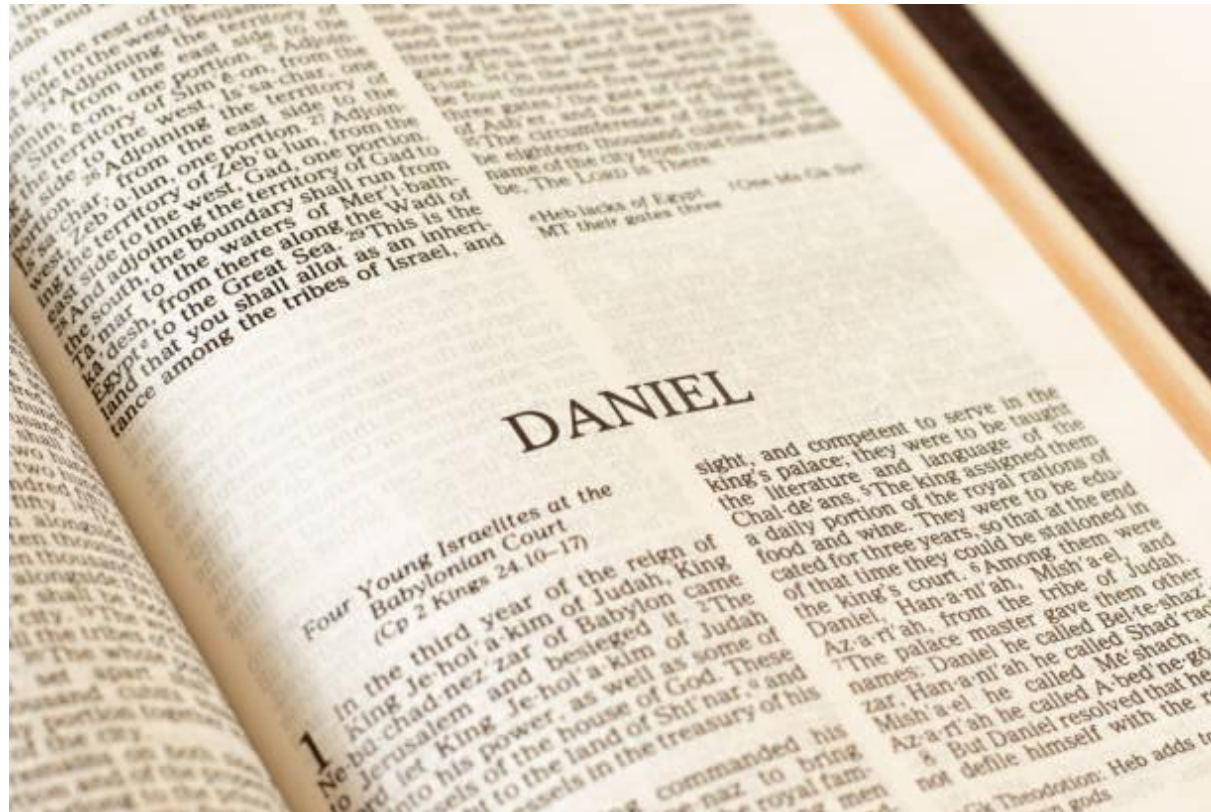


Daniel Chapter 1



Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself

Daniel 1 - Overview

- In 605 BC a Jewish teenage boy named Daniel was taken captive in Babylon. He changed history by his unwavering faith and unshakable convictions in God which he would not compromise.
- Daniel was Fearless, Bold and Courageous, even before Kings
- **The overall theme is that God is in control of all human history.**
- The book of Daniel is a spiritual treasure of the Bible that every human should be grateful to have a chance to learn. It's been read and believed by men like King Cyrus, Alexander the Great & Isaac Newton.
- For anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear, God will prove to even the most critical skeptic, that the Bible is the Word of God, because only God can foretell the future with precise accuracy.
- Most importantly, Daniel predicts the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (to the year), and describes the times before the end of the Age, the rise of the Antichrist and the return of Jesus Christ.
- **Be encouraged to aspire to be like Daniel. Don't just read it, LIVE IT!**

Daniel 1: 1-2

Nebuchadnezzar conquers Jerusalem

- ¹In 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 **articles of the house of God**,
- which he carried into the land of **Shinar (Babylon)** to the house of his **god**; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

605 BC – Neb.
Conquered Egypt,
then Israel & began
its Empire.

God was in Control.
Major theme of Daniel
Babylon was God's Agent of
judgement – sins of Idolatry &
Sabbath disobedience

Solomon's Temple
Treasures were
brought to Babylon

Other Scripture References

Jeremiah 46:2

“Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah, king of Judah:”

2 Kings 24:14-16

¹⁴ Also **he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives,** and all the craftsmen and smiths....¹⁵ **And he carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon.**

Isaiah 39:7

⁷ **‘And they shall take away some of your sons** who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the **palace of the king of Babylon.’ ”**

Temple Vessels Taken – Mentioned Later in Daniel 5:2-5



Daniel 5:2-5

² While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver **vessels** which his father Nebuchadnezzar had **taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem...**

⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

⁵ In the same hour the **fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall...**

Daniel 1: 3-4

Babylon's system of indoctrination

- ³ Then 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,
- ⁴ **young 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.

Daniel may have been a young teenage Prince from a royal line.

Neb. was wise.
He Took the best & brightest future leaders of Israel.

Daniel 1: 3-4

Babylon's system of indoctrination

- 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.
- ⁶ Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.
- ⁷ To 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**.

Special honor to eat & drink from the King's food

3 Years of Training to indoctrinate them to Babylonian culture.

Satan's strategy today is the same – entice us with material things to change our values & allegiance

Daniel 1: 8

Daniel Takes a Stand!

- 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.

Courage &
Conviction to
Defy the King

The Cost of
Discipleship
Daniel "Denies
himself" the
pleasures of the
world &
opportunity for
advancement

Daniel 1: 3-4

Purposed in His Heart

- Daniel made up his mind beforehand
- He would not compromise
- He was polite & tactful
- He was bold
- He knew this could cost him his life

Daniel 1: 3-4

Why Did Daniel think this would Defile Himself

- It's interesting that Daniel does not refuse the training of the king or the use of a new name, but he draws the line at eating the king's food.
- It may have been offered as a sacrifice to idols or false gods.
- Some of it may have been forbidden by Old Testament laws (pork, horse or meat that was bloody - Leviticus 11 or 17:10-14)
- Eating the king's food is to commit oneself to a relationship (Gen 31:54, Ex.24:11, Neh. 8:9-12).
- Interesting that the root of sin in Genesis 3 goes back to eating forbidden food.

Daniel 1: 3-4

Not Defile Himself

- This request to eat the best food and have the best wine does not seem that bad on the surface
- It was ordered by the government
- The purpose of the food was for their health
- It's insulting to deny food offered by a host
- Not many others felt this was a problem (3)...all the other Jewish boys obeyed the Gov't

Daniel 1: 3-4

Questions for You

- What things are being demanded of you in the world today that would cause you to **DEFILE** yourself?
- It's easy for us to see Daniel's wisdom with hindsight, but if you were alive then, would you have joined him?
- Or would you have considered him a radical troublemaker, disobeying and not trusting the King and unnecessarily bringing persecution to himself over a minor matter?

What Would Daniel Do?

In Modern Babylon Today

- **Sexual Identity** - If he had to deny “God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; MALE and FEMALE.” Genesis 1:27
- **Abortion** - If he had to agree to support the murder of babies?
- **Salvation** - If he had to deny that the God of the Bible is the one true God and the only way to eternal life?
- **Wokeness** - If he was asked to repent for being racist white supremacist?
- **Mark of the Beast** - If he was asked to pledge allegiance to a Satanic god through receiving a mark?

What Would Daniel Do?

If the King told him to take a inject a medical procedure that included the following ingredients?

1. ABORTED BABY FETUSES

2. ANIMAL DNA (chimeras)

3. DNA changing technology

4. Poisonous Substances that cause harm/kill (i.e. Graphene Oxide)



Daniel 1: 9-10

Daniel Takes a Stand!

- ⁹ Now **God had brought Daniel into the favor** and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.
- ¹⁰ And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “**I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink.**
- For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age?
- Then **you would endanger my head** before the king.”

**God rewards
Daniel's
Courage &
Faithfulness
by working in
the hearts of
his captors!**

Daniel 1: 11-14

Daniel Takes a Stand!

- ¹¹ So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,
- ¹² “**Please test your servants for ten days**, and let them **give us vegetables to eat** and water to drink.
- ¹³ **Then let our appearance be examined** before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.”
- ¹⁴ **So he consented with them** in this matter, and tested them ten days.

Daniel is bold & tactful – asking to be tested is a disarming & enticing proposal

While Daniel made up his mind already, he offers a solution using logic

God’s hand was in this

Daniel 1: 15-17

Daniel Takes a Stand!

- ¹⁵ And at the **end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men** who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.
- ¹⁶ Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.
- ¹⁷ As for these four young men, **God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.**

God at Work –
there is no
biological reason
why their diet
would make
them better and
fatter.

God rewards
Daniel with
miraculous gifts
of knowledge,
wisdom & visions

Daniel 1: 15-17

Daniel Takes a Stand!

- ¹⁸ Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
- ¹⁹ Then the **king interviewed them**, and among them all **none was found like Daniel**, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.
- ²⁰ And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding about which the king examined them, **he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who were in all his realm.**
- ²¹ Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel is not only the best of the king's wisemen, he is 10 times better!!

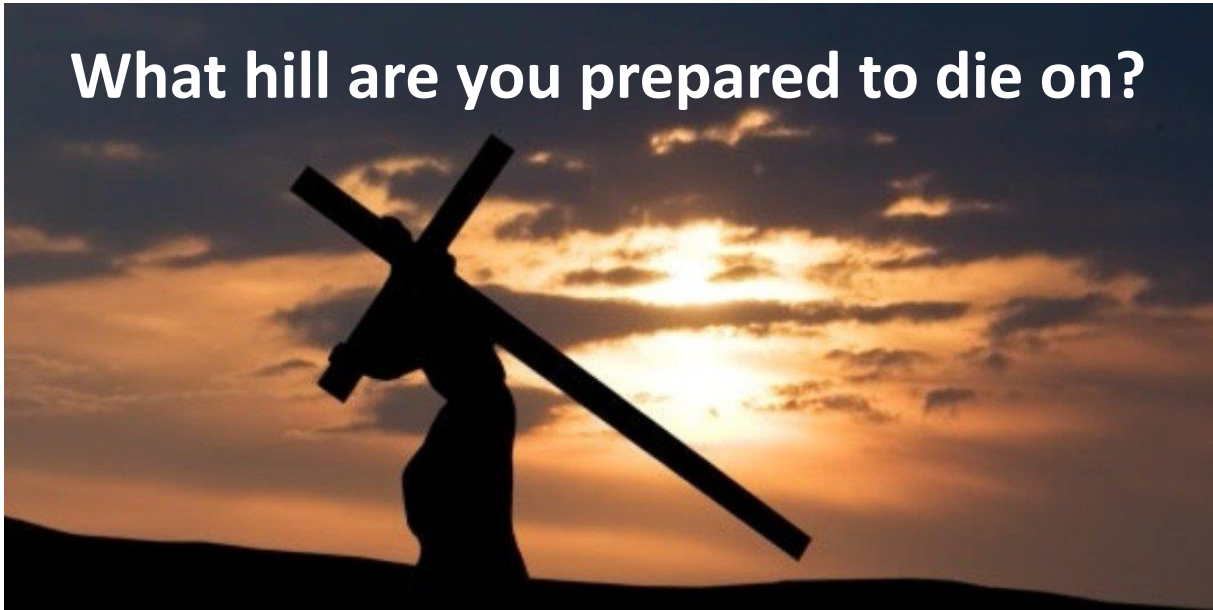
Summary


- Daniel “Purposed in his Heart” to love, serve and honour God, at ANY COST – with his whole heart.
- Everything else was non-negotiable
- What are your non-negotiables?
 - Once you decide, then you will receive Faith, Power and Freedom.
- Daniel was a man of great prayer – Later we’ll see Daniel boldly defy the king again which got him thrown into the lions den.
- Daniel and his friends show us that inner conviction can overcome *any* outer pressure, and that God-honoring convictions yield God-given rewards.

Jesus Christ said :

- ³⁴“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- ³⁵ **For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.** ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (Mark 8:34-36)

What hill are you prepared to die on?





**If a man has not discovered
something that he will die for, he
isn't fit to live.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What are your convictions that you would die for?**
2. Daniel demonstrates it is possible to live in Babylon and yet not submit to its anti-god, sinful influences. How can we use these lessons to live today?
3. What are ways we can get the courage to stand firm in times like Daniel was in? (stay in the Word, pray, sing)
4. Do you believe and trust in God when He says
“Rejoice in sufferings...for it produces perseverance, character and hope...and you, a servant are not greater than your Master...if they hated Him, they will hate you...but blessed are the persecuted, for they will see the Kingdom of God”



Evidence to Consider

1. ABORTED BABY FETUSES

“Vatican permits use of COVID-19 vaccines made using aborted fetal tissue”

<https://mycatholicdoctor.com/our-services/vaccines/>

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/johnson-johnson-vaccine-rekindles-religious-dilemma-morality-fetal/story?id=76204922>

Temple is the body: Baal & Molech required child sacrifices:
Abortion is a child sacrifice: This is an abomination to God.

2. ANIMAL DNA (chimeras)

<https://www.modernatx.com/sites/default/files/US10703789.pdf>

Page 4 of Moderna Patent link above - “Combinatorial recombination of gene fragments to construct a library of **chimeras** ,”

<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/chinas-human-animal-chimeras-for-vaccine-development/>

3. DNA ALTERING

Bayer President: Video – Admits mRNA Vaccines are Gene Therapy - Nov. 2021

<https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/vaccine/bayer-president-the-mrna-vaccines-are-gene-therapy/>

Medical Journal: Feb. 2022

[file:///C:/Users/d.mckinnon/Downloads/cimb-44-00073%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/d.mckinnon/Downloads/cimb-44-00073%20(2).pdf)

4. GRAPHENE OXIDE

Austrian Dr. Proves Graphene Oxide –Nov/21 Murdered Hours after Publishing Findings

<https://www.brighteon.com/d8896279-e2ca-45ea-9a70-080ffdd00bbc>

Spanish Doctor Finds Graphene Oxide – Jan 2022:

<https://rumble.com/vsj315-exclusive-la-quinta-columna-1-on-1-spanish-researcher-first-to-reveal-graph.html>

University Technical Report – Finds Graphene Oxide

https://carterheavyindustries.files.wordpress.com/2021/07/dr-campra_detects_graphene_in_covid19_vaccines.-notonthebeeb.co_uk_.pdf

What Would Daniel Do?