

Series: The Book of Daniel
Title: Facing Changes With Courage
Daniel 1

Introduction

Daniel writes the Book of Daniel to demonstrate God's sovereignty over history. Daniel and his friends are part of the first deportation of those taken from Judah to Babylon. The destruction of Judah took place in three stages.

1. In 605 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar _____ Jehoiakim.
2. In 597 B.C., due to the _____ acts of Jehoiakim and then Jehoichin, the Babylonians attacked Judah again and took 10,000 people captive to Babylon.
3. In 586 B.C., after a long siege due to Zedekiah's rebellion, almost all Jews were taken captive to Babylon, and the nation was _____.
4. The Baal-bull deity was one of the most _____ gods mentioned in the Bible.
5. Another significant god was " _____," the God of learning and letters.
6. Nebuchadnezzar was _____ after this god.
7. Daniel, who was once a member of the royal family, is now a _____ in Babylon.
8. The king tells Ashpenaz, master of the eunuchs, to train Daniel and his companions for _____ in the royal court.

9. Daniel's enslavement was not the result of his own sin but because of the sin of the _____.
10. The prince of the eunuchs _____ the names of the foreigners chosen to serve in the court.
11. Daniel means, "God is the _____." But his new name Beltshazzar meant "Prince of Bel."
12. Daniel was _____ not to turn away from God.
13. The meaning of words and names was of great _____ to the Hebrews.
14. Immediately, Daniel and his friends face a _____.
15. They took a firm stand regardless of the consequences and stood by their _____.
16. Satan will always _____ those who are committed to the Lord.
17. A faithful servant can be _____ by God.
18. Daniel had a special _____ for understanding and interpreting visions and dreams.
19. Daniel was appointed as the chief _____ to the king.

I. Look to God for Help During Suffering

20. A basic tenant of your faith must be a belief that God is _____ over all things in every situation.

21. Israel was utterly immersed in _____
the gods of the unbelievers.
22. God is not uninvolved or _____ about
your sinfulness.
23. God's _____ in allowing our suffering is
to bring us back to faith and confidence in His
sovereign rule and Divine love.
24. We can look to God for His good and sovereign
healing and _____.

II. Help Those Around You See God

25. They only opposed those things that
_____ opposed God.
26. In everything else, they _____ to the
authority and rule of King Nebuchadnezzar.
27. Being holy during suffering and pain often means
being an _____ and seeking the good
of others.
28. We can forget the needs of those around us, even
when they are _____ than our own.

III. Always Remain Faithful to God

29. Daniel gave the _____ to God.
30. Daniel understood that material _____
could never replace the blessing of God.
31. Suffering reveals the _____ of our hope and
trust in God.

IV. Conclusion

32. Many _____ are teaching those around them to break the commandments of God by the way they live their lives.
33. David wasn't perfect, but he was _____ to God.

Fix your eyes upon Jesus. Though He was holy and righteous, he experienced the ultimate exile on the cross. He was despised and forsaken to bring us to repentance and faith. He was rejected and abandoned so that God might welcome us. Only by trusting and treasuring him can we be holy in our times of suffering and exile. Don't look at the circumstances; look to God.

Answers

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| 1. subjugated | 12. determined | 23. purpose |
| 2. rebellious | 13. importance | 24. deliverance |
| 3. destroyed | 14. challenge | 25. directly |
| 4. infamous | 15. convictions | 26. submitted |
| 5. Nebo | 16. test | 27. example |
| 6. named | 17. trusted | 28. greater |
| 7. slave | 18. gift | 29. credit |
| 8. service | 19. advisor | 30. possessions |
| 9. nation | 20. sovereign | 31. depth |
| 10. changed | 21. worshipping | 32. believers |
| 11. judge | 22. passive | 33. devoted |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. In what ways has America worshipped foreign "gods"? In what ways have you been influenced by this or even worshipped foreign "gods" yourself?
2. Are your times of suffering self-serving, or are you an example to others of faith and confidence in God?
3. Who do you run to when judgment and suffering comes? What table do you feast at – the table of earthly kings? Or the table of the King of Kings?