

Daniel - Lesson 1

"ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God"

Daniel 1

Day 1 – Read Daniel 1

Pray: Ask God by His Spirit to teach you as you begin this study of Daniel. Thank Him for his Word.

Read Again: Daniel 1:1-4

- 1) Who is the king of Judah, and how long has he been reigning?

- 2) According to Daniel 1:1, who is the king of Babylon, and what does he do?

- 3) Reflect on the first four words of Daniel 1:2, "And the Lord gave."
Who is in charge?

What is your response to this?

What does this teach us about God?

- 4) What did Nebuchadnezzar take with him from the house of God, and where did he store them?

Why is this significant? What is being communicated?

- 5) What does the king command his chief eunuch to do?

List the qualifications of the people.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

- 6) Why would the king of Babylon want to take people from the royal family and nobility out of Judah and under his roof?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 1:5-9

7) According to Daniel 1:5, what two things did Nebuchadnezzar assign for the captured people of Israel?

8) How long would they be educated, and then what would happen?

9) Daniel and three other friends were listed in this deportation. Fill out the chart with their Hebrew and Babylonian names. Do a Google search to find the meaning of those names.

Hebrew Name	Meaning	Babylonian Name	Meaning

What is significant to note about the name change and meaning?

Application: In what ways do you feel the world is seeking to give you a new identity outside of Christ?

10) According to Daniel 1:8, what did Daniel do?

Write a definition of the following words:

Resolved –

Defile –

Why do you think Daniel did this?

11) What verb is used again in Daniel 1:9?

Write a definition for the following words:

Favor –

Compassion –

**Note again who gave.*

Day 3 – Read Daniel 1:8-17

12) What fear did the chief of the eunuchs have?

What was Daniel's response to that fear?

Why was the chief of the eunuchs willing to give it a try? (Daniel 1:9)

13) What happened at the end of the 10-day test?

14) What verb is repeated for the third time in Daniel 1:17, and who does it?

What was given?

What specifically was given to Daniel?

15) Consider the repetition of this word, “gave.” How is it a gospel word?

16) **Application:** How does the knowledge that the Lord gives, that His hand is behind all events for you personally and in the world, comfort you?

Application: How does this knowledge encourage you to be faithful to Him at any cost?

Day 4 – Read Daniel 1:18-21

17) What did King Nebuchadnezzar discover about these four youths when they were brought before Him?

18) How were Daniel and his friends faithful to God?

How was God faithful to them?

19) **Application:** The book of Daniel teaches us something about Christians and culture. Read John 17:3-19. What do you learn from Jesus' high priestly prayer?

Application: In what areas of your life are you struggling with what it looks like to live in your current culture?

Application: Has there been a time when your conscience urged you to follow a particularly difficult path? Explain.

Application: Daniel engaged but set limits. Prayerfully consider:

Where might you need to engage?

Where might you need to set limits?

20) According to Daniel 1:21, how long was Daniel there?

According to Jeremiah 29:10, how long was that? What does this mean for Daniel's own personal life in exile?

21) Read Isaiah 44:24-45:7.

What do you learn about Cyrus?

What do you learn about God?

Application: As you live in a community of elect exiles, how have you experienced these aspects of God's character?

Day 5 – Read Daniel 1

22) **Application:** What glimpses of God's presence and faithfulness in exile do you see in Daniel 1?

How have you experienced the Lord's nearness and faithfulness to you amid your hard seasons in exile?

23) Read Genesis 12:3. What is God's promise to Abraham?

What counsel was given to the exiles in Babylon in Jeremiah 29:7?

How do Daniel and his three friends embody a commitment to bless the nation of Babylon and partially fulfill God's promise to Abraham?

Application: How might you do that in the coming weeks?

24) **Application:** What stands out to you in Daniel 1 about living by faith in exile?