



Thriving As Exiles

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**The Powers that Be:
2 Warring Kings & A Gift
Giving God**



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**Winner takes All:
1 Victorious King & Power
Solidified (v. 3-5)**

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**“When in Babylon”:
4 Hebrew Teens & their New
Names (v. 6-7)**



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Decision Time: 1 Determined Youth & His Resolution (v. 8)

1. What's so bad about the food?



Decision Time: A Resolved Youth & His Firm Stance (v. 8)

1. What's so bad about the food?

implies devotion & assimilation

2. Why does Daniel care?

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**Tactful Disobedience:
A Gift-giving God & 4 Creative
Youths (v. 8-14)**

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How is our world unlike Daniel's World?

- **We are no longer under dietary restrictions of the Mosaic law.**



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How is our world similar to Daniel's World?

- 1. We are exiles awaiting deliverance (1 Pt 1:1, 17; 2:11; Phil 3:20).**
- 2. We serve the same sovereign God (Mal. 3:6; James 1:17).**
- 3. Our culture has virtually no expectations of morality (1 Pt. 4:3-4).**
- 4. Engaging in certain activities would demonstrate sinful devotion and assimilation (1 John 2:15-17).**

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“So how can we possibly thrive as exiles?”

1. If you want to thrive in exile you must hate sin.



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“So how can we possibly thrive as exiles?”

- 1. If you want to thrive in exile you must hate sin.**
- 2. If you want to thrive in exile you must help sinful people.**

**Believer, because God is sovereign,
you can thrive in exile by hating sin
and by helping sinful people.**

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