

**DANIEL**

# HOW WE GOT HERE: OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

1. Promise of a Seed – Genesis 3:15
2. Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12, 15
  1. Seed
  2. Nation
  3. Land

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## 1. Israel in Egypt – The Exodus

- 1. Exodus 1-14

## 2. Israel at Sinai – The Covenant

- 1. Exodus 15-40, Leviticus

## 3. Israel in Wilderness – The Wanderings

- 1. Numbers

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## I. Deuteronomy

- I. 1<sup>st</sup> Sermon – Exposition of the Law
2. Purpose = Stay & Obey – Exodus 19:5-6, Deut 4:5-8
3. Obey Covenant = Blessing – Leviticus 26, Deut 27-28
4. Disobey Covenant = Judgment – Leviticus 26, Deut 27-28
  - I. \*Deut 28:36, 49

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1. Joshua – Israel Enters the Promised Land
2. Judges – Israel is Unfaithful in the Promised Land
  1. Does not drive out pagan nations
  2. Worship of God is mixed with pagan religion
  3. “Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

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## OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

- I. I & 2 Samuel – A King in Israel
  - I. Israel Rejects God as King
  2. Israel Elects Saul as King
  3. God Appoints David as King
    - I. Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7

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## OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

- I. I & 2 Kings – A Kingdom United & Divided
  - I. Solomon Starts Great, Ends Bad– I Kings 11
  2. Nation Splits
    - I. Israel in North – 10 Tribes
    2. Judah in South – 2 Tribes
  3. Prophets Appear – Call to Repent
    - I. Covenant Blessing or Covenant Judgment

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- 2 Kings 17:5-6
- 722 B.C.
- Assyria Conquers Israel
- Israel Taken into Exile by Assyrians

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# GOD JUDGES JUDAH

- 2 Kings 24-25
- 605 B.C.
- Babylon Conquers Judah
- Judah Taken into Exile by Babylonians
- Deportation in 3 Stages

1<sup>st</sup> Stage...

# DANIEL 1:1

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



# DANIEL 1:2

The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

# DANIEL 1:3-5

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every *branch of* wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and *he ordered him* to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and *appointed* that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

# DANIEL 1:6-7

Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. Then the commander of the officials assigned *new* names to them; and to Daniel he assigned *the name* Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.

# WHY STUDY DANIEL?

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- Impact of Young Believers
- Example of How to Live in Hostile World
- Preview of Future Plan of History
- Picture of Coming Son of Man
- Reminder that God is Sovereign

# DANIEL I

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- I. **Removal** to Babylon – vv. 1-7
- II. **Reprogramming** in Babylon – vv. 8-16
- III. **Recognition** in Babylon – vv. 17-21

Faithfulness to God *starts* in the **heart**.

# DANIEL I

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- I. God *gave* – v. 2
- II. God *gave* – v. 9
- III. God *gave* – v. 17

God is **silent**, but *always* **sovereign**.

# DANIEL 2

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I. The **Impossible** Demand - vv. 1-13

II. The **Incredible** Request - vv. 14-30

III. The **Insightful** Interpretation - vv. 31-49

# DANIEL 3 – FAITH IN THE FIRE

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- I. The Examination of True Faith – vv. 1-7
- II. The Opposition of True Faith – vv. 8-12



# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- In our day, what are social or national threats to our faith?  
(Our own version of testing/examination)
- What means provided by God help us from such threats?
- What pattern can we glean about true faith and faithfulness? (Think of ch. 1 vs. ch. 3)
- What lies beneath the courage of true faith?
- How and where did these men learn true faith?