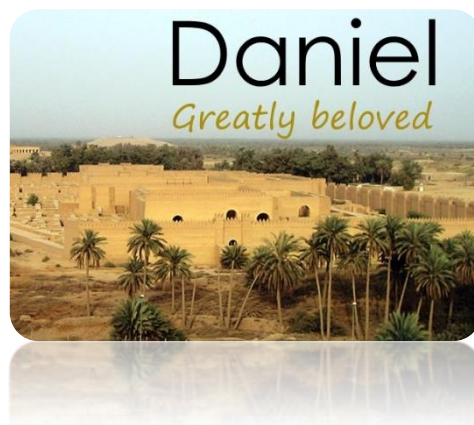


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The deportation of Judah to Babylon 605bc. The fact that Daniel and his 3 companions are referred to as children suggests they were around 12 years old during this time of exile. If Daniel gave a different history from what was current at his writing, the Jewish community would not have accepted it. The fact that modern archeologists have found differing stories, such as no mention of Belteshazzar's cowardice, or that he died honorably, is **not** indicative of Daniel's error, but suggests others rewrote history. The Jewish community was prominent in the region for 1000 years, until 400ad, establishing 4 major universities; their Babylonian Talmud is a hallmark document of their traditions. The prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel lived during this time.



This being partly historic and largely prophetic, much attention has been given to the large section written in Aramaic (the childhood language of Jesus) chapter 2:4 – 7:30. The intentional placement of the chapters is of equal interest; though not in chronological order, they are carefully placed in historic order... to help us connect the dots.

Numerous attacks on the authenticity of this 6th century BC book, from vigorous opponents since 230AD to the present, have attempted to discredit its truth; **all** attacks, including those by trained Jesuits have failed.

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of **Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it / 605BC.**

² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of **Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God:**

which he carried to the land of Shinar / **ancient Babylon, identifying with Nimrod in Genesis 10 & 11,**

to the house of his god; and put the vessels in the treasury of his god.

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his eunuchs, to bring some of the people of Israel, of the royal family and of the nobility;

⁴ youth without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, skilled in knowledge, understanding science,

and capable to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans / in modern times we should be so lucky to find young people who are so skilled – especially in the West, which is not a slam on the children, because the adults are equally unskilled. Here's a challenge: we listen to the YouTubes that are available, and try to learn new languages each year; we regularly practice speaking and writing 5 to 10 languages with others.

⁵ The king assigned them a daily portion of the food the king ate,

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and of the wine that he drank: to nourish them three years,

that at the end of it they were to stand before the king.

⁶ Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of **Judah**:

⁷ And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names:

Daniel he called Belteshazzar; Hananiah was Shadrach; Mishael was Meshach; and Azariah was Abednego / we learn more about these 3 in chapter 3.

⁸ But Daniel resolved that he would **not** defile himself with the king's food,

or with the wine that he drank.

So, he requested the chief of the eunuchs that he not defile himself.

⁹ Now God gave Daniel favor and compassion with the chief of the eunuchs,

¹⁰ And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel,

I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and drink:

for why should he see your faces in worse condition than the youths who are your same age? So, you would endanger my head with the king.

¹¹ Then said Daniel to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

¹² Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink / their nutrition habits reflect those who learned to eat the fruit and vegetable diet found in the Garden of Eden; people in the West we have a diet that is based on milk products given to calves to quickly grow plump for the slaughter... instead of coconut milk that suppresses cancerous cells growing in the intestine; and gorging on gobs of meat products now infected by the artificial pesticides that poison the pastures, which toxic elements are in all the meat and poultry items at the local grocery store; the pork products being most contaminated – pigs still do the great job they were created to do, i.e. to clean up the filth and noxious particulates mankind leaves behind – which is what we are eating, instead of enjoying the variety of fruits (more than 100,000) not to mention all the vegetables God made for us.



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13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15 At the end of ten days their appearance was fairer and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food / we would all do well if we followed the Daniel diet; or at least modified it; try it with your friends; it still is the best nutrition for us.

16 Thus the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink;
and gave them vegetables.

17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom:
and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18 At the end of the days, when the king ordered they be brought in,

then the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar / so now, when these guys were about 15–18 years old – high school aged juniors or seniors.

19 And the king spoke with them, and among all of them no one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

So, they stood before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his kingdom / most people do not know that the Jewish community to this day is consistently the highest educated group of people; with around 45% of those who regularly attend worship services; they also have graduate degrees (masters or doctorates) compared to around 12% in the protestant church.

21 And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus. / Daniel lived for more than 80 years.

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