

A navigator uses a compass and global positioning satellite instruments to determine their position. The compass displays their direction and the GPS can pinpoint their exact location within a few feet. In spiritual matters the Bible, God's Holy Word, will show us the direction of our lives and how we stand with God.



This lesson's purpose is to help us understand the importance of keeping the Bible as our guide in spiritual matters. Some people rely only on their own thinking. Some accept the teaching of others with no regard for the Bible. And on the whole, most people do not even care. In this lesson we will look at the Bible and Bible prophecy.



The Bible:

1. The Bible contains 66 books and is divided into two sections. What are these two sections called?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

2. How many books are contained in each testament?
 - a. Number of Old Testament Books → _____
 - b. Number of New Testament Books → _____

3. What is the primary language used in each testament?
 - a. Old Testament → _____
 - b. New Testament → _____

Note: Both testaments contain a little of the Aramaic language.



4. What is the time period of their writings?
 - a. Old Testament → _____
 - b. New Testament → _____

Note: As far as we know the Bible has no women authors.

5. What is the Bible?
 - a. Romans 1:2 → _____
 - b. Isaiah 46:9-10 → _____
 - c. 2 Timothy 3:15 → _____
 - d. John 5:39 → _____
 - e. Romans 15:4 → _____

6. What method did Jesus use when endeavoring to find the truth?
 - a. Luke 24:27 → _____
 - b. Luke 24:44-45 → _____

7. How should we use the Bible?
 - a. Isaiah 28:10 → _____
Note: A Bible student will continue to learn as they read and study the Bible.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 2:11-12 → _____
 - c. Acts 17:11 → _____

8. What purpose can the Bible fulfill in our lives? 2 Timothy 3:15-17

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- a. Verse 15 → _____
b. Verse 16 → _____
c. Verse 17 → _____

9. What beautiful words did David use to describe the Bible? Psalm 119:105

Your word *is* a _____ to my feet/And a _____ to my path.

- a. Lamp → God's word is a guide in times of spiritual darkness.
b. Light → God's word leads us in the ways God would have us go.



10. What warning was issued to John the Revelator for any person who attempts to change the words of Revelation? Revelation 22:18-19

- a. If they add words. → _____
b. If they take words away. → _____

11. What are the major categories of the Bible?

- a. Pentateuch → the first five books of the Bible. (these are Moses' writings called the Law)
b. Chronicles or history
c. Poetry
d. Prophets → Old Testament major and minor prophets
e. Gospels
f. Letters
g. Prophecy

Prophecy:

1. What is a prophet?

- a. Amos 3:7 _____
b. What are some of the ways the prophet receives God's messages?
i. 2 Peter 1:20-21

- ii. Revelation 1:1-2

- iii. Daniel 8:1



2. Why does God give us prophecy? John 16:4 _____

3. Who does God choose to be His prophet? Joel 2:28-29

4. What are the two types of messages a prophet will be given?

- a. Informational → _____
b. Foretelling → _____

5. One of the easiest to understand and popular prophecy is found in Daniel 2.
 - a. In this story God uses a heathen king, magicians, astrologers and a young Hebrew captive named Daniel.
 - b. In this story God reveals the future events of the world; even to our time and beyond.

Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: Daniel 2



1. The set up:
 - a. Vs. 1 → Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that troubles him.
 - b. Vss. 2-3 → Nebuchadnezzar either cannot remember his dream or he won't reveal it.
 - c. Vs. 4 → The Chaldeans ask what was in the dream so they can issue an interpretation.
2. The trap:
 - a. Vss. 5-6 → Nebuchadnezzar's firm reply
 - b. Vs. 7 → The Chaldeans' desperate second request.
 - c. Vss. 8-9 → The king will know the accuracy of their interpretation only if they can fully reveal his dream.

3. The Chaldeans' wonderful declarations to the king: Vss. 10-11

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____



4. The death penalty: Vs. 12

5. Daniel and his three friends enter the story: Vs. 13
 - a. Vss. 14-15 → Daniel gathers information from Captain Arioch.
 - b. Vs. 16 → Daniel appeals to Nebuchadnezzar for more time.
 - c. Vss. 17-18 → Under the penalty of death Daniel and his friends pray to God.

6. Discovery: Vs. 19 → God reveals the king's dream and its interpretation to Daniel.



7. Daniel goes to Captain Arioch: Vs. 24 → Daniel makes two requests.

- a. _____
- b. _____

8. Arioch, Daniel and the king:

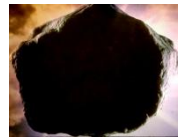
- a. Vs. 25
 - i. Q: What lie does Arioch tell Nebuchadnezzar?
 - ii. A: _____
- b. Vs. 26 → The king questions Daniel.
- c. Vs. 27 → Who does Daniel state is unable to reveal the secret dream?

- d. Vss. 28-30 → Who only does Daniel state that can reveal the king's dream?

9. Daniel reveals the statue dream to Nebuchadnezzar: Vss. 31-33



Head	Gold	Babylon
Chest and Arms	Silver	Medo-Persia
Belly and Thighs	Bronze	Greece
Legs	Iron	Rome
Feet	Iron & Clay	Multiple Kingdoms/10 Kingdoms



10. The destroying stone: Vss. 34-35

11. Stop here: Vs. 36 → In this verse something very important is missing.

- a. What do you think is missing? → _____
- b. Why do you think this is important to the story? → _____

12. Daniel gives the king his dream's meaning: Vss. 37-43

13. The destroying stone: Vss. 44-45

- a. What does the stone represent?

- b. What will this kingdom do to the other kingdoms?

- c. From verse 34 what does this mean? → "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands..."

- d. How long will this kingdom last?

**It's now up to you:**

Do you want to become a part of God's eternal kingdom as described in this great prophecy?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Next week's lesson: "I will Return."