

Lessons from



Daniel

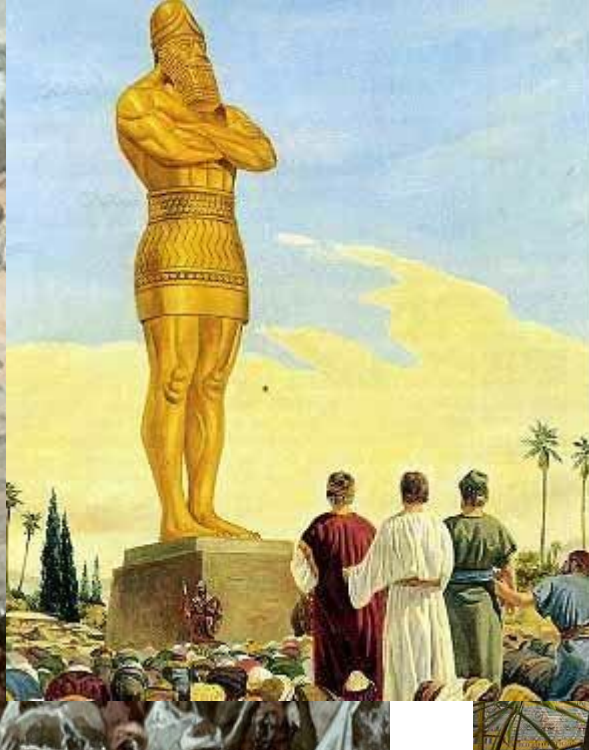


Tim Touzeau
PIF 2022



Restored Southern Palace
of King Nebuchadnezzar
In Ancient Babylon





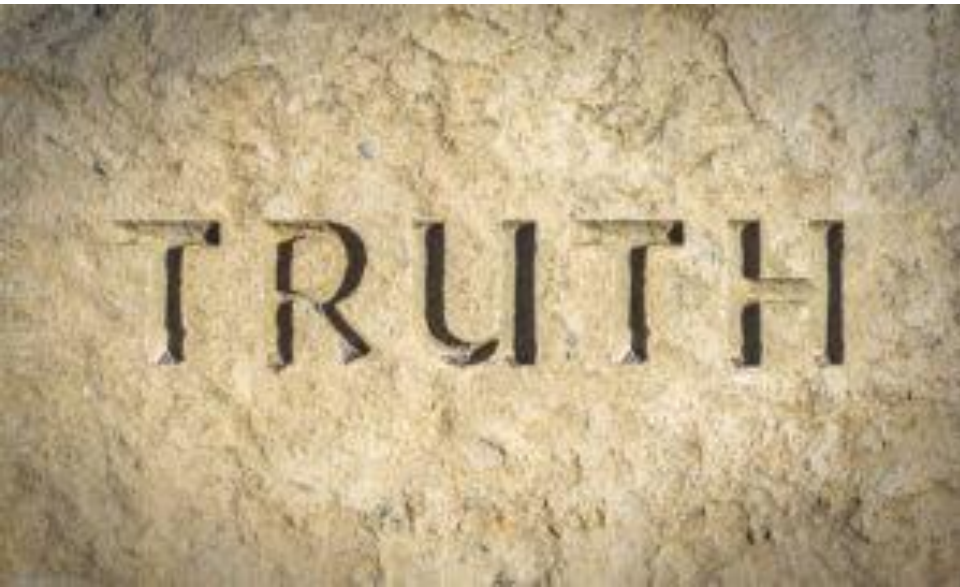
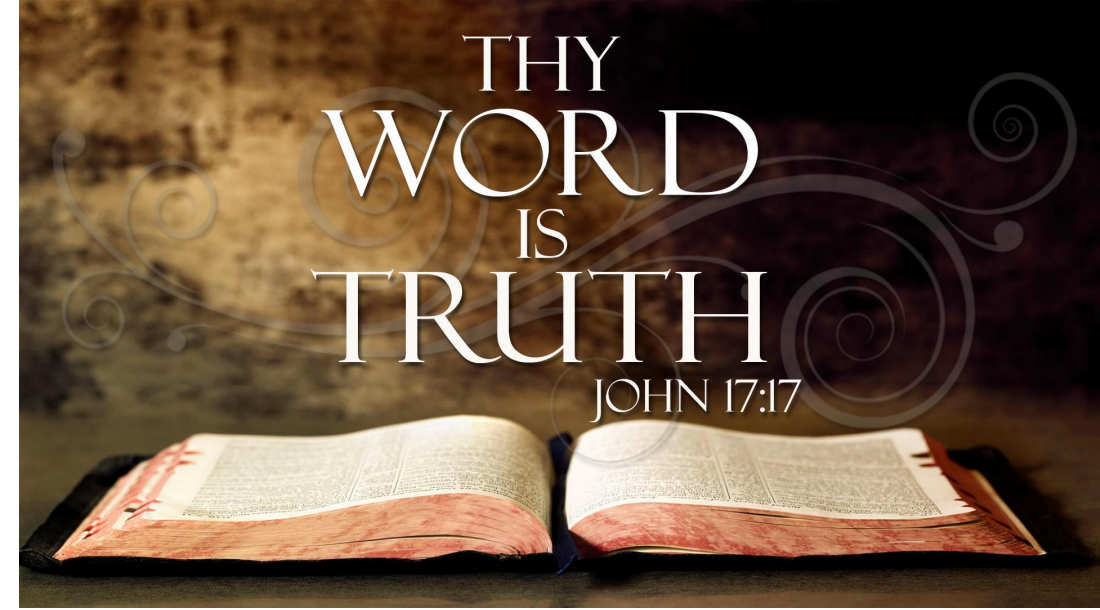
God Exists



- Daniel's life: ~~an argument for~~ a *revelation of* God
- People question God's existence, or His attributes (who He is)
- Daniel's life is threatened when a troubling dream escapes the King
 - The King has a crisis of faith in his wisemen
 - God is present and hears/sees our plight
- Daniel's public confidence in God: He is behind this, He will answer
 - Daniel answers the King's need...and reveals God above Babylon
 - God speaks to conscience...is it awakened?
 - One step at a time...a worldview not often changed in a day

God is True

- Daniel's rise based on God revealing Truth
- In witness, don't be overwhelmed by "what there is to know"
- Stay connected to the Source



- Daniel saw how God is behind it all
- Man's passing truth, and God's eternal Truth

God is Faithful

- When no one else is, whether on purpose or by accident
- God makes and keeps promises
- God honored Daniel's faith, and delivered him
- God is faithful to deliver us from sin and judgment
- ...but not always from harm: a view to the resurrection



God is Just

- So why aren't things fair?
- Don't minimize the problem of evil and suffering
 - Jesus' own suffering proves both its magnitude and His involvement

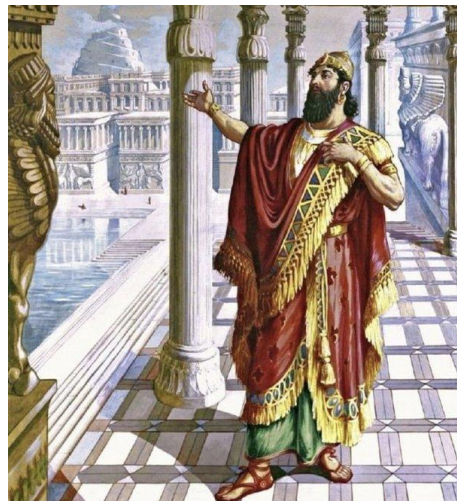
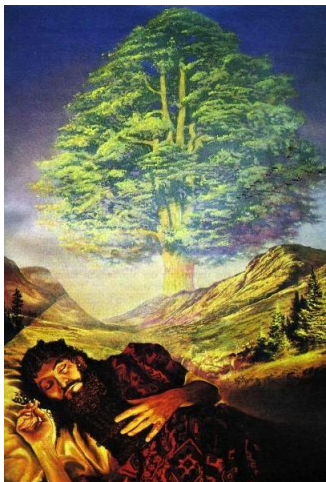
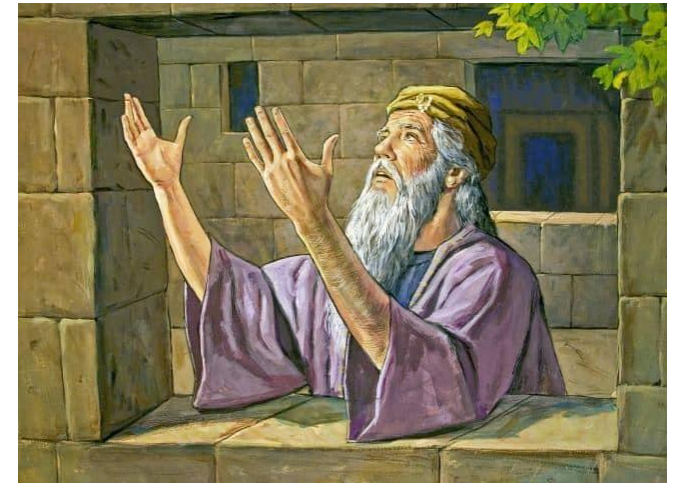


- God judges evil - Belshazzar
- Justice for this world, or the next?
- Are those tares a mercy?



God is Merciful and Forgiving

- God sets up the king's comeback
- Mediation and humility –traits we learn from Daniel...but so much more from God
- God planned his mercy and forgiveness from the beginning, he wasn't prevailed upon or coerced
 - His mercy and forgiveness are firm



Recap

- Prepping your ground
- Attributes of God
 - God Exists, and has been revealed
 - God is True: he speaks truth, and absolute truth exists because of him
 - God is Faithful: He keeps his promises; though harm may come in this world, the soul with him is secure
 - God is Just: He judges sin, and exalts righteousness
 - God is Merciful and Forgiving
- What to plant
 - What is the need, what does God want me to convey?



God Exists and is Present

- God not only exists, but is Immanuel
- When God is needed NOW
- Jesus, God the Son
- “I am with you always”





His name shall be, Immanuel...
GOD. WITH. US.

