



THERE IS POWER IN A NAME

The battlefield of the ages has been the fight for identity. What we believe shapes how we behave. When our convictions about God are correct, they keep us in alignment with His Plan and His Purpose for our lives. Our revelation about who we are protects us from **Identity Theft**.

- In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim King of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the LORD gave Jehoiakim King of Judah into his hand, with some of the Articles of the House of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the Articles into the treasure house of his god.

³Then the King instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the Children of Israel and some of the King's descendants and some of the

Nobles, ⁴young Men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the King's palace, **and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.** ⁵**And the King appointed for them a daily provision of the King's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the King.**

⁶Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego. ⁸**But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself (DANIEL 1:1-8, NKJV)**

NAME: IDENTITY, CALLING, PURPOSE, AND DESTINY

- To know someone's name was to know the essence of the person.
- Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the Man should be alone; I will make him a Helper fit for him." ¹⁹**So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the Man to see what he would call them; and whatever the Man called every living creature, that was its name. The Man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field;** but for the Man there was not found a Helper fit for him (**GENESIS 2:18-20, RSV**).
- Abram to Abraham: (Genesis 17:1-5)
- Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
- Jacob to Israel (Genesis 32:28)
- Benenoni to Benjamin (Genesis 35:18)
- Joseph to Zaphenath-paneah (Genesis 41:45 & 45:4)
- Hoshea to Joshua (Numbers 13:8 & 16)
- Simon to Peter (John 1:42)

THE DANIEL FACTOR

1. I NOT WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SAY I AM!

- Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither Angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all Creation, will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (**ROMANS 8:35-39, NIV**).

2. WHERE I AM IS NOT WHO I AM!

- We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed (**2 CORINTHIANS 4:8, NIV**).

3. I AM WHO GOD HAS CALLED ME TO BE!

- But you are a **Chosen Generation**, a **Royal Priesthood**, a **Holy Nation**, **His Own Special People**, that you may proclaim the Praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His Marvelous Light (**1PETER 2:9, NKJV**).

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