

# The Story of Daniel

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## “Good to Knows” from Daniel’s Story

### Daniel Chapter 1-6 (The Whole Book)

- Daniel lived around 600 B.C.
- Daniel’s name means “God is judge.”
- Daniel was born during King Josiah’s reign and reforms.
- Jerusalem is defeated by the Babylonians and Daniel is deported.
- Daniel is made a “wise man” in training in Babylon.
- He was taken captive with others, three of his friends were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- We have no recorded sins of Daniel (Romans 3:10)
- Daniel he is referred to as “the greatly beloved (9:23; 10:11, 19)
- Daniel is a contemporary of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.
- He was an interpreter of dreams and a seer of visions.
- He was and advisor to 4 Kings/rulers
- Daniel was a young man of prayer.
- Daniel defies the law of Darius the Mede and prays openly and ends up in a lion’s den (not just a Sunday School Story).
- Daniel served for 70 years in this foreign land.
- Daniel’s book is writing during a time of judgment and exile.
- Daniel 7 to 12 Daniel’s dreams, visions and prayers regarding the End Times (Eschatological writings).

*But Daniel resolved not to defile himself..*

Daniel 1:8 NIV

## 1. The Chaos of not being \_\_\_\_\_.

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—<sup>4</sup>young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. <sup>5</sup>The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

Daniel 1:3-5 NIV

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. <sup>1</sup> Peter 2:11, 12 NIV

I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup>Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. <sup>20</sup>"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:15-21 NLT

A) \_\_\_\_\_ – Accommodation

B) \_\_\_\_\_ – Isolation

C) \_\_\_\_\_ – Engagement

Colossians 3:12; Matthew 5:13-16

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 1:8 NIV

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup>What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Matthew 16:24

Daniel 3:16-18; Daniel 6:10, 11

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

But Daniel resolved...

**Morally, Ethically, Relationally, Spiritually, Etc'ally**