bet that's the throne for the Ancient of Days. Just think how amazing it will look when Aunt Sherry starts filming this scene."

"Yeah, and look at that over there. Doesn't that look like it's going to be the river of fire? Sam will go ballistic when they get the fire flowing."



Molly laughed. "He sure will. Won't you, Sam, old boy?"

Sam started jumping up and wagging his tail when Molly began talking to him. Max scratched behind his ears. "Come on, we'd better get started on our script so we can draw what happens when the books are opened. I'll pray and then we can get to work."

Grab your scripts and let's find out WHAT happens when the books are opened. Pull out your key-word bookmark and add any new key words from the box below to your list. Turn to page 174. Read Daniel 7:11-14 and mark the key words listed below on your Observation Worksheet.

Key Words for Daniel 7:11-14

Son of Man (draw a purple cross and color it yellow)

kingdom (draw a purple crown and color it blue)

I kept looking (circle it in blue)



horn (another horn, little horn) (color it red)

beast (when it is the fourth beast) (color it brown)

beasts (all of the other beasts) (color it green)

visions (draw a blue cloud around it)

Ancient of Days (draw a purple triangle and color it yellow)

Don't forget to mark your pronouns! And mark anything that tells you WHEN by drawing a green clock  or green circle like this: .

Ask those 5 W's and an H.

Daniel 7:11 WHAT does Daniel see?

WHAT happened to the fourth beast?

It "was _____, and its body was _____
and given to the _____."

Daniel 7:12 WHAT happened to the rest of the beasts?

"Their _____ was taken away, but an
extension of _____ was granted to them for an
_____ period of _____."

Daniel 7:13 WHOM did Daniel see coming with the
clouds of heaven? WHO was presented to the Ancient
of Days?

One like a _____ of _____

Daniel 7:14 WHAT was given to Him?

_____, _____ and a _____

WHO is going to serve Him?

All the _____, _____, and men of
every language.

HOW long will His dominion last?

It is _____.

WHAT do we see about His kingdom?

It will not be _____.

Now draw these two fantastic events for Miss Lenyer in the boxes below.



Daniel 7:11-12

Daniel 7:13-14

Amazing! WHAT an event! The books are opened, the fourth beast is destroyed, and the rest of the beasts lose their dominion. But we also see a kingdom that will never be destroyed, whose dominion is forever! Wow!

WHOSE kingdom is this? Do you know?

Think about WHAT we learned about the stone in King Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue. Do you remember the stone that was cut without hands that struck the statue on the feet and crushed them? Do you remember WHAT that stone represented?

If you aren't sure, look back at the drawing of the statue to what you wrote beside the stone on page 18.

Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream showed that each part of the statue represented four different Gentile kingdoms on earth. So far we have discovered two of those kingdoms. The head of gold was the kingdom of B _____, and the breast and arms of silver was the kingdom of the M _____ and P _____.

We also saw as we looked at the feet and ten toes that those ten toes were kings, and in the days of those ten kings God would set up a kingdom that would never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44).

Doesn't that sound a lot like Daniel's night vision—a kingdom that will never be destroyed, with an everlasting dominion? Do you think that this kingdom that Daniel dreamed about is the same one the stone represents in Nebuchadnezzar's statue?

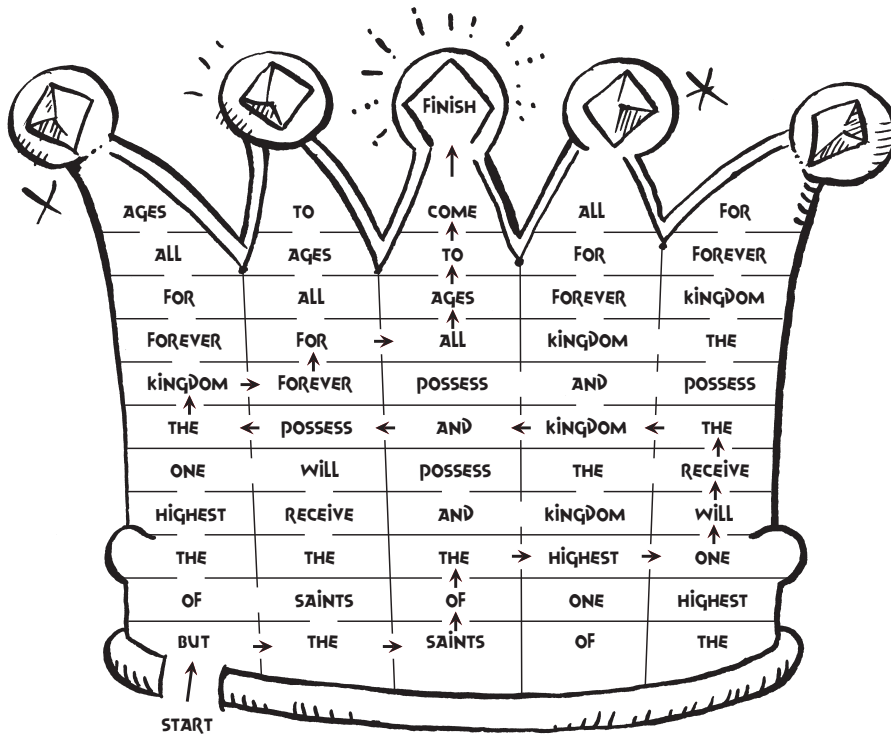
Aren't you excited? God is showing you what is going to happen in the future. You have just seen a very awesome description of the Ancient of Days, the judgment that is coming to those very scary beasts, and the kingdom that will be given to the Son of Man.

WHO are those beasts? WHAT do they represent? We'll find out next week as Daniel receives the interpretation for his dream. Hang in there! There are so many more cool and awesome mysteries to uncover as our television series continues.

Don't forget to say your memory verse to a grown-up to remind you that the saints of the Highest One will possess the kingdom forever!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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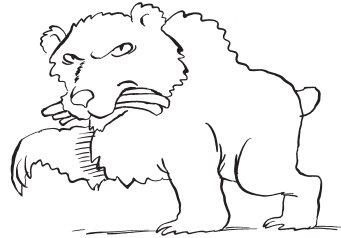
“But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.”

Daniel 7:18

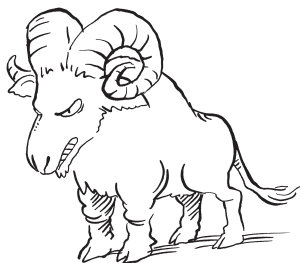
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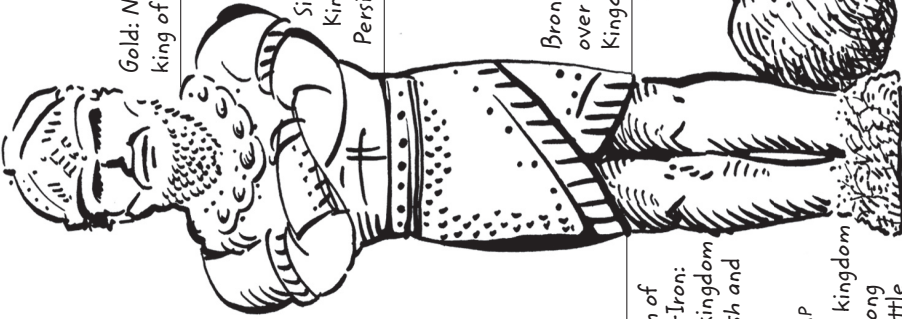
Four beasts for page 39.



Ram and goat for page 61.



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Daniel 8	Daniel 7		Daniel 2	
				
	<p>Gold: Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon</p>	<p>Silver: Inferior Kingdom Kingdom of Medes and Persians</p>	<p>Bronze: Kingdom will rule over all the earth Kingdom of Greece</p>	<p>God's Kingdom will never be destroyed. Crushes all the Kingdoms— Endures forever.</p>
	<p>Kingdom of Rome—Iron: Strong kingdom will crush and shatter</p> <p>TIME GAP</p> <p>Divided kingdom part strong part brittle</p>			

OBSERVATION WORKSHEETS

DANIEL 2,7-12

Chapter 2

1 Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

5 The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

6 "But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

8 The king replied, "I know for certain that you are bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that the command from me is firm,

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the situation is changed; there-

fore tell me the dream, that I may know that you can declare to me its interpretation.”

10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

11 “Moreover, the thing which the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh.”

12 Because of this the king became indignant and very furious and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

14 Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king’s bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

15 he said to Arioch, the king’s commander, “For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

17 Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter,

18 so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

20 Daniel said, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him.

21 "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

22 "It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.

23 "To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king's matter."

24 Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king."

25 Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

28 "However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.

29 "As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.

30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any

wisdom residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

31 “You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was awesome.

32 “The head of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

35 “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

36 “This was the dream; now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

37 “You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory;

38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

39 “After you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

40 “Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

41 “In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it

the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay.

42 "As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

43 "And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 "Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court.

Chapter 7

1 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a

dream and visions in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he wrote the dream down and related the following summary of it.

2 Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 "And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 "The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it.

5 "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'

6 "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.

9 "I kept looking Until thrones were set up, And the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow And the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, Its wheels were a burning fire.

10 "A river of fire was flowing And coming out from before Him;

Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, And myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, And the books were opened.

11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

12 "As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.

14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.

16 "I approached one of those who were standing by and began asking him the exact meaning of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.

18 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'

19 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them

fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.

21 “I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them

22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

24 ‘As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

25 ‘He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

26 ‘But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.

27 ‘Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.’

28 “At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.”

Chapter 8

1 In the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision appeared to me, Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me previously.

2 I looked in the vision, and while I was looking I was in the citadel of Susa, which is in the province of Elam; and I looked in the vision and I myself was beside the Ulai Canal.

3 Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last.

4 I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself.

5 While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

7 I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

8 Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

9 Out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

10 It grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.

11 It even magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?"

14 He said to me, "For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored."

15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man.

16 And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, "Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision."

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end."

18 Now while he was talking with me, I sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me and made me stand upright.

19 He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.

20 "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

21 "The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 "The broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

23 "In the latter period of their rule, When the transgressors have run their course, A king will arise, Insolent and skilled in intrigue.

24 "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And prosper and perform his will; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.

25 "And through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; And he will magnify himself in his heart, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency.

26 "The vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But keep the vision secret, For it pertains to many days in the future."

27 Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.

Chapter 9

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and

lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

6 “Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

7 “Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.

8 “Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

9 “To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him;

10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets.

11 “Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

12 “Thus He has confirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.

13 “As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.

14 “Therefore the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

15 “And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

16 “O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.

17 “So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.

18 “O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.

19 “O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,
21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.

22 He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding.

23 “At the beginning of your supplications the command was

issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

25 “So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Chapter 10

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks.

3 I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.

6 His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

7 Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11 He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

14 “Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.”

15 When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

16 And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 “For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

18 Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me.

19 He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

20 Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come.

21 “However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.

Chapter 11

1 “In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him.

2 “And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than

all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.

3 "And a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great authority and do as he pleases.

4 "But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

5 "Then the king of the South will grow strong, along with one of his princes who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain will be a great dominion indeed.

6 "After some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to carry out a peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her position of power, nor will he remain with his power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in and the one who sired her as well as he who supported her in those times.

7 "But one of the descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against their army and enter the fortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display great strength.

8 "Also their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years.

9 "Then the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

10 "His sons will mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and overflow and pass through, that he may again wage war up to his very fortress.

11 "The king of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight

with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but that multitude will be given into the hand of the former.

12 “When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

13 “For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and after an interval of some years he will press on with a great army and much equipment.

14 “Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will fall down.

15 “Then the king of the North will come, cast up a siege ramp and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand their ground, not even their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

16 “But he who comes against him will do as he pleases, and no one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

17 “He will set his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, bringing with him a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be on his side.

18 “Then he will turn his face to the coastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will repay him for his scorn.

19 “So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and be found no more.

20 “Then in his place one will arise who will send an oppressor through the Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though not in anger nor in battle.

21 “In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor

of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

22 "The overflowing forces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

23 "After an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.

24 "In a time of tranquility he will enter the richest parts of the realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

25 "He will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

26 "Those who eat his choice food will destroy him, and his army will overflow, but many will fall down slain.

27 "As for both kings, their hearts will be intent on evil, and they will speak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

28 "Then he will return to his land with much plunder; but his heart will be set against the holy covenant, and he will take action and then return to his own land.

29 "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

30 "For ships of Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and

do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

32 “By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

33 “Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.

34 “Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.

35 “Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

36 “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

37 “He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.

38 “But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.

39 “He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

40 “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

41 "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 "But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

44 "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

45 "He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Chapter 12

1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

3 "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?"

7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?"

9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.

10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

11 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

12 "How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

13 "But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age."

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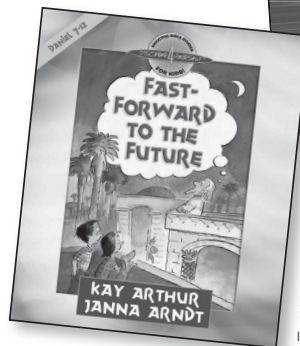
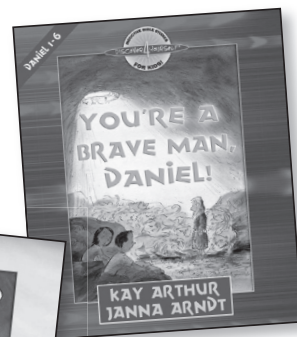
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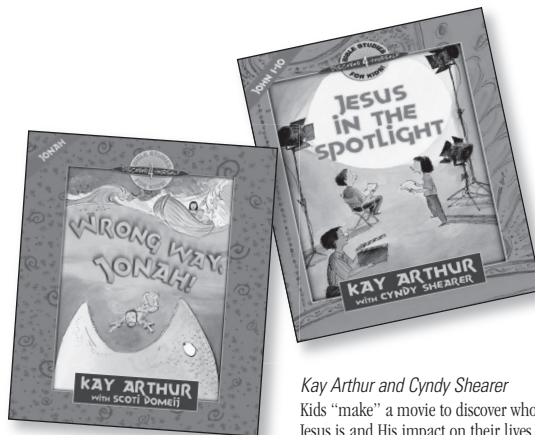
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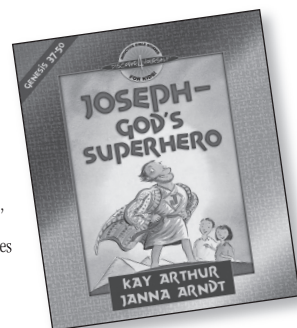


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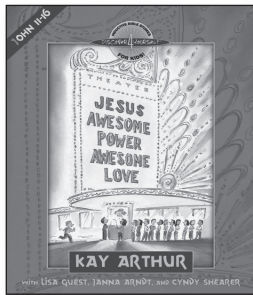
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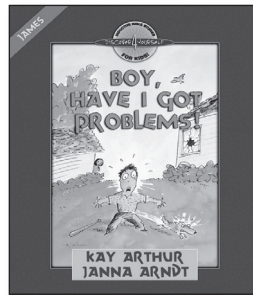


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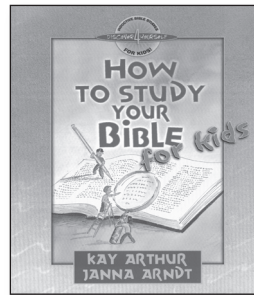
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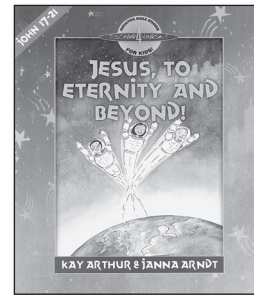
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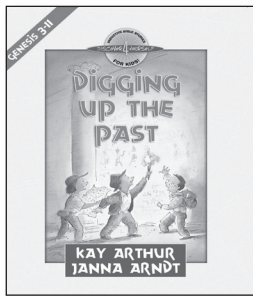
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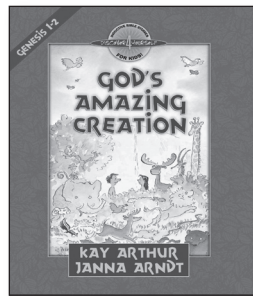
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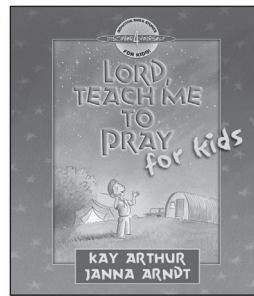
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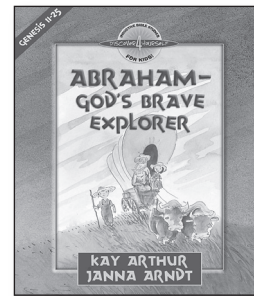
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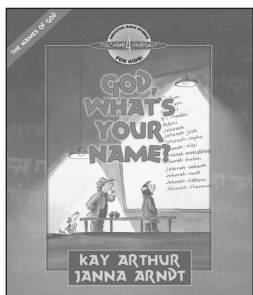
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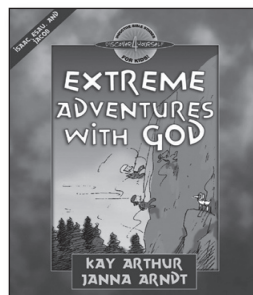
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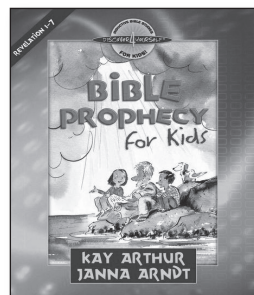
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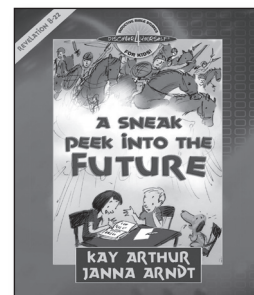
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