

Unit 3 - lessons 63 - 70

Quiz Questions

1. In the reign of which king of Judah did Nebuchadnezzar take Daniel?
2. What was Nebuchadnezzar's plan for the bright young men from Israel?
3. What test did Daniel devise to convince the official to let him leave the king's food?
4. What were the 5 materials of Nebuchadnezzar's image and who did they represent?
5. What did the stone represent?
6. Why did Belshazzar's gold and silver goblets show his disrespect for God?
7. What did the writing on the wall actually mean?
8. What happened the night of the banquet, after the writing on the wall?
9. What decree did Darius sign that led Daniel to the lions' den?
10. Why could Darius not change his mind about the decree?
11. How long was the desolation of Jerusalem to last?
12. Who was sent to Daniel while he was praying for the deliverance of Jerusalem?
13. In the reign of which king of Persia were the Jews allowed to return and re-build the temple in Jerusalem?
14. Why was Esther's cousin, Mordecai, living in south west Persia?
15. Why did Xerxes want to honour Mordecai?
16. What requests did Esther make to Xerxes?
17. Why did Nehemiah weep, mourn, fast and pray?
18. What can we learn about the way the Jews tackled the re-building of Jerusalem's city walls?
19. What did Ezra do after the completion of the wall?
20. How did the people react to this reading of the law?

Answers

1. Jehoiakim
2. After 3 years training they were to enter the king's service
3. To only eat vegetables and drink water for 10 days as a trial
4. Head of gold - Babylon; shoulders and arms of silver - Medo-Persia; belly and thighs of bronze - Greece; legs of iron - Rome and feet and toes of iron and clay - mixed nations
5. Jesus returning to the earth
6. They were taken from the temple at Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar.
7. God had numbered his days and would end them, had weighed him and found him wanting and would divide his kingdom with the Medes and Persians.
8. The Medo-Persian army took Babylon and Belshazzar was killed.
9. No one was allowed to pray to any God for the next 30 days, only to the king
10. The laws of the Medes and Persians could not be repealed.
11. 70 years
12. Angel Gabriel
13. Cyrus
14. His grandfather had been taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar.
15. He exposed an assassination attempt against Xerxes.
16. To go, with Haman, to her banquet that day and the next. To spare her life and the life of her people.
17. He learned that the Jews who had gone back to re-build Jerusalem's city walls and gates were in trouble and the walls were not rebuilt.
18. Prayer with action is essential, belief/trust in God, all involved, communication etc.
19. Read the law to the people
20. Celebrated feast of Tabernacles, confessed their sins, worshipped, signed an agreement to keep God's law

Activities and Games

Activity 1: Getting To Know You

Aim

To increase familiarity with the Bible characters of the last few lessons

Equipment needed

- Character triplets, cut up (print onto card from website)
- Paper and pens (if the students want to make notes as they get answers)
- Sellotape or safety pins

Instructions

- Attach a character triplet to the back of each of the students. (If you have more than 7 you will have to adapt these)
- Students ask questions of each other about the characters on their back. The questions should only be ones that can be answered with 'yes' or 'no'.
- Students should try to find out the names on their back. They should not directly guess names.

Extension Activity

The characters fit into 3 main groups – Exile in Babylon, re-building Jerusalem and the Esther story. After they have correctly guessed their identities, students should try to sort themselves into 3 groups, using the first character (in bold type) on their backs. It'll be interesting to see what categories they select. They may need prompting to achieve the 3 groups listed here.

Discussion

Discuss the rest of the characters to see where they would fit into the overall story – encourage students to see it as a continuum rather than separate times.

Zerubbabel
Michael
Ezra

Nebuchadnezzar
Meshach
Vashti

Haman
Azariah
Belteshazzar

Jehoiakim
Shadrach
Xexes

Belshazzar
Abednego
Esther

Nehemiah
Hananiah
Cyrus

Mordecai
Daniel
Darius

Activity 2: People Bingo

Aim

To increase familiarity with the Bible characters from the last few lessons

Equipment needed

- List of characters
- Bingo sheet for each student (print onto card from website)
- Pencil/pen for each student

Instructions

1. Each student has a worksheet and selects 9 names from the list at the top.
2. The teacher reads the list of clues about the characters – in random order.
3. As the students recognise one of their characters, they shade in the box and write the number of the clue in the corner of the box.
4. The first student to shade in all 9 boxes is the winner.
5. Check the answers.
6. Go through the characters not yet mentioned.

List of Characters

Jehoiakim
Nebuchadnezzar
Hananiah
Mishael
Azariah
Belteshazzar
Belshazzar
Darius
Daniel
Cyrus
Zerubbabel
Haggai
Haman
Xerxes
Vashti
Mordecai
Esther
Nehemiah
Ezra

People Bingo!

Select 9 names from the list of characters and write in the boxes below in any order.

Listen carefully to the clues. When you hear your character described, shade the appropriate box and write in the clue number. When you have shaded all your boxes shout 'full house'. First one to shout out has won.

Play another game.

People Bingo – Question sheet

Read out the number and the character description but not the name.

1. Zerubbabel
Leading a band of Jews back after the captivity, this person was key in re-building the temple.
2. Belshazzar
This person died after seeing the writing on the wall.
3. Vashti
This woman refused to go to her husband's banquet
4. Jehoiakim
It was in the third year of this king of Judah's reign that Nebuchadnezzar took captives.
5. Ezra
This person, often called the ready scribe, instructed people in the law of Moses.
6. Mishael
This person had his name changed to Meshach by the Babylonians.
7. Esther
This woman risked her life by appearing before the king.
8. Belteshazzar
This was Daniel's Babylonian name.
9. Haman
This person died on his own gallows.
10. Haggai
This person wrote their prophecy at the same time as Zechariah was writing, to encourage the building of the temple.
11. Azariah
This person had his name changed to Abednego by the Babylonians.
12. Nehemiah
This person was Artaxerxes' wine-taster. He helped re-build the wall in Jerusalem.
13. Nebuchadnezzar
This person dreamt that he was a head of gold.
14. Cyrus
This King of Persia decreed that the Jews could return to Jerusalem and build a temple.
15. Darius
This person was tricked into throwing Daniel into the lion's den.
16. Xerxes
Because this person couldn't sleep, he discovered he owed Mordecai a great favour.
17. Daniel
Taken into captive at an early age, this person saw both the downfall of the Babylonians and the Jews return to Jerusalem at the end of his life.
18. Mordecai
This person was the cousin of Esther and lived in Susa/Shushan.
19. Hananiah
This person had his name changed to Shadrach by the Babylonians.

