

**God Is In Control!!****Daniel: *Timeline for the End Times***

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**"Israeli Youth Taken Hostage!"** So might the headlines have read in the Jerusalem Times, ~~October 7, 2023~~ 605 BC, and so begins the prophetic book of Daniel. In our study of Daniel we will find models of firm faith, God's miraculous answers to prayer, and a master timeline for prophecy that demonstrates, then and now, **God is in control!**

**Key Verses — Daniel 2:20-21**

*"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
to whom belong wisdom and might.  
He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings;  
He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those  
who have understanding ..."*

**A Time of Discipline (70 yrs)****Daniel 1:1-2**

Isaiah prophecy (703BC): noble youth to Babylon 2 Kings 20:14-18

Prophets to Manasseh (c 650BC): wipe out Jerusalem 2 Kings 21:1-16

Three Deportations to Babylon: (550+ miles)

605 BC King Jehoiakim (temple vessels, noble youth) Daniel 1

597 BC King Jehoiachin (10,000+, Ezekiel, \$\$) 2 Kings 24:8-17

586 BC King Zedekiah (burn Temple, city wall) 2 Kings 25

Major Reasons God gave Judah into 70 years captivity:

Evil of Judah's kings and idolatry of the people 2 Kings 21:10-15

490 yr failure to observe sabbaths for the land\* 2 Chr 36:30-31

Secure a wholehearted return to the LORD Jer 24:4-7; 29:10-14

\* Sabbaths for the land; every 7<sup>th</sup> year the land was to lie fallow

Sabbath for the land required: Leviticus 25:3-4

Discipline for disobedience warned: Leviticus 26:33-34

70 years for the combined sabbaths not observed (490 yrs)

**A Time of Indoctrination****(3 years)****Daniel 1:3-7**

Select youths: royalty/nobility, physical, mental, social qualities

**Hostages** – to keep servile kings in Jerusalem compliant**Indoctrination** – to change mind & heart to be loyal Chaldeans

Literature: values, culture, history, identity, nationalism

Language: a way of speaking, and thinking

Diet: privileged, to serve most powerful nation on earth

Names: to honor Babylonian gods and religion

**A Time of Courageous Dedication****Daniel 1:8-16****Resolved:** ("purposed in his heart" KJV) before God

A conviction, probably not a clear command (Rom 14:5-6, 22)

A personal decision to stand alone if necessary

Quiet influence, 3 friends chose to follow Daniel's lead

God gave favor before the chief eunuch (1 Samuel 2:30)

**Respect:** requested exception to follow his conviction**Wisdom & Faith:** offered a short trial period, judged by steward

In ten days they were visibly healthier &amp; stronger

**A Time of Divine Purpose****Daniel 1:17-21**

God gave all 4 knowledge, wisdom, skill in communication

God gave Daniel understanding of visions and dreams

Oral finals before King Nebuchadnezzar, wisdom &amp; understanding

Uniquely qualified, surpassingly better than all current magi

All 4 were kept for the King's personal advisors (magi)

Daniel would serve faithfully for 70 years, under 4 Kings/2 Empires

*"The vision of Daniel provides the most comprehensive and detailed prophecy of future events to be found anywhere in the Old Testament."*

— Dr John Walvoord