

# First Baptist Church – Odessa

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## “Taken”

### “Behind Enemy Lines” – Pt. 1

Daniel 1:1-7 & Selected

### Truths to Remember when Living Behind Enemy Lines...

#### I. I must embrace the total sovereignty of God!

*“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.” Daniel 1:1-2*

605 BC Jerusalem besieged by Nebuchadnezzar; Daniel and his 3 friends taken *Behind Enemy Lines* into Babylon.

602 BC Daniel and his 3 friends complete their 3 year training *Behind Enemy Lines*; Daniel explains Nebuchadnezzar’s dream.

597 BC Babylonians attack Jerusalem again.

586 BC Jerusalem and the temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar.

539 BC Belshazzar’s feast and the handwriting on the wall.

537 BC About 50,000 Jews return, led by Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest. Daniel has his prophetic vision about the end times.

## **II. I must practice civil disobedience as directed by God!**

See Vs. 3-5

*“But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank.” Daniel 1:8a*

## **III. I must deploy prayer as my greatest weapon with God!**

*“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.” Daniel 6:10*

*“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” Daniel 9:3*

*“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”*

Ephesians 6:12

*“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16b NLT*

## **IV. I must believe in the timeless supremacy of God!**

*“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness and the light dwells with Him.” Daniel 2:19-22*

*“Therefore, God has highly exalted Him [Jesus] and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philipians 2:9-11*