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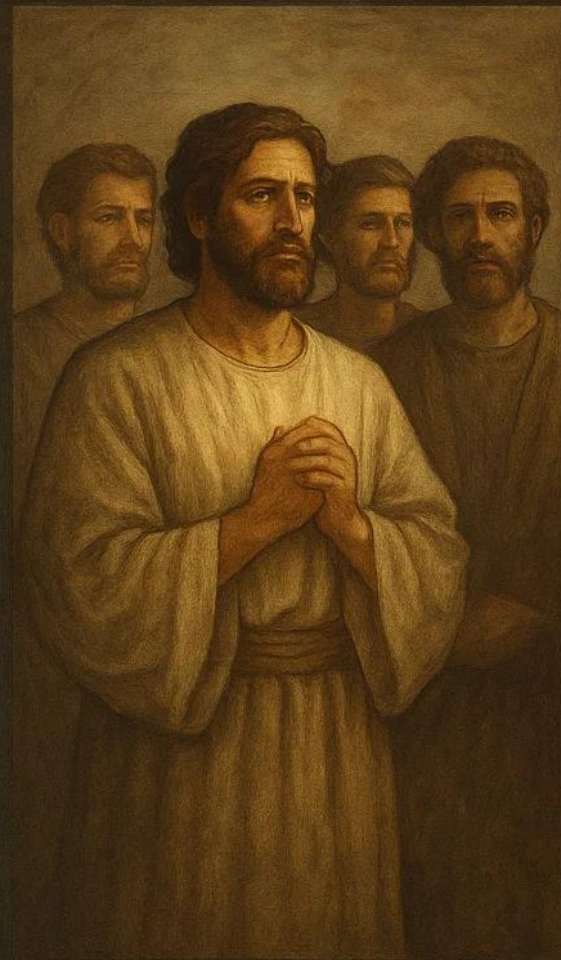
THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Kos 1990s

- I first came to Liverpool and Frontline Church 34 years ago AS a student.
- I think my dress sense has improved since then.
- Maybe you CAN argue that fashion has in general too.



THE BOOK OF DANIEL



FAITH • COURAGE

HOPE

What is Babylon?



Daniel 1: 1-2

- **1** In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. **2** And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia^[a] and put in the treasure house of his god.

Babylon is the World



How do we live in Babylon in 2026

1. Building Gods Kingdom by being **Faithful**
2. Building Gods Kingdom by being **Spirit-Led**
3. Building Gods Kingdom by realising **GOD is Still Sovereign**

Point 1: Building God's Kingdom in Babylon by being Faithful

- **Don't lose your Christian Identity**
- **Don't Compromise**
- **Remember Who you are and Whom's you are**

Point 1: Building Gods Kingdom in Babylon by being Faithful

- Don't lose your Christian identity
- ⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way



Daniel 1:6-7

Person	Hebrew Name	Meaning (Hebrew)	Babylonian Name	Meaning (Babylonian)
Daniel	Daniel	"God is my judge" <small>GotQuestions.org</small>	Beltshazzar	"Bel protects his life" (Bel = Marduk) <small>GotQuestions.org</small>
Hananiah	Hananiah	"Yahweh has been gracious" <small>truthstodiefor.com</small>	Shadrach	Linked to Aku , the Babylonian moon god <small>VerseNotes</small>
Mishael	Mishael	"Who is what God is?" (a rhetorical declaration of God's uniqueness) <small>truthstodiefor.com</small>	Meshach	Also associated with Aku/Sin , the moon god <small>VerseNotes</small>
Azariah	Azariah	"Yahweh has helped" <small>truthstodiefor.com</small>	Abednego	"Servant of Nebo" (Nebo = Nabu, god of wisdom) <small>GotQuestions.org</small>



Point 1: Building Gods Kingdom in Babylon by being Faithful

**We might be living in Babylon, but
Babylon does not have to live in us.**

Building Gods Kingdom by being Spirit Led

- “ The person of
the Holy Spirit is
everywhere
orchestrating
everything”
- Alain Emerson: Frontline
conference 2026



Building Gods Kingdom by being Spirit Led

- **Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and Promptings of the Holy Spirit**

Recognising that your skills and abilities are given by God through Holy Spirit

Read the Bible and allow it to read you


Building Gods Kingdom in Babylon by realising God is **Still** sovereign.

1. Sovereignty reframes Babylon
2. Sovereignty is an anchor for your faith in Babylon

Gods Sovereignty is an anchor in Babylon because...

- God is in control even when circumstances look chaotic
- God's purposes continue even in exile
- God places people in specific times and places for a reason
- God's kingdom outlasts every earthly empire





JESUS OUR ANCHOR



KING'S COURT +
belong. believe. become.

A question for us to consider in the coming week

Where in your life right now do you most need to remember that God—not Babylon—is sovereign?