

Daniel Chapter 1

Homework for March 10, 2014

DAY ONE As we begin our study of Daniel, some serious things are going on in the Promised Land. For 800 years, since Joshua had led the people into the land, the children of Israel had lived in the land and enjoyed the blessings of God. God had promised them peace and prosperity if they would obey Him. Since the death of Solomon, the Kingdom had been divided with the northern kingdom Israel far from God, and the southern kingdom Judah continually ruled by descendants of David, but fluctuating from faithfulness to idolatry.

To get some perspective on what is happening, read Deuteronomy 28 where through Moses God had warned the children of Israel of the consequences of disobedience. In 722 B.C. the northern kingdom fell to Assyria. For review, read through 2 Kings 17. In 586 B.C. Judah will also fall to invaders from Babylon. For review, read through 2 Kings 24—25.

DAY TWO Now turn to the first chapter of Daniel and read **verses 1—7**.

What is happening? _____

Who is king of Babylon? _____

As Jerusalem fell, what was taken back to Babylon? _____

What was done with treasures from the Temple? _____

Who was taken prisoner to Babylon? 1. _____

2. _____ and 3. _____

What qualities did they exhibit? 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

6. _____

Why were they taken? _____

What skills were they to be taught? _____ and _____

of the Chaldeans (Babylonians). How long would this take? _____

How were they to be cared for? _____

What four sons of Judah are named and what new names were they given?

_____ who was renamed _____

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DAY THREE Continue with **verses 8—20**.

What did Daniel think would define him? _____ and _____

What action did he take? _____

What was the objection to Daniel's plan? _____

Who was next approached by Daniel? _____

Why was Daniel's approach successful? _____

What menu did Daniel request? _____

How long was the test period to be? _____

What was the outcome of Daniel's diet? _____

How were the four young men blessed by God? _____

What was Daniel's special blessing? _____

DAY FOUR Verses 18—21. An audience with the King.

Who was brought before King Nebuchadnezzar? _____

Who stood out in the crowd? _____

What was the outcome? _____

Who else served in the king's court? _____

How well did the four from Judah serve? _____

So Daniel would serve the king all the days of _____.

Babylon would eventually fall to the Medes and the Persians. Who would be king over Daniel then? _____

There had been a prophecy about him 400 years earlier through Isaiah. What is learned from Isa. 44:28? _____

DAY FIVE There are some application questions for us to consider. Write brief answers.

1. God maintains a faithful remnant of His people throughout history. List some people whom you think of as the “faithful remnant” of Christianity in our world.

2. Daniel and his friends had to balance which parts of the Babylonian culture that they could live with against what parts they should stand against. How do you find that balance in your own culture?

3. Describe a time when you or someone you know has had to stand against the system as Daniel and his friends did in regard to the king's food.

4. What do you think enables a person to hear God's voice rather than all the voices around him?

5. Name some of the challenges in confronting authorities without being unkind or angry.

6. In today's world what do you think is our most effective way to protest legislation that is contradictory to God's Word?

7. How would you describe the traits that differentiate a “conformer” (someone who adjusts to the culture around him) from a “transformer” (someone who changes the world around him)?