

CHAPTER 19

TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUPS

Dear teacher or Pastor:

There is more than ample material to cover a 3 month schedule using the following guide:

Lesson 1 - Chapter 1	A Monarchy is Born
Lesson 2 - Chapter 2	Daniel Overcomes Culture Shock
Lesson 3 - Chapter 3	From Visions to History: The Prophecies of Daniel
Lesson 4 - Chapter 4	The World's Most Accurate History Book
Lesson 5 - Chapter 5	Wow, What Powerful Prayers from Persia!
Lesson 6 - Chapter 6	How Did Five Persian Kings Get in Our Bible?
Lesson 7 - Chapter 7	Queen Esther, Persian or Jewish?
Lesson 8 - Chapter 8	Persian Kings Send Ezra and Nehemiah to Jerusalem
Lesson 9 - Chapter 9	Why Is Elam So Significant?
Lesson 10 - Chapter 10	Far Reaching Effects of Pentecost: Persian Missionaries to Asia
Lesson 11 - Chapter 11	Strategic Role of Persia in Future Prophecy
Lesson 12 - Chapter 12	Understanding Bible Customs through Persian Culture
Lesson 13 - Chapter 13	A Persian Prospective on Christmas

If you think the material does not cover enough for any lesson, you can substitute from the teachings in the supplementary chapters. Feel free to substitute one of the supplementary chapters for one of the chapters listed above as you show the class how God has worked in the past and how He is working in the present among the Persians. Notice that in chapter 5, I have suggested a radical lesson plan with most of the lesson being devoted to prayer for the Persian world.

For small group leaders there is a variety of different subjects to discuss. I suggest using at least half of the material from chapters 1-13, which have the biblical content. Several of your lesson-group discussions can be applied to what is happening among Iranians today using the three other chapters. Be sure to use the Personal Application and Dig Deeper sections.

Please note that the Bible translation usually used when verses are quoted in this booklet is the Standard Persian translation. Be sure also to use some of the Farsi translations in modern Persia.

My prayer is that you and your students will rejoice as you gain a deeper understanding of God's work through the Persian people as revealed in Scripture. What's more I hope that you will be encouraged to pray with passion for what God will do in the future for you, for Iran and the Iranian people worldwide.

