

“Excelling in Exile”

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- Jeremiah 29:7 (NLT2) And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

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- Daniel 1
 - Young men selected to be trained for royal service
 - The king assigned daily rations of food and wine
 - Daniel was determined not to defile himself with the king's food and drink
 - Tested and excelled
 - Impressed the king and found 10 times more capable than all others
- Daniel 2
 - Nebuchadnezzar has a dream
 - No one able to tell the king his dream and interpretation
 - All the wisemen to be executed
 - Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion
 - Pray that God reveal the secret
 - Daniel tells the king his dream and interpretation
 - Your God is the greatest
 - Daniel made ruler over the whole province of Babylon
- Daniel 3 – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
 - Appointed in charge of all the affairs of the province of Babylon (end of Ch. 2)
 - They refused to bow to the king's golden statue
 - Threat of the blazing furnace
 - God is able to save us
 - Even if he doesn't – we won't serve your gods or bow to your statue
 - God rescued them
 - The king's decree – there is no other God like this
 - Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego promoted to even higher positions

- Daniel 4 – the king's message to people of the world
 - Peace and prosperity to you
 - I want you to know about the signs the Most High God has performed
 - His kingdom will last forever
 - God honored because of the uncompromising courage of his faithful people
- Luke 2:52
- Luke 4:5-7
- Bringing the Kingdom of God to our culture – without compromise
- Primary areas that influence our culture
 - Church
 - Family
 - Education
 - Government
 - Media
 - Arts
 - Business
- A message and a lifestyle without compromise
- 2 Timothy 4:3
- 2 Timothy 4:1-2
- Excelling in the world's culture
- 1 Peter 2:11-12 (NLT2) 11 Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. 12 Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.
- 1 Peter 2:15 (NLT2) It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.