

Advancing through Testing I

“The Wisdom Test”

There is no advancing without testing. You will be tested, before, during and after your season of advancing. Testing is called temptation from the satanic side, proving from the divine side and testing from the human side.

No matter what conditions arise, followers of Jesus are called to find an opportunity to advance the kingdom of God in perilous times.

To advance means to accelerate the growth or progress of something or someone, such as to advance a cause.

To advance means to bring or move forward, such as to advance a pawn in chess.

To advance means to raise to a higher rank, such as advancing from clerk to assistant manager.

Jesus' kingdom is not of this world.

Mess ***Daniel 1:3*** The king told Ashpenaz, head of the palace staff, **to get some Israelites from the royal family and nobility —⁴ young men who were healthy and handsome, intelligent, and well-educated, good prospects for leadership positions in the government, perfect specimens! —and indoctrinate them in the Babylonian language and the lore of magic and fortunetelling.**

How did Daniel advance the kingdom in perilous times?

Daniel had to pass many tests to advance in perilous times.

The Wisdom test is to determine what knowledge base will you seek, rely on, and operate from.

“Give a man a knowledge base, you establish his operation base, and you establish his results. ***Genesis 1, 2***

Change a man's knowledge base, you change his operation base, and you change his results. ***Genesis 3***

Reestablish a man's knowledge base, you reestablish his operation base and reestablish his results. *John 1" La Fayette Scales*

"Daniel had a knowledge base, stayed with his operation base and advanced as a result."

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: **for wisdom and might are his:** ²¹ And **he** changeth the times and the seasons: **he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he** giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: ²² **He revealeth** the deep and secret things: **he knoweth** what is in the darkness, and **the light dwelleth with him.**

I

There are two knowledges commingling in the earth.

KJV Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden **thou mayest freely eat:** ¹⁷ **But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,** thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

There is permission and prohibition in the earth and in our kingdom.

KJV James 3:15 This **wisdom descendeth not from above**, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work

Will you trust in man's wisdom or the wisdom of God, through prayer?

The wisdom that descendeth not from above produces evil works.

KJV James 3:17 But the **wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

The wisdom from above produces righteousness leading to peace.

II

The dream was of kingdoms raising and falling.

The dream was also, of an ultimate, superior, and everlasting kingdom.

The dream was revealed. *Daniel 2:31-32*

The dream was explained. *Daniel 2:37-45*

Babylon is the head of gold. *Vs 32a*

Persia is the breast and arms of silver. *Vs 32b*

Greece (Greek) is the belly and thighs of brass. *Vs 32c*

Rome (Roman) is the legs, feet, and part clay. *Vs 33*

The Kingdom of God is the stone cut from a mountain, which breaks the image, becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. *Vs 35*

- Babylon - 626-539 bc
- Persia - 550 - 330 bc
- Greece - 330bc - 2 AD
- Romans - 27 bc - 476 AD

KJV Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

There is one kingdom which will ultimately reign.

The kingdom is already, but not yet.

III

Daniel's method was to seek the wisdom of God through prayer.

Daniel's manhood gave him backbone to speak truth to (power) the king.

Daniel's message was kingdoms will raise and fall.

Daniel's ministry was to demonstrate a new kingdom lifestyle in failing kingdoms.

Daniel's mandate was to prophecy the Lord reigns over all creation and over all kingdoms.

Daniel's movement and advancement was because he passed the wisdom test.

KJV Daniel 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, **that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings**, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. ⁴⁸ Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹ **Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.**

The wisdom of God can lead to “conversion and thought” in those in authority. *Vs 47*

The wisdom of God can lead to promotion and advancement in public space and in the marketplace. *Vs 48*

When you are promoted, remember those who helped you and stood with you. *Vs 49*

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