

DANIEL: PILGRIM OF THE EXILE

Part 1: Purity, Prudence, and Prestige (Daniel 1)

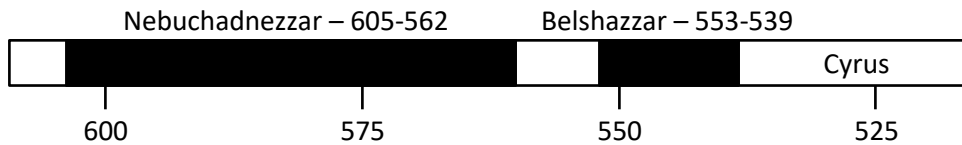
Message of the Book

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Key Verse

Daniel 4:35 – “And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?”

Daniel’s Life in Babylon



I. Daniel and his friends committed themselves to _____ (1-8).

- Date: 3rd year of Jehoiakim (1) – 605 B.C.
- “Shinar” (2) – Another name for _____
- “His god” (2) – _____ or Marduk
- “Children” (4) – Youths, _____ years old
- Qualifications for leadership in the Chaldean court (4)
 1. Physical – _____, free from defects
 2. Mental – Smart and _____
 3. Social – Poised and _____
- A key part of the “brainwashing” process was a _____ change, a sign of new ownership and destiny (7).

Daniel – God (El/Elohim) is my _____

Beltshazzar – Bel _____ the king

Hananiah – Yahweh has been _____

Shadrach – _____ of Aku

Mishael – Who is _____ God (Elohim)?

Meshach – Who is what _____ is?

Azariah – Yahweh has _____

Abednego – _____ of Nego (god of vegetation)

- Key passages for Daniel and his friends: Exodus 34:14-15; Leviticus 11
- Parallel examples of commitment to purity
 - _____ – Hebrews 11:24-26
 - _____ – Hebrews 7:26
- God’s command for New Testament believers: 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

II. God granted prudence and prestige to Daniel and his friends (9-21).

- “Favour” (9) - _____
- “Tender love” (9) – Compassion
- “Worse liking” (10) – More haggard
- “Endanger” (10) – _____
- “Prove” (12) – Test
- “Pulse” (12) – Fresh _____, wheat, or barley
- “Our countenances” (13) – Our entire _____
- “Fairer and fatter in flesh” (15) – Better and healthier
- “Skill” (17) – _____
- “Learning” (17) – Writing, literature
- “Communed with” (19) – Talked with, _____
- “Stood they before the king” (19) – They entered the king’s personal _____
- “Astrologers” (20) – Conjurers
- “The first year of king Cyrus” (21) – 539 BC
- Examples of dishonor from God as a result of disobedience
 - _____ and his sons – 2 Samuel 2:30
 - _____ trust in Syria – 2 Chronicles 16:9

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