



## Daniel: Prophet of the End

### Lesson 2: From Jerusalem to Babylon

Memory Text: Daniel 1:17

1. Why does God give Judah and Jerusalem into the hands of the Babylonians? (2 Kings 21:10-16; 2 Kings 24: 18-20; Jeremiah 3:13): \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What are the challenges to your faith from outside sources, within the church, or our own personal defects of character? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How can you learn to lean on the power of God to help you overcome whatever is before you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What pressures are put on the young men from Daniel 1 to conform to this foreign land, culture, and religion? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. *In what ways* could these boys have rationalized a decision to compromise their convictions, and how do you face similar, if subtler, challenges? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What important principle exists in the two factors at work in our lives, free will and the intervention of God? (See Daniel 1:7-20) \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is so important about Daniel's free choice in Ch.1 v. 9 that opens the way for God to act as He does? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What lessons can we draw from this about the importance of our choices? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. How does our trust in God impact the choices we make? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What council is found about how to stay faithful amid whatever temptations we face? (Galatians 2:19, 20; Matthew 16:24-26; and 2 Corinthians 4:17) \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Identify the various negative social and cultural influences in your life, and ask yourself: How well am I defying them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. What was the key to the success of the four men found in Daniel 1:17-21? (See also Job 38:36; Prov. 2:6; and James 1:5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. What Biblical truths might they have held on to that helped sustain their faith during this time? (See Jer. 5:19 and 7:22-34)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. What should this tell us about the importance of knowing your Bible and understanding its truths? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Although written more than 2,500 years ago, Daniel remains profoundly relevant to God's people in the 21st century. Our faithfulness is important not just for ourselves, but for those to whom we witness the character of the Creator and Messiah, whom we seek and serve.*