

Daniel's Determination

Daniel 1

Daniel 1:1-2

Did God rashly abandon Judah?

- Before judgment, God warned Israel
... Ezk.18:23



I. Judah –
A Wicked Nation

King: Jehoiakim, v.1

- Jer.36.
- 'As goes king, so goes the nation'

Religion: house, v.2

- Jer.7
- Is.1, close doors

Citizens: v.3

- Most Israelites had no use for God

I. Judah – A Wicked Nation

II. Daniel –
A Righteous Servant

Ezekiel 14:20, righteous Daniel

- Lived it, Dn.6:5, 20–to end of his days
- Prayed it, Dn.6:10-11–at risk of life
- Studied it, Dn.9:2–prophets studied?

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Jehoiakim: Uriah
Jer.26:23

Jehoiakim: burial
Jer.22:19

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Babylonian exile: separation

Foreign kingdom to educate / lure him

Slave of king (not king himself)

Heady position in government

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2. Jeremiah's writings, Jer.1:2 (Dn.9)
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This world is not a friend to faith

- Pagan names replace Hebrew / God
- Babylonian school [Ac.7:22]
- Associate with secular and faithless

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III. Daniel –
Determined To Be Different

Daniel's Purpose, 8

- 'Resolved' – placed on his heart
 - Made up his mind
 - Resolved to do right
 - The heart is the

Intellect: knew truth
(Josiah, Jeremiah...)

Emotions: heart wanted to
obey God. Ac.2:37

Will: determined to do it;
personal resolve. Pr.4:23

Daniel's Purpose, 8

Daniel's Purity, 8

- Would not defile himself (period!)
- Surrounded by immorality, idolatry yet remained pure

Satan cannot conquer one who
says no and means it

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Daniel's Purity, 8

Daniel's Provisions, 8

- 'Innocent' things can lead to sin.
 - Why court trouble over food???
 - Not always a little thing: Gn.3
 - We have to eat. When in Rome...
 - Lv.11, kosher foods

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Daniel's Purity, 8

Daniel's Provisions, 8

- Daniel's food was . . .
 - Prepared by Gentiles.
 - Sacrificed to 'gods'? Ex.34:15
 - Undiluted wine?

Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise – Pr.20:1.

- Poured as libation on altars

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- Willing to learn king's language, serve...but not live like him.
2 Co.6:14-16; 1 Pt.4:3-4

**World wants to chain you.
Word wants to change you.**

Daniel's Purpose, 8

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Daniel's Politeness, 8

- Many ways to say something
- Be tactful.

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one - Col.4:6

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Daniel's Proof, 9-13

- If take a stand, expect to be tested
 - Conviction invites opposition

Took courage. Jer.39:6-7

- Conviction requires sacrifice

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Daniel's Proof, 9-13

Daniel's Progress, 14-21

Daniel's first small test (food) prepared him for larger tests.

- Where you are today is based on road you took yesterday. Gal.6
- Churches that push fun, food, frolic lower standard of conduct and ability to withstand trials. Lk.9:23

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- Daniel 1:2; 2 Chr.36:7

Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the articles from the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

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- Daniel 1:2; 2 Chr.36:7
 - The rest of the story...
 - Dn.1:15,19-20 – closed mouths

Ten days (1:15)
Ten times (1:20)

Daniel survived . . . thrived

Satisfied with being a little better...?