Lesson 1 Can God Be Trusted – Answers

1. How does God demonstrate that He can be trusted?

Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **declaring** the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are **not** yet.

2. In the story of King Nebuchadnezzar, how did God reveal His trustworthiness?

Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had <u>dreams</u>; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him.

3. What was Nebuchadnezzar's reaction when his counselors could not interpret his dream?

The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, "There is not a man on earth who can tell the king's matter."

For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to **destroy** all the wise men of Babylon.

4. What did Daniel do?

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might seek **mercies** from the God of heaven concerning this **secret**.

Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a **night vision**.

5. How did Daniel describe the king's dream?

You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image!

6. What were the elements that made up the image?

This image's head was of fine **gold**, its chest and arms of **silver**, its belly and thighs of **bronze**, its legs of **iron**, its feet partly of **iron** and partly of **clay**.

7. What happened to this great image?

You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which <u>struck</u> the image on its <u>feet</u> of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. . .And the stone that struck the image became a great <u>mountain</u> and <u>filled</u> the whole earth.

8. What does the head of gold represent?

you are this head of gold.

9. What did Daniel predict would happen to Babylon?

But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours.

10. What metal was used to represent the third kingdom, the nation that would take over from Medo-Persia?

A third kingdom of **bronze**, which shall rule over all the earth

11. What metal was used to represent the fourth kingdom?

And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron.

12. How was the breakup of the Roman Empire described in this prophecy?

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be **divided**; . . . so the kingdom shall be partly **strong** and partly **fragile**.

13. Could a secular Roman Empire ever exist again?

As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will **mingle** with the seed of men; but they will not **adhere** to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

14. Who will set up history's final kingdom?

And in the days of these kings the **God** of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall **never** be destroyed;

15. What will happen to earthly kingdoms when God sets up His kingdom?

It shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms.

16. What did Nebuchadnezzar say about Daniel's God when he realized that Daniel could reveal the meaning of his dream?

Truly your God is the **God** of gods, the **Lord** of kings, and a **revealer** of secrets.