

Daniel's Identity and Character

Daniel 1

1. Historical Setting (vv. 1-2)

At the end of the reign of Solomon, God divided the kingdom in two — Northern Kingdom — _____ . Southern Kingdom — _____

Jeroboam, the first king of the northern kingdom was a wicked man. They were warned to _____, but they didn't. Assyria invaded and the _____ of the north were never heard from again.

Judah watched all this happen. _____ and _____ were used by God to warn Judah, but they too refused to _____.

Habakkuk 1:12 says that Babylon was ordained by God _____. God raised them up and when He was done, they were gone and it was all over.

606 BC, during the reign of King Jehoiakim, Nebuchadnezzar seized Jerusalem.

Even in Judah's darkest hour, Daniel saw the _____ of God at work.

The siege by Babylon did not occur because Judah's God was weak, but it was _____ as a judgment because of the nation's sin.

The point of these early verses is that God is in _____ in the midst of the worst circumstances.

2. Introduction of Daniel and His Friends (vv. 3-7)

Criteria for hostage selection...

Daniel #2

Once selected, the young men were placed in the school of Nebuchadnezzar.

They were taught the _____, and “ _____

Once educated, the king wanted them to THINK like Babylonians. To do this, he did three things...

Daniel (God is my judge) to _____

Hananiah (Yahweh is gracious) to _____

Mishael (who is like God) to _____

Azariah (Yahweh is my helper) to _____

3. The Moral Test (vv. 8-16)

Daniel “ _____ ” not to defile himself.

There was no Jewish prohibition against learning the language or changing your name, BUT there was a definite prohibition against _____.

4. God’s Blessing on Daniel and Friends (vv. 17-21)

God gave gifts to all these young men for their faithfulness. But Daniel was given a “special gift” — _____

At the end of the 3-year training period, Daniel and his friends received _____ in the government.

Verse 21 says that God also blessed Daniel with a _____

The phrase “man greatly beloved” is used in Daniel _____.

Daniel was the champion of his people. They knew Daniel would _____.