

## THE BOOK OF DANIEL: IN THE PALACE IN BABYLON

The book of Daniel covers the entire seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity. Daniel himself was one of the first large group of people to be carried away, and his ministry continued through the third year of Cyrus, King of Persia, who gave the decree to rebuild Jerusalem. Read to see how his ministry differs from Ezekiel's:

### A. The Man Daniel: Read Daniel 1:1-5

1. What kind of family did Daniel come from? Daniel 1:3; 2 Kings 24:14  
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2. What qualities did Daniel have that made the king's officer choose him? Daniel 1:4a  
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3. What two things did the king want those who were chosen to do?  
Daniel 1:4b  
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4. How long was their training to last? Daniel 1:5b  
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5. What were they to eat and drink during this time? Daniel 1:5a  
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### B. Daniel's Purpose: Read Daniel 1:6-21

1. What did Daniel purpose in his heart? Daniel 1:8  
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2. What was Daniel's attitude as he sought to carry out this purpose?  
Daniel 1:8b-13  
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3. Was Daniel permitted to continue to be true to his purpose? Daniel 1:14-16  
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4. What was the effect of Daniel's purpose on himself and his friends?
  - a. Physically? Daniel 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Mentally? Daniel 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Compared to others who were trained with them? Daniel 1:19  
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  - d. Compared to the magicians and astrologers of the kingdom?  
Daniel 1:20 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What positions were given to Daniel and his friends? Daniel 1:19b  
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### C. Daniel's Purpose Tested: Daniel 2-6

1. In succeeding years, how was Daniel tested again? Daniel 6  
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2. In spite of these testings, what happened to Daniel?

- a. Daniel 2:49b \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Daniel 6:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Daniel 6:28 \_\_\_\_\_

3. How were Daniel's friends later tested? Daniel 3

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4. What happened to them?

- a. Daniel 2:49a \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Daniel 3:30 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Results of Daniel's Purpose: Read Daniel 7-12**

1. What did God later give to Daniel? Daniel 7:1b, 8:1, 10:1b

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2. What did Daniel do after he read Jeremiah's prophecy that Jerusalem's desolations would last 70 years? Daniel 9:2-4, 16-19

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3. Do you think Daniel's prayers had any effect in bringing the captivity to an end? Daniel 10:12

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Do I have a heart purpose that will keep me true to God, regardless of how difficult the circumstances might be?

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2. What good things does God have planned for me, that I might miss if I am not true to Him at all times? (See 2 Chronicles 16:9a)

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