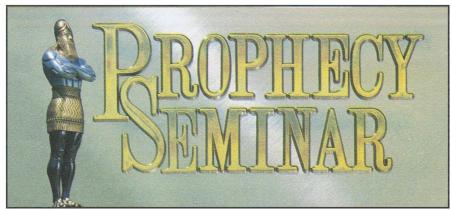
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LESSON THREE THE CONTROVERSY BEGINS

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1.	The book of Daniel reveals that there is a great controversy going on between Christ and Satan.	True
2.	Jesus Christ is the one who led Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.	True
3.	Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man.	True
4.	Only God can perform miracles Therefore, whenever I discover a supernatural miracle I know it is from God.	False
5.	My only safety against Satan's deceptions is to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to test everything by the Bible only.	T a
		True

Lesson 3 begins the chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Daniel.

In this lesson you will study Daniel Chapter 1.

Recommend to your students that they read Chapter 1 before coming to the seminar that night, as well as when they do their lesson. In fact, for each lesson it is recommended that they read the entire chapter in Daniel to get the setting very clearly before we move into the next section.

This lesson focuses on two major areas. Lesson 2 presented the great controversy theme.

Lesson 3 zeroes in on the great controversy theme to show that the controversy as espoused in Daniel is over two areas: **worship** and **obedience**.

Please remember again that these issues are laying the foundation for the Sabbath truth and all the other great truths that will be presented later on in the series.

Again, you are not to mention the Sabbath or any other of these truths at this point.

All you need to do is to give strong emphasis to this area of the lesson, remembering that what happened in ancient Babylon is a foretaste of what is predicted in the prophetic sections.

Question 2

This text brings up the little horn power of Daniel 7. Don't get side-tracked into an identity of the little horn. (You don't want to present this truth prematurely.) Instead, indicate that Lesson 10 will identify clearly the little horn power. The main issue you're stressing here is that there is a controversy between worship and obedience in ancient Babylon. Likewise there is a conflict over worship and obedience in the last days.

Question 5

Just as this lesson illustrates that God's people will be victorious because they obey God and worship Him, likewise it illustrates that Israel failed

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because they disobeyed God and entered into false worship. These underlying issues of worship and obedience were the reasons for Israel's captivity, and the Israelites' victory in this area was their reason for deliverance.

Question 9

Daniel and his three friends were very fortunate. They could have become slaves. After all, they were captives in Babylon. But instead, Nebuchadnezzar treated them with great favour, offering to educate them into Babylonian society.

This was not totally uncommon among ancient monarchs. Many of them would take young people like Daniel and his friends captive, re-educate them, and then send them back to their country to rule. Hopefully this would insure their loyalty to Babylon.

Whether King Nebuchadnezzar had this in mind for Daniel and his friends, we do not know. They obviously never went back to Jerusalem to rule, but their education paved the way for them to be accepted into the educational society of Babylon, and thereby able to exert tremendous influence upon Nebuchadnezzar.

Question 11

Daniel and his friends were given special treatment. They could even eat off the king's table and drink his wine.

Question 12

Do not get into a discussion on the merits or demerits of drinking alcoholic beverages. Likewise, in Question 13, do not get into a discussion of unclean foods.

This issue will be thoroughly dealt with in Lesson 20. At this stage you are merely laying a foundation by showing the reason why Daniel would

not eat the king's food or drink his wine. At this point in the series you are not trying to convince anyone not to drink alcohol or not to eat the unclean foods.

Your reason for mentioning these things at this point is merely to show why Daniel would not touch them. The obvious implication is that we shouldn't touch them today either.

Let your students draw that conclusion on their own, but it is not wise for you to suggest it this early in the series.

Question 14

This is the key text in Chapter 1. In fact, it may well be one of the key texts in the entire book of Daniel. The outward issue may be to not eat the king's food or drink the king's wine, but the real issue was loyalty to God. Make certain you make clear to your students the real issue that was illustrated by the outward issue of food and drink.

Ouestion 19

Read the note under Question 19 to your students.

Again, don't get side-tracked into the merits or demerits of a vegetarian diet. That issue will be explored in Lesson 20. The thrust at this point is that Daniel wanted his mind clear so that he could maintain loyalty to God at a time of stress and test that would come to him in ancient Babylon.

Question 22

This note is also extremely important to call to the attention of your students and should receive strong emphasis. The only ones who pass the severe tests that come in the book of Daniel are those who pass the simple test in Chapter 1.

The point to emphasize is that we need to be faithful to God in times of

prosperity or we will not be faithful to God in times of adversity. As you can see, this lesson lays the foundation for not only the health message, but Sabbath keeping as well.

As you discuss Question 22 with your students, be sure to move into a very beautiful appeal to be loyal to God in times of prosperity.

Response Questions:

- 1. Is it your desire to be loyal to God in times of prosperity, that you may also be loyal to God in times of adversity?

 If so, place a check mark in Box 1.
- **2.** If you would like me to pray that God will give you victory in your life today, put a check in Box 2.