

LEV 25:1-7 Sabbath year
(chp 25-26)
2 chro 36:21 desolate 70 yrs

- 7 things Children need before going off to school leave home
1. where we came from (special creation) Gift from God
 2. our heritage - who God is
 3. God is a judge need to know how to trust in God
 - 4) knew how to choose friends
 - 5) How to do your best
 - 6) How to stand alone
- 2) Luke 15 - teach the way back (Prodigal)

[1 1] THE BOOK OF DANIEL. [1 14]

DANIEL, like Ezekiel, was a Jewish captive in Babylon. He was of royal or princely descent (1. 3). For his rank and comeliness he was trained for palace service. In the polluted atmosphere of an oriental court he lived a life of singular piety and usefulness. His long life extended from Nebuchadnezzar to Cyrus. He was a contemporary of Jeremiah, Ezekiel (14. 20), Joshua, the high priest of the restoration, Ezra, and Zerubbabel.

Daniel is the indispensable introduction to New Testament prophecy, the themes of which are, the apostasy of the Church, the manifestation of the man of sin, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord, the resurrections and the judgments. These, except the first, are Daniel's themes also.

But Daniel is distinctively the prophet of the "times of the Gentiles" (Lk. 21. 24, refs.). His vision sweeps the whole course of Gentile world-rule to its end in catastrophe, and to the setting up of the Messianic kingdom.

Daniel is in four broad divisions: I. Introduction. The personal history of Daniel from the conquest of Jerusalem to the second year of Nebuchadnezzar, 1. 1-21. II. The visions of Nebuchadnezzar and their results, 2. 1-4. 37. III. The personal history of Daniel under Belshazzar and Darius, 5. 1-6. 28. IV. The visions of Daniel, 7. 1-12. 13.

The events recorded in Daniel cover a period of 73 years (Ussher).

Daniel took a stand

1-6 Contemporary years
7-12 future

CHAPTER 1.

Part I. Introduction: the personal history of Daniel (vs. 1-21).

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

B.C. 607.

a 2 Ki.24.1,2;
2 Chr.36.5-7; Jer.25.1; 52.12-30.
Daniel was deported 8 years before Ezekiel.

b Dan.5.1-3;
2 Chr.36.5-7; Jer.27.19,20.

c Foretold,
2 Ki.20.18;
Isa.39.7.

d i.e. the king's leader, or attendant.
Dan.2.26;
4.8,9,18,19; 5.12. Identical in meaning with Belshazzar.

e Cf. Num.6.1-4; 1 Cor.10.21.

f Gen.39.21; Acts 7.10.

g Or, sadder.

Kosher (vegetables)

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in

Jewish identity - duty of children

Test #1 Take a stand

- boldness - Not demanding

- God orchestrated - not always adversarial Relationship building

- Really proving God formed arguments 2 Sam 17:28 Ps 104:15 bread to strengthen heart

ISA 3:7

2 King 24:1-2

Well Educated 1:174
2 King 20:18 Sons-eunuchish in the palace of king of Babylon
1 Tim 4:12 no men despise-youth
-Corrupt their world view/Retrain

3 yrs

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- Different:
- 1) associations - cliques, dating
 - Master
 - Mission
 - Mate
 - 2) actions
 - 3) attitude
 - 4) appearance
 - 5) authority
 - 6) affections

If compromise:

- No Daniel lions den
- No fiery furnace
- Reading the handwriting on the wall
- Converting of 2 Kings

- DANIEL:
- 1) Remembered what he had been taught
 - 2) Requested (vs 8) to do right
 - 3) Rewarded (vs 17)