

THE STORY

Babylon attempted to show its superiority over its conquered nations in 3 ways:

Religious superiority

Daniel 1:1-2

Cultural superiority

Daniel 1:3-5

Identity superiority

Daniel 1:6-7

How now shall we live?

Strive to live counter-culturally

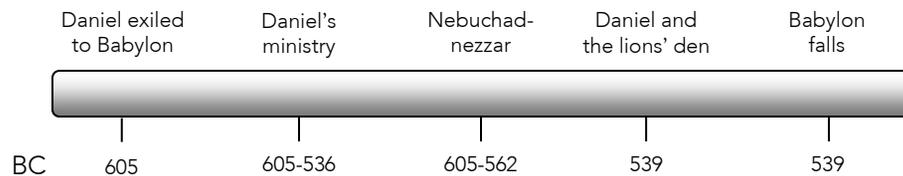
Daniel 1:8

Community is important; don't try to do it alone

Daniel 1:11, 12a

Stand with conviction for what is true

Daniel 3:16-18



Week 18
Daniel in Exile
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Questions for the Week

Big Idea: Integrity is who you are when no one is looking.

Key Verse: Daniel 6:26-27

²⁶ "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.

²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

In what ways do you see Daniel exhibit his faith in God?

What enables Daniel's three friends to stand against the king's orders?

Why did God choose to punish Nebuchadnezzar the way that he did?

Despite Daniel's Lower Story struggle of persecution and oppression, what are some of the ways God was working in the Upper Story? Why is it so important that we slow down occasionally and take note of how God is working in the Upper Story of our lives?

Why did Daniel prosper under the kings of Babylon and Persia?

When Daniel hears of the king's seemingly impossible request (Daniel 2:1-18), he asked his three friends to pray with him. Why is prayer the right response to this situation? Is there something you are facing right now that needs prayer and how can your group help support you in this matter?

What is Daniel's response to God's answer of prayer (Daniel 2:20-23)? What do you learn about Daniel's understanding of God in this prayer and how might this shape how you pray?

What steps can you take to become more devoted to prayer?

