

Daniel: Chapter 1

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Daniel 1:1-21

The Issue at Hand

Conquest of the Heart *How?*

Renaming

Reeducation

Realignment of provision

The Issue Addressed

The Wisdom of Daniel

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Finding Common Goals

Drawing the Line

The Issue Resolved

The Favor of God

An Ally of the Chief Eunuch

Growing in Wisdom

Useful to the King

Why Study Culture?

“Given culture’s ability to orient us and reproduce itself, we must acknowledge culture itself a means of spiritual formation, a process that shapes our spirits, or “hearts” (Vanhoozer, *Everyday Theology* 31).



Why Study Culture?

Artifacts (Physical Objects)

Rituals

Stories/Myths

“Cosmological Ideology”

Beliefs about the Divine,

Humanity, Life





modern family

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u_z34VPTgg

Power of Story in Shaping Culture

Emotional Investment in the Characters

Redefinition of Love

Acceptance of Communicated Values

“The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller. The storyteller sets the vision, values, and agenda of an entire generation that is to come...”

Steve Jobs CEO of Pixar 1994



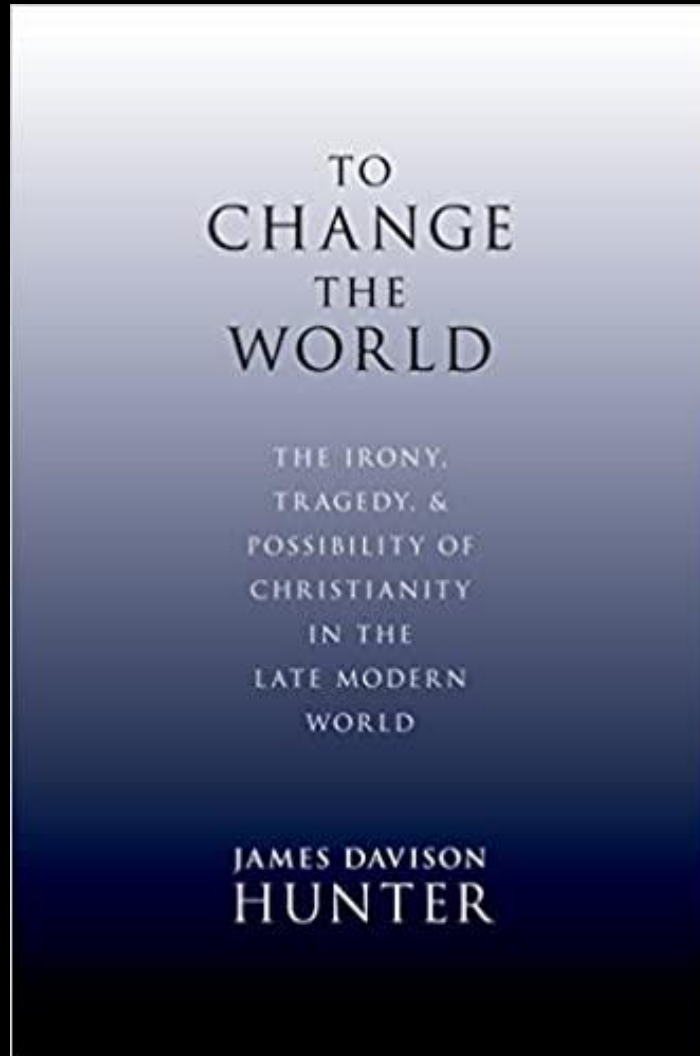
The Age of Daniel

“The third year of the reign of Jehoiakim King of Judah... until the first year of King Cyrus.”

Daniel 1:1,21

Taken from Babylon around age of 14 and lived in Babylon into his 80s.

Shaping Culture for Christ



Reach the Culture Producers
Invest in Urban Centers

Shaping Local Culture for Christ

Personal Devotion

Familial Devotion

Faith and Work

Community Involvement

Next Generation Emphasis