

DAY 1 – DANIEL 10:1-21

1. What did you find new or interesting from the lecture?
2.
 - a. What preparation enabled Daniel to perceive the vision?
 - b. What have you done that has enabled you to perceive God’s vision for you more clearly?
(Personal)
3.
 - a. Describe the “man” Daniel saw.
 - b. How did the vision affect Daniel and why do you think it had this effect?
4.
 - a. What was happening in the spiritual realm as a result of Daniel’s prayer?
 - b. How does this open your eyes to the activity in the spiritual realm as a result of your prayers?
5. How did the “man” strengthen Daniel?
6.
 - a. What do you learn about Michael from this chapter?
 - b. Do you know the traditional prayer to St. Michael? If so, how does today’s passage support this prayer.

DAY 2 – DANIEL 11:1-45

7. The “despicable” king in verse 21 refers to Antiochus IV Epiphanes from Maccabean times. What means did he use to conquer?
8. What do you think is meant by “holy covenant” in verses 28 and 30? (See 1 Mc 1:44-50, 62-63)
9.
 - a. What was the horrible abomination spoken of in verse 31? (See 1 Mc 1:54; 2 Mc 6:1-5)
 - b. What would happen to those who remained loyal to their God? (See also 1 Mc 1:57-63)
10.
 - a. What would the nation’s “wise men” do?
 - b. What would their martyrdom accomplish?
 - c. Why do you think it is said that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church”? (Tertullian)
11. Daniel’s vision has layers of meaning. How did Jesus apply it in Matthew 24:15-22?
12. Compare the king in verses 36-39 with Satan in Luke 4:5-8. What was Jesus’ response to the devil’s offer?

DAY 3 – DANIEL 12:1-13

13. How is Michael described in verse 1?

14. a. Verses 1-3 point to the resurrection of the dead and the Last Judgment. According to CCC 997, what is the resurrection of the dead?
- b. Who will rise, and what will happen to them? (See CCC 1038)
15. a. Who will be like the stars forever?
- b. Share an experience in which you led a person to justice/righteousness. **(Personal)**
16. a. On a human level, Antiochus was a destroyer of the holy people (vs 7). Who is the destroyer on a spiritual level?
- b. When will his power be brought to an end? (See CCC 677, 2853)

DAYS 4 & 5 – DANIEL 13:1 – 14:42

17. What influence and training formed Susanna?
18. a. What did the elders do to their consciences?
- b. What happens when one deliberately acts against his/her conscience? (See 1 Tm 1:18-19; CCC 1790-1791)
19. a. What detail indicates that they knew they were doing wrong?
- b. People often use the phrase “Catholic guilt” with contempt. What do feelings of guilt make possible? (See CCC 1455)
20. a. Having been trapped by the elders, Susanna had two choices. What did she choose and why?
- b. How did Susanna model marital chastity? (See CCC 2348-2349)
21. a. What did Susanna do after her face was uncovered, that the elders had refused to do, and what does this action signify?
- b. Have you ever been falsely accused? If so, how did you respond? **(Personal)**
22. a. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Daniel?
- b. How did he expose the truth and who received the glory?
23. a. What did the Babylonians feed Bel?
- b. How can we sometimes “feed” idols in our lives?
24. How did the king misunderstand the term “living God”?
25. Daniel exposed the false gods of the people. What has caused you to recognize “false gods” in your life? **(Personal)**