

**IN SOVEREIGN HANDS**

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 1

**"IF GOD IS AGAINST US, WHO CAN BE FOR US?"**

**Introduction to the Book of Daniel**

(Daniel 1:1-2)

**INTRODUCTION:**

"How can we sing the LORD'S song in a foreign land?"

—Psalm 137:4

**• BACKGROUND:**

- Daniel, sometimes referred to as the "\_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament," provides us with a majestic sweep of prophetic history. The Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and every other earthly kingdom will come and go, but God will preserve a \_\_\_\_\_ in every generation, and will ultimately establish an everlasting \_\_\_\_\_.
- The content is arranged \_\_\_\_\_, and not \_\_\_\_\_. Chapters 1-6 present Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_. Chapters 7-12 present Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_.

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL (v. 1)**

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it."

1B. It was a time of great \_\_\_\_\_.

2B. It was a time of great \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They lost their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They lost their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They lost their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They lost their \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL (v. 2)

### • Three Larger Truths in Daniel:

"There is a God in heaven..." —Daniel 2:28

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ above it all.

"...the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomsoever He will..."

—Daniel 4:17, 25, 32

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ through it all.

"...but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."

—Daniel 11:32b

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ over it all.

"His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.."

—Daniel 7:27

### • The Immediate Truth in this Text:

"The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand..."

—Daniel 1:2

• God is not only \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, but also \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_.

1B. \_\_\_\_\_ brings \_\_\_\_\_.

"Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Because you have not obeyed My words, behold,... I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants ...'"

—Jeremiah 25:7

"Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, 'Hear the word of the LORD of hosts, "Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left," says the LORD..."

—Isaiah 39:5-7

2B. \_\_\_\_\_ brings \_\_\_\_\_.

"Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel,..."

—Daniel 9:20

### CONCLUSION: