

With three others, he refused the 'king's meat' from fear of defilement, (Daniel 1:8-16); won the favor of Nebuchadnezzar and Darius by interpreting dreams (Daniel 2; 4); and the handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5). In consequence of a plot on the part of his enemies, he was thrown into a den of lions (Daniel 6), but his life was supernaturally preserved. Other references to Daniel are Ezekiel 14:14,20; 28:3; Hebrews 11:33.

1. In Daniel 1:7, what were the names the prince of the eunuchs gave unto Daniel's three companions? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did God give all four of these children, according to Daniel 1:17? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Even though God had given Daniel all these gifts, what did Daniel do when he needed these Gifts to operate? (Daniel 2:18) \_\_\_\_\_

I Kings 22:22 - *And the Lord said unto him, Where-with? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets* (ref. I John 4:6). *And He said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.*

And so we have it, - right back where our story began. When, in verse 24, the false prophet, Zedekiah (with the lying spirit within) came over and struck Micaiah, because Micaiah had asserted that he and the rest had been possessed by a spirit of lies. This is when Zedekiah ...*said, Which way went the Spirit of the Lord from me to speak to thee?* (Or "When did the Spirit of the Lord leave me and speak to you?"). And Micaiah replied, "You will have the answer to your question when you find yourself hiding in an inner chamber (25)." Then, the king gave an order which sent Micaiah back to prison where he was to be fed...*with the bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until...the king came back...in peace* (v27).

*And Micaiah said, if thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you* (I Kings 22:8).

The King of Israel disguised himself, and the two kings went out to battle and *a certain man drew a bow and smote the king of Israel...and he died at even* (dusk): *and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot* (I Kings 22:34,35). This is a fulfillment of I Kings 20:42 and 22:17,28.

It is interesting to know that Micaiah's name means - "Who is like God?"

1. Who was known as the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel? (Study Guide, Second Study) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the sacrifices that God accepts? (Study Guide p. 9)\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was the prophet that prophesied what Ahab hated and did not want to hear? (Study Guide p. 9)\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the false prophet who struck Micaiah? (Study Guide p. 11)\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did King Ahab do so he would not be recognized in the battle? (I Kings 22:30) \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does Micaiah's name mean? (Study Guide p. 11)\_\_\_\_\_

There are other examples in the Old Testament where Mighty men of God were moved on by the Holy Spirit with the anointing to receive prophecies which changed the course of Bible history and nations. One of such men is Ezekiel.

EZEKIEL (Ezekiel 2:2; 11:5; 10:15-20)

As in chapter 2:2, the Spirit of Jehovah comes upon Ezekiel and throws him into prophetic ecstasy.

Ezekiel 11:5 - *And the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the Lord; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.*

The name Ezekiel means, "God will strengthen." Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, was a priest

of the family of Zadok, and one of the captives carried away by Nebuchadnezzar. He settled at Tel Abid on the river Chebar (a canal in Babyloia; Ezekiel 1:3), which is now K Harbor. It was the land of the Chaldeans. This was the site of Ezekiel's visions and Jewish captivities (Ezekiel 10:15-20). He prophesied during a period of 22 years, from 592 to 570 B.C.

Before the fall of Jerusalem in 586, he was primarily a preacher of repentance and judgment (Chapters 1-24). He brought constant warnings to a rebellious people into idolatry and susceptible to a pagan environment. He warned them constantly.

Important points of his religious teaching are: God does not hold us responsible for our father's sins; and we are not under a destiny forged by our own past.

Thoughts as well as words, were laid bare before him, as they were to his Lord (Hebrews 4:12). <sup>1</sup> DANIEL (Daniel 1:1-10; 19,20; 4:8,9; 5:11; 9:23)

Daniel, was of unknown parentage, but appears to be of a royal bloodline (Daniel 1:3); was taken captive into Babylon and given the name of Belteshazzar (Daniel 1:6,7); and is the author and chief actor in the events recorded in the book of Daniel. Jesus, Himself, declared Daniel a prophet when He said, as...*spoken of by Daniel the prophet...* in Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14.

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1- Pulpit Commentary, Ezekiel, p. 170.