

Daniel

דניאל

GOD IS [MY] JUDGE

OUR THEME: A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THESE LAST DAYS

- I. THE HOLY CHARACTER of a people prepared for these last days
 - a resolute people!
 - a proven people!
- II. THE HOLY VISION of a people prepared for these last days
 - an end-time enlightened people!
- III. THE HOLY FAITH of a people prepared for these last days
 - a faith focused on a Sovereign God
 - 1. Sovereign over the nations (1:2)
 - 2. Sovereign over my life (1:9)
 - a faith focused in prayer (Daniel's Prayer Journal)



*Rabbi Richman
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CONCERNING DANIEL, THE MAN OF GOD –

- 1. Daniel 1:1-5: Daniel's beginnings – 605 B.C., part of the first deportation, when Daniel was in his late teens. Daniel's name appears over 70 times in these twelve chapters!
- 2. Daniel was a contemporary in Babylon of EZEKIEL, the prophet-priest, who prophesied for 20 years in 593 thru 571 B.C. Ezekiel mentions Daniel 3 times: Ezekiel 14:14, 20; 28:3
- 3. Daniel, as a statesman in a pagan court, was placed in the Hebrew Canon in "the Writings", among the historians, Ezra and Nehemiah, not among the prophets. Jesus, however, called him a prophet (Matt. 24:15)! Daniel's are the most prominent and pointed prophecies in the Bible!

4. Daniel 1:6-7 – What's in a name?

דָּנִיֵּאל - DANIEL (God is [my] Judge)	⇒	<i>Beheshazzaar</i> (Bel, protect his life!)	בְּלֶטְשַׁצַּר
חַנַּנְיָהּ - HANANIAH (Jehovah is Gracious)	⇒	<i>Shadrach</i> (at the command of Aku, the moon goddess, goddess of lust)	שְׂדַרְךָ
מִישָׁאֵל - MISHAEL (Who is like God?)	⇒	<i>Meshach</i> (Who is like Aku?)	מִישַׁךְ
עֲזַרְיָהּ - AZARIAH (Jehovah is my Helper)	⇒	<i>Abednego</i> (servant of Nego, the fire god)	עֲבַד נְגוֹ

- 5. Daniel 1:8-16: Daniel's resolve as a leader – Daniel uses the title HAH ELOHIM **הָאֱלֹהִים** (plural: *the* triune God) for God; he uses ADONAI **אֲדֹנָי** (plural: the Sovereign Master) *twelve* times (once in 1:2 and eleven times in Chapter 9); he uses JEHOVAH / YAHWEH **יְהוָה** *seven* times, only in Chapter 9.
- 6. Daniel 1:17-20 – How the triune God led them through the maze of their occult 'new-age' studies.
- 7. Daniel 1:21 – 539 B.C. Daniel's final vision was in 536 B.C. (10:1, "in the third year of Cyrus"), when he was about 90 years old! Determine now to live your whole life, however many years that may be, for the glory of God!

AN INTERVIEW WITH RABBI CHAIM RICHMAN

Rabbi Chaim Richman resides in Jerusalem where he is the Executive Director of the Temple Institute. The Temple Institute is the leading organization in Israel that is preparing for the rebuilding of the temple and the reinstatement of Old Testament worship.

QUESTION: Do you have priests right now that, once they have experienced purification, would be qualified to minister in the Temple?

RABBI RICHMAN: Yes. But we have to understand that so much must change in order for this to come about unless you're talking about a miracle – which always can happen. You are talking about a situation where Jewish rights to the Temple Mount are being totally denied. God is moving the hearts of many, many people and testing people to see if they are going to be on the side of Israel and Jerusalem or not. My own goal is to try to create an understanding between Christians and Jews, as much as possible, towards the sanctification of the name of God and the understanding that what we have in common is much, much greater than what we have in differences. I believe we have to unite together in order to bring about the redemption and the restoration of the Kingdom of God.

QUESTION: If there were a break-through on the Jerusalem situation and somehow the Temple could be rebuilt, how soon could you have a red heifer ready that would qualify to be offered for the purification of the priests and for the Temple Mount area?

RABBI RICHMAN: It would probably be under five years. Maybe more like years or three and a half years.

QUESTION: Are the architectural plans for the Third Temple prepared yet?

RABBI RICHMAN: They have been ready for some time.

QUESTION: Are there people in Israel that feel the Messiah will appear very quickly now?

RABBI RICHMAN: Whoever has eyes to see knows that the things that we have been privileged to witness in recent years on a global scale, *in this region, in Europe, and in Russia* are all remarkable signs of a process that we believe God is using and putting into motion to bring about His plan for humanity. Certainly, there are those of us who feel more strongly than ever that the appearance of Messiah is near. I would go further and tell you emphatically that, although there are those of us who are upset about the direction of things in Israel, this is not a cause for despondency or depression. On the contrary, the fact that things are going the way they are going here in Israel with this government, with the leadership, with the false peace, with the treachery, and with the terrorism, it's nothing but another indication of the fact that God in His great mercy is bringing about all that which He from the beginning had in mind for His people and for the world. We feel that we are blessed to be living in this time. Perhaps this is more of a pivotal generation than any that has ever existed, and we feel that we, in fact, are seeing things that our fathers only dreamed of, and that we will be blessed to see the culmination of these things.

QUESTION: How will the Jewish people recognize their Messiah when He does appear? What will be the criteria so that you will know for sure who this man is?

RABBI RICHMAN: Messiah is a global figure whose task is to unite all humanity in the recognition and the reality of the one true God and to unite the hearts of all men in that service. The interesting point is that when He comes I assure you that you and I will both agree that it's Him. There will be absolutely no question about that whatsoever. You will not need to hear it on the radio or see it on Cable News Network. It is something that we will know. It will be quite clear to everyone that it, in fact, is He. I really believe, again in terms of our being united, that when He arrives there will not be any arguing whatsoever about His identity, and His identity will be acceptable to all of us. Most do not feel the divine purpose of life, nor do they have an intimate bond with the creator. The Messiah is going to reinstall that connection between every person and the one true God, and that's no small matter.

