

Daniel 1

1. The Fall of Judah ([Daniel 1:1-2](#))
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar, king of _____, conquered Jerusalem ([Daniel 1:1-2](#))
 - B. Nebuchadnezzar plundered the _____ in Jerusalem. ([Daniel 1:2](#))
 - C. It is _____, not Nebuchadnezzar, who is responsible for the fall of Jerusalem. ([Daniel 1:2](#))

2. The beginning of the captivity ([Daniel 1:3-7](#))
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar orders Ashpenaz to begin training some of the Israelite young men for _____ in his administration.
 - B. The captured Israelites would receive the _____ Babylon had to offer. ([Daniel 1:5](#))
 - C. They are given new _____ to symbolize their new allegiance. ([Daniel 1:6-7](#))

Daniel - God is my _____ becomes Belteshazzar - May a god _____ the king

Hananiah - Yahweh has been _____ becomes Shadrach - a reference to the god _____

Mishael - Who is _____ God is? becomes Meshach - a reference to the god _____

Azariah - Yahweh is my _____ becomes Abednego - servant of _____

3. Staying faithful in Babylon ([Daniel 1:8-16](#))
 - A. The young men refuse to _____ themselves with the Babylonian _____. ([Daniel 1:8](#))
 - B. Daniel proposed a _____. ([Daniel 1:9-14](#))
 - C. God miraculously gave Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah _____. ([Daniel 1:15-16](#))

3. Their faithfulness to God is rewarded ([Daniel 1:17-21](#))
 - A. God gave the four young men _____ and _____ ([Daniel 1:17](#))
 - B. They are presented to _____ ([Daniel 1:18-20](#))

4. Daniel's length of service ([Daniel 1:21](#))

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to recognize that God—not Nebuchadnezzar—was ultimately responsible for the fall of Jerusalem?
2. How does the renaming of Daniel and his friends attempt to reshape their identity and allegiance?
3. In what ways does our culture today try to redefine identity or shift allegiance away from God?
4. Why do you think Daniel and his friends did not resist everything about Babylonian assimilation, but drew the line at the food?
5. What principles can we learn from how they chose where to draw that line?
6. What are some modern-day situations where it's difficult to discern where to "draw the line" as a believer?
7. Daniel lived faithfully in a pagan culture without isolating himself from it. What does that balance look like for us today?