

SEVEN ARROWS



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



What does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

DANIEL 1



The prophets Daniel and Ezekiel addressed God's people during their time in exile. It's amazing that God even spoke to His people when they should have been receiving the silent treatment. They'd had plenty of warnings by this point and were experiencing the result of their rebellion. But God continued to sustain them, even in exile, and provided them with gracious words of hope for the future. The later portion of the book of Daniel speaks of the end of times, when God will defeat Satan, sin and death forever. The early chapters of the book show God's faithfulness to men like Daniel while in exile. The Babylonian king made every effort to dismantle the faith of the Israelite exiles, even changing their names to represent the worship of false gods. Daniel stood strong refusing to give in to the onslaught of forces trying to turn his heart away from God. The nation of Israel was never able to resist the worship of false gods-at least not for long-but Daniel showed that a deep faith in God's promises was sufficient to fight the world's sinfulness and remain obedient to God.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14



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God often helped His prophets to understand His plan through visions. The valley of dry bones clearly portrayed the way God promised to bring Israel back from exile, making it one of the most well-known visions in the Bible. As in creation, God brought life by speaking His Word. Though it appeared that the nation of Israel was dead, God would bring them back to life. This vision provides hope, not just for the nation of Israel but for all who are dead in trespasses and sins. There is no way for a dead man to do anything to bring himself back to life—that person must be brought to life by someone more powerful than death. This is exactly what happens when someone comes to faith in Jesus. Jesus, who proved through His resurrection to be more powerful than death, brings people back to life. Dry bones and dead sinners come to life by the power of God.

