

## **Study of Daniel**

### **Chapter 1: In the Babylonian Court**

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In the year 605 BC, the first captives from Judah are taken to Babylon. The “best of the best” of the captives are selected for training in the Babylonian culture. That training included the teaching of the Chaldean literature and language. Also required was the eating of the king’s food and drinking the king’s wine. They were to undergo this education for three years. “Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah” are about to be tested.

1. How did Nebuchadnezzar take Jerusalem?
2. Why are the Babylonians training these men?
3. What age do you think they are?
4. Why change their names?
5. What do their new names mean (or, what are they associated with)?
6. Why do you think Daniel refused to eat the king’s food?
7. When confronted with this requirement, Daniel first “resolved that he would not defile himself”. What were the steps he took? (v8-14)
8. When confronted with this same requirement, another person may have reacted in quite a different way. What did Daniel NOT do?
9. After the appointed ten days, Daniel & friends are “better in appearance”. Was this a miracle?
10. What did God give the four youths as a result of this testing?
11. Why are we told here that Daniel was there until King Cyrus?
12. What other character of the Bible does Daniel remind you of, and why?

What are some lessons you’ve learned from Daniel 1 that you can apply to your life right now?