

BIBLICAL REFERENCES

DAY ONE

Question 2

The name Darius is not a proper name, but a title given to this king during the Medo-Persian empire. The Medo-Persian empire was a vast territory, Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian were co-rulers, but a closer look at Daniel 9:1 and Daniel 6:28 shows Darius was subordinate to Cyrus. Do not miss the fact that Daniel 9:1 tells us, Darius was “made (appointed) ruler over the Babylonian kingdom.” This implies someone superior gave him the position.

For point of reference, Daniel is deported in 605 BC, and lives long enough in Babylon to be a part of the Persian dynasty under Cyrus the Great (539 BC).

Many translations use the name Ahasuerus or Xerxes in Daniel 9:1. It is important to note, King Ahasuerus mentioned here is not the same one from the book of Esther. The story of Esther and King Ahasuerus likely happened approximately 50 years after Daniel dies.

John MacArthur notes on Esther. “Ahasuerus of Esther ruled 486 to 465 BC. The name Ahasuerus represent the Hebrew transliteration of the Persian name “Khshayarsha” while “Xerxes” represents his Greek name.”

Question 3



Daniel 5:2-4 (NIV) While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

Question 4

Daniel 6:3-4 (NIV) Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.



DAY TWO

Question 6

Psalms 119:1-8 (NIV) Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. ² Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart— ³ they do no wrong but follow his ways. ⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. ⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! ⁶ Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. ⁸ I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV) How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:15-16 (NIV) I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalms 119:17-18 (NIV) Be good to your servant while I live, that I may obey your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalms 119:29-30 (NIV) Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law. ³⁰ I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.

Psalms 119:33-37 (NIV) Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. ³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. ³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

Psalms 119:44-48 (NIV) I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. ⁴⁵ I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. ⁴⁶ I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, ⁴⁷ for I delight in your commands because I love them. ⁴⁸ I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees.

Psalms 119:55-56 (NIV) In the night, LORD, I remember your name, that I may keep your law. ⁵⁶ This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.

Psalms 119:57-60 (NIV) You are my portion, LORD; I have promised to obey your words. ⁵⁸ I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. ⁵⁹ I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

Psalms 119:73 (NIV) Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.

Psalms 119:80 (NIV) May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees, that I may not be put to shame.

Psalms 119:88 (NIV) In your unfailing love preserves my life, that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

Psalms 119:89-94 (NIV) Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. ⁹¹ Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. ⁹² If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. ⁹⁴ Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts.

Psalms 119:97-104 (NIV) Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore, I hate every wrong path.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:114 (NIV) You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.

Psalms 119:125 (NIV) I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes.

Psalms 119:133 (NIV) Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

Psalms 119: 135 (NIV) Make your face shine on your servant and teach me your decrees.

Psalms 119:137-138 (NIV) You are righteous, LORD, and your laws are right. ¹³⁸ The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.

Psalms 119:147 (NIV) I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.



Psalms 119:160 (NIV) All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalms 119:162 (NIV) I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.

Psalms 119:165 (NIV) Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

Psalms 119:169-174 (NIV) May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word. ¹⁷⁰ May my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise. ¹⁷¹ May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees. ¹⁷² May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous. ¹⁷³ May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

DAY THREE

Question 17

James 5:16 (NIV) Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Question 19

Psalms 19:14 (NIV) May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 86:11 (NIV) Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Micah 6:8 (NIV) He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 5:8 (NIV) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Question 20

James 5:7-11 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

DAY FOUR

Question 21

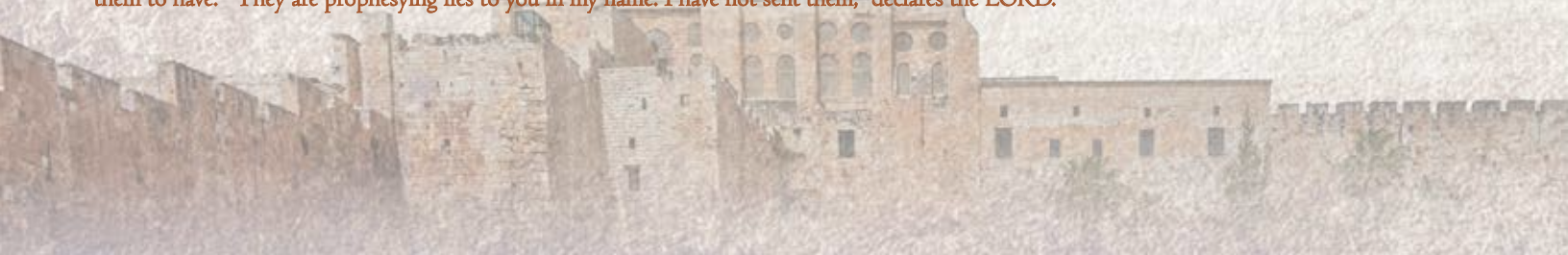
Daniel 8:16 (NIV) And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.

Question 25

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Question 26

Jeremiah 29:4-9 (NIV) This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." ⁸ Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them," declares the LORD.



Question 29

Jeremiah 30:7 (NIV) How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

Question 30

2 Chronicles 36:15-21 (NIV) The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place.¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials.¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power.²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

Question 31

Psalms 63:1-3 (MSG) God -- you're my God! I can't get enough of you! I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts.² So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory.³ In your generous love I am really living at last! My lips brim praises like fountains.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (MSG) ""When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me.

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

James 4:2-3 (NIV) "...You do not have because you do not ask God.³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

DAY FIVE

Question 32

Leviticus 25:1-5 (NIV) The LORD said to Moses at Mount Sinai,² "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD.'³ For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops.⁴ But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards.⁵ Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest.

Question 33

2 Chronicles 36:15-21 (NIV) The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place.¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials.¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power.²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

Question 34

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV) Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Question 36

2 Chronicles 36:15-20 (NIV) The LORD, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place.¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.¹⁷ He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians, who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar.¹⁸ He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the LORD's temple and the treasures of the king and his officials.¹⁹ They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.²⁰ He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power.



Daniel 1:1-2 (NIV) In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

2 Kings 25:8-10 (NIV) On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.⁹ He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down.¹⁰ The whole Babylonian army under the commander of the imperial guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

Daniel 5:30-31 (NIV) That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain,³¹ and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

Ezra 1:1-3 and 7 (NIV) In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:² “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: “The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.³ Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them.

⁷ Moreover, King Cyrus brought out the articles belonging to the temple of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and had placed in the temple of his god.

Nehemiah 2:6-8, 17-18 (NIV) Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.⁷ I also said to him, “If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?⁸ And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests.

¹⁷ Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.”

¹⁸ I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, “Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work.

Question 37

Nehemiah 1:1-4 (NIV) The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah: In the month of Kislev in the twentieth year, while I was in the citadel of Susa,² Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.³ They said to me, “Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”⁴ When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.

Question 38

Daniel 9:25-27 (MSG) “Here is what you must understand: From the time the word goes out to rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the Anointed Leader, there will be seven sevens. The rebuilding will take sixty-two sevens, including building streets and digging a moat. Those will be rough times.²⁶ After the sixty-two sevens, the Anointed Leader will be killed--the end of him. The city and Sanctuary will be laid in ruins by the army of the newly arriving leader. The end will come in a rush, like a flood. War will rage right up to the end, desolation the order of the day.²⁷ “Then for one seven, he will forge many and strong alliances, but halfway through the seven he will banish worship and prayers. At the place of worship, a desecrating obscenity will be set up and remain until finally the desecrator himself is decisively destroyed.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NIV) For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.



Question 39

Matthew 24:4-16 (NIV) Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:21-22 (NIV) For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equalled again. ²² “If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

