

DANIEL

building faithfully in broken kingdoms

PART 1

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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 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.



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3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, 4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.



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5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.



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Daniel - God is my Judge

“Beltshazzar wife of the god Bel”

Hananiah - God is gracious

Shadrach “I am very fearful of Aku [moon god]”

Mishael - Who is what God is?

Meshach “Who is like Aku?”

Azariah - God is a helper

Abednego “servant of the shining one Nebo”



18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

MATTHEW 4:18-19



BABYLON CAN CHANGE THEIR
LOCATION, LABELS, AND LINGO

BUT IT CANNOT CHANGE
WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY LOVE!



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RESOLVE

Decide firmly on a course of action

*Can you recognize the
difference between God's
kindness and worldly
compromise?*



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8 But **Daniel** resolved...

9 And **God** gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, 10 and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.”

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With joy you will
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the wells of
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ISAIAH 12:3



RESOLVE

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RECKLESS



Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Romans 13:1



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14 So **he listened to them** in this matter, and tested them for ten days. 15 At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. 16 So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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18 At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. 20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

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but their faithfulness in it.



11 Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul.

12 Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

1 Peter 2:11-12



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21 And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

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