

DANIEL'S COMING TO BABYLON (Daniel 1)

I. The Context For The Book of Daniel

II. The Personal History of Daniel (Daniel 1)

A Daniel's Deportation (1:1-7)

1. With Judah ripe for judgment, the Lord _____ gave Judah into the _____ of Nebuchadnezzar (1:2a)

2. Nebuchadnezzar's aim was to _____/_____ these brilliant young men for _____ in his own Chaldean Kingdom (1:3-7)

- What were the *qualifications* needed for service in Nebuchadnezzar's administration?

3. Nebuchadnezzar had Ashpenaz provide for them _____ (delicacies) from his own pantry during the 3 years of indoctrination.

4. Also new _____ were given to Daniel & his friends to help _____ with their past associations.

- Why was this important?

B. Daniel's Devotion to the Living God (1:8-16)

1. Daniel _____ in his heart not to _____ himself with the Chaldean food that had been provided.

- What does it mean that he "*purposed in his heart*"?
- Why did he think this way?

- What did all this indicate about Daniel?
- Why did he think that eating the king's food & drinking his wine would defile him?

2. The requested test granted by Ashpenaz was because of the _____ of Daniel & the _____ of God on Daniels behalf.

- Why did the chief of the eunuchs allow the test?

3. The *results* of the test _____ these Hebrew captives (1:15-16) How was that?

- After ten days, they appeared _____ than those who ate the kings delicacies (1:15)
- God honored their willingness to take a _____ for the principles of His word (1:16)

C. Daniel's Appointment In Babylon (1:17-21)

1. Because of their _____, God honored them in Babylon. (1:17)

- God gave them insightful _____ & _____ in their learning. (1:17a)
- And God gave Daniel insight in _____ (1:17b)

2. At the end of 3 years Nebuchadnezzar found them _____ wiser than all other wise men in his kingdom & he _____ them above others in his realm. (1:18-20)

3. While Nebuchadnezzar & the Babylonian Empire passed into history, Daniel continued to serve in an influential _____ while in captivity for _____ years.

* What does all this mean to you?