PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO CBC DISCIPLESHIP

EXPECTATIONS

EXPERIENCE WITH DANIEL

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION

AUTHOR

DATE

CONTEXT

PURPOSE

AUTHOR

Daniel is named as the author in 1:6 of the book which bears his name

A captive of Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon (605 BC)

Brought into Nebuchadnezzar’s court for reasons listed in verse 4 of chapter 1

Renamed Belteshazzar (1:7)

Devoted to the Lord (as seen throughout the narrative portions of the book)

DATE

Increasingly scholars desire to make Daniel’s prophecy a pseudopigraphal work from the Maccabean era c. 150 BC.
These types of writings attribute works to authors that are of notoriety in the history of Israel; however the reason they will not accept an earlier dating is the lack of notoriety the name of Daniel bears in Israelite history. You can’t have it both ways. The real reason they choose not to accept the earlier dating of Daniel’s prophecy 620-540BC is their bias against the supernatural. They simply do not want to accept that God, can through a man, speak of events that will come to be over the course of time.

- The book covers a span of about 70 years 605-530 BC, the third year of Cyrus’s reign. The book probably was completed in the last decade of Daniel’s life.

**CONTEXT**

- See following timeline chart (handouts) for discussion of theological context for Daniel’s prophecy.

**TIMELINE**

- **TIMELINE: EPHRAIM’S CAPTIVITY**
- **TIMELINE: DANIEL’S DATE**
- **TIMELINE: JUDAH’S CAPTIVITY**

**PURPOSE**

- The purpose of the book of Daniel is to show how God is the sovereign God of Israel, even when they are in captivity and seemingly rejected by God. Daniel shows that not only is God in control of world events, but He is sovereign over the restoration of the disobedient nation.

**Homework (dom. dom. dom! )**

- Read Daniel 1:1-2:30 twice
- Review your notes (I’m not “saying” we’ll have a quiz next week...)
