

Series: Prophecy of Daniel

Title: The Personal History of Daniel

Text: Daniel Chapter 1

I. Introduction: (2 Pet 3:3-8)

A. Prophetic Fore-view of the the Gentile Nations:

B. Prophetic Fore-View of the Coming Judgement:

C. 2 Languages:

1. Concerning the Jews~ Hebrew

2. Concerning the Gentiles~Aramaic - Language of Trade & International exchange

D. 2 Divisions of Daniel:

1. CH 1-6 is Historical

2. Ch 7-12 is Prophetical (I will explain how prophecy works in a later sermon.

II. Daniel's Past:

A. 10 northern tribes conquered by Assyria 721 BC

B. 115 hrs later: Jerusalem is Conquered foretold (Jeremiah 25:11)

III. Daniel's Person:

A. Rt as "Greatly Beloved"

B. Only other person besides Jesus with a Spotless Character.

C. Similar to Joseph

1. Both Hebrews

2. Both Young men, no more than 20yrs old.

3. Both Prisoners in a strange land, not other fault

4. Both Dreamers & Revealer of Dreams.

5. Both their Moral Character will be severely tested.

IV. Daniel's Present: (Vs 1-2) (Time in History)

A. Tribe of Judah, Descendant of good king Hezekiah.

B. Carried away Captive 606BC

C. 3rd yr of Jehoiakim - 1st invasion of NebK

D. NebK wanted to appropriate the things of Jehovah for his false god.

1. The devil does the same thing: He creates counterfeits.

2. The devil copies God's Stuff to pretend he is god.

3. The World appropriates God's stuff to make themselves seem spiritual.

4. The church should not appropriate the things of the World.

5. Illus: It's not the Water outside the Boat that is the problem...

6. It's not the world outside the church that is the problem...

V. Daniel's Plight: (Vs 3-7)

A. Daniel is the recipient of a Family Curse

1. His previous 3 generations of Dad, Grandad, & G-Grandad were wicked.

2. It's not Daniel's Sins that made him a Captive.

- B. The World wants to Defame the Image of God
 1. Daniel is Mutilated for his families Sins: (Eunuchs)
 2. Isaiah told King Hezekiah this would happen: (Is 39:5-7)

How would you feel?

How would you respond?

- C. The World wants to Re-Define the Image of God. (Changed their Names)
 1. Daniel (God is my Judge) - Beltshazzar (Whom Bel favors)
 2. Hannah (Beloved of the Lord) - Shadrach (Illumined by the sun god)
 3. Mishael (Who is as God) - Meshach (Who is like Venus)
 4. Azariah (The Lord is my help) - Abednego (The servant of Nego)
- D. Changing a person's name doesn't change their nature.
- E. Changing their Diet to doesn't change their Duty.
- F. Today: Changing your outside to match the wickedness of your inside.

VI. Daniel's Proving: (Vs 8-16)

- A. Daniel Chose to follow God & Break the Generational Curse/Pattern
- B. Character regardless of Circumstances: (Vs 8)
 1. Instead of Going along to Get along, Daniel took a stand.
- C. Daniel Lived His Conviction by Faith: (Vs 11-13)
- D. God honored Daniel's Loyalty: (Vs 9-10)(Vs 14-16)

VII. Daniel's Promotion: (Vs 17-21)

- A. Like Moses & Joseph: Daniel was Blessed for His loyalty (Vs 17)
- B. Like Moses & Joseph: Daniel was trained in the Palace School: (Vs 18-20)
 1. God Blessed Daniel's Faith:
- C. We need Christians serving in the highest offices.
- D. (Vs 21) Proof that Daniel wrote decades after the events.

VIII. Daniel's Pattern:

- A. Daniel was the Recipient of a Generational Family Curse.
 1. Daniel Recognized it
 2. Daniel Purposed to Change his family Curse.
- B. We live in a similar Wicked World:
 1. We did not create this mess.
 2. *But what will our choice be?*

C. Are we going to break our Family Curses?

- 1. **You Can, It is possible.**
- 2. **You do not have to settle for a life of spiritual Mediocrity.**
- D. Are We going to be Loyal to the Lord, or loyalty to our flesh. (Rom 8:12-14)
- E. Are we being Conformed to this World or Transformed by God's Word? (Rom 12:2)

- F.** Had Daniel Compromised, we probably would not know who he is.
- G.** Daniel would have been worthless to God's service.