



Daniel 1

Overview of Daniel

About Daniel

1-6

Remain Steadfast

Visions About the
Future

7-12

Know what the future
holds

The Book of Daniel

- Babylon happened because Israel turned from God.
 - Isaiah 1:1-6
 - Isaiah 10:1-19
- Jehoiakim was the last straw!

Babylon plundered

The People

God

Power in Daniel's Life

Daniel 1: 8-9

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.

Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel.

Power of Daniel's Life 2

Daniel 10:12

Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard

Babylon

- Founded by Nimrod
- First called Babel

Antithesis of Jerusalem

Man's first attempt
at a worldwide
government against
God.

Chosen city of God
and capital of His
Eternal Kingdom

Babylon

- Advanced culture
- Libraries
- Powerful Armies
- Scientific Advancement
- Learned in Astrology
- Artistic/Literate
- Multiple Cultures
- World Domination
- Idolatrous
- Consumptive

Daniel's Response to Babylon

Courage

Conviction

Prayer

Steps to Seduction

• Chosen for

– Physical Prowess

– Intellectual

Capabilities

– Social status

Seduced by

Emasculation

Life style

Re-education

Assimilation

Steps of Seduction Environment

• **Food**

- Offered to Idols
- Tantalizing
- Habit forming

Education

Science

Math

Geography

Arts

Languages

Astrology

Etc.

Steps of Seduction

Change of Identity

. Hebrew

Daniel

- . God is my Judge

– Hananiah

- . Yahweh is gracious

– Mishael

- . Who is what God is

– Azariah

- . Yahweh is my helper

Babylonian

Beltshazzar

Bel protects his life

Shadrach

The command of Aku

Meshach

Who is what Aku is

Abed-Nego

Servant of Nebo



Don't stand down

That's cowardice!

Don't stand aside.

That's compromise!

Don't stand against!

That's contention.

STAND UP!

**That's conviction and
courage!**