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The Book of Daniel Piety and Prophecy Syllabus

Course Description

The Book of Daniel challenges every believer to live a life of conviction and courage. This course is an expositional study of the major events in the life of Daniel and an exciting look at some of the most significant prophecies in the Bible.

Course Objectives

After completing this course the student will:

1. Remember the basic content and message of the Book of Daniel.
2. Understand the major prophecies in Daniel and how they contribute to the overall prophetic plan of the Bible.
3. Have a desire to live a life of courage and conviction in a hostile world.

Course Textbooks

1. The Bible
2. Class notes

Note: The student will be responsible for reading the Bible passage that will be discussed that day before each class and also any assigned class notes or handouts.

Course Assignment Description

1. Read the entire Book of Daniel at least once during the length of the course. There is no substitute for reading the Scriptures!
2. Keep a notebook (preferably a 3-ring binder) devoted *specifically* to the book of Daniel. The notebook should contain the course handouts, your notes, and any assignments that you do for this course. Organizing these materials now will make

them accessible in the future as you continue your studies and as you may have opportunity to teach the book.

Graded Option

Students interested in an enhanced learning experience can elect to participate in a graded option. For the voluntary graded option the student will be required to do the Bible reading, three additional written assignments, take the exam, and attend 75% of the class sessions (cannot miss more than 8 sessions or 4 nights). The student should let the instructor know that they want to participate in this option. **This option is completely voluntary.**

Course Schedule

Day	Session	Content To Be Covered	Assignments Due On
9-6	1	Introduce the syllabus and the book	
	2	Daniel 1:1-21	
9-13	3	Daniel 2:1-24	
	4	Daniel 2:25-49	
9-20	5	Daniel 3:1-30	
	6	Daniel 4:1-37	
9-27	7	Daniel 5:1-31	A complete reading of Daniel
	8	Daniel 6:1-28	
10-4	9	Daniel 7:1-14	Worksheet #1
	10	Daniel 7:15-28	
10-11	11	Daniel 8:1-14	Worksheet #2
	12	Daniel 8:15-27	
10-18	13	Daniel 9:1-19	
	14	Daniel 9:20-27	
10-25	15	Daniel 10:1-11:1	
	16	Daniel 11:2-35	
11-1	17	Daniel 11:36-45	Read Handout and do Worksheet #3
	18	Daniel 12:1-13	
11-8	19	Review and Fellowship	
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BIBLIOGRAPHY: SELECTED AND ANNOTATED

Anderson, Robert. *The Coming Prince, or, the Seventy Weeks of Daniel: With an Answer to the Higher Criticism*. 5th ed. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1895.

This is not a commentary per se, but rather a detailed exposition of chapter nine and Daniel's Seventy weeks. Anderson's approach has been influential particularly in Dispensational circles.

Archer, Gleason L. Jr. "Daniel." in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelin, vol. 7. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985.

Archer excels in dealing with critical issues from a conservative perspective. His comments are frequently insightful, but may be somewhat technical for the average Christian.

Baldwin, Joyce G. *Daniel: An Introduction and Commentary*. Edited by D. J. Wiseman. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries, vol. 21. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity, 1978.

This helpful volume written by a former principal of Trinity College, Bristol excels in providing historical background but not as helpful in dealing with some of the prophetic passages.

Boutflower, Charles. *In and Around the Book of Daniel*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1977.

Although not strictly a commentary, Boutflower provides a helpful examination of some of the critical problems from a conservative, postmillennial, perspective. The text also contains a number of illustrations, tables, and photographs.

Campbell, Donald K. *Daniel, Decoder of Dreams*. Wheaton: Victor, 1977.

Campbell, a president emeritus at Dallas Theological Seminary has written a small gem of a book. Although this book does not provide a detailed exposition of Daniel, it is easy to read, clear in its explanations, and warmly pastoral in its illustrations.

Criswell, W. A. *Expository Sermons on the Book of Daniel*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1968.

The title provides an accurate description of the contents. Thus, this is not a commentary, but a collection of sermons on Daniel.

Culver, Robert Duncan. *Daniel and the Latter Days*. Rev. ed. Chicago: Moody, 1977.

Although not a commentary, Culver provides a helpful contribution to the study of Daniel through his willingness to interact with premillennial, amillennial, and postmillennial approaches to Daniel. Culver, himself is a premillennialist, although he suggests that the new heavens and new earth occur at the beginning rather after the Millennium.

Ferguson, Sinclair B. *Daniel*, vol. 19. *Mastering the Old Testament*, ed. Lloyd J. Ogilvie. Waco, TX: Word, 1988.

Ferguson provides a moderately helpful treatment of Daniel. Writing from a Reformed perspective he has a tendency to be too broad in his treatments, bypassing some of the more difficult passages with an enlightened agnosticism.

Goldingay, John. *Daniel*. Edited by John D. W. Watts. Word Biblical Commentaries, ed. David A. Hubbard and Glenn W. Barker, vol. 30. Dallas: Word, 1989.

Goldingay is David Allan Hubbard Professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. His work is very technical and well researched. However, his dating of Daniel (2nd century) and his tendency to emphasize a Maccabean fulfillment of the prophecies is generally not accepted by conservatives.

Leupold, H. C. *Exposition of Daniel*. Columbus, OH: Wartburg, 1949.

Leupold is a careful conservative commentator provides a fairly detailed discussion of Daniel from an amillennial perspective.

Longman Tremper III. *Daniel*. The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.

Longman's work is part of the NIV Application series. This series attempts to bridge the gap between the original meaning and the contemporary significance of the books of the Bible. It is not a verse-by-verse commentary but Longman is a careful scholar coming from a Reformed tradition. His insights are often quite helpful and balanced.

Miller, Stephen R. *Daniel*. New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994.

In my opinion, this is the most helpful overall commentary on Daniel. Its approach is conservative premillennial and pretribulational.

Pentecost, J. Dwight. "Daniel." In *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, Old Testament, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck. Wheaton, IL: Victor / SP, 1985.

Pentecost has written a surprisingly detailed commentary considering it is included in a one-volume work on the entire Old Testament. This is a clear exposition from a Dispensational perspective.

Walvoord, John F. *Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation*. Chicago: Moody, 1971.

Walvoord, the former chancellor emeritus at Dallas Theological Seminary has provided a very helpful commentary on Daniel. Walvoord combines sound exposition with careful discussion of major questions. This volume is well-worth reading and studying.

Whitcomb, John Clement. *Daniel*. Chicago: Moody, 1985.

Whitcomb has written a short but helpful volume from a Dispensational approach. He also provides a nice chronological chart and table at the back of his commentary.

Wood, Leon J. *A Commentary on Daniel*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972.

This volume published a year after Walvoord is similar to Walvoord in size and approach although Wood's discussions are a bit more exegetical. Wood also provides two nice charts providing an overview and chronology of the prophecies in the book.