

TIMES + SEASONS

The Study of Daniel (Part 1) – “Troubled Seasons”

Lesson 1 – “Captivity”

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Daniel 1:1-21

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We must never underestimate the positive potential of a young life properly trained and genuinely committed to God.

The Book of Daniel tells the story of a young man named Daniel, a captive in Babylon, who was profoundly used by God.

However, The Book of Daniel is not primarily about Daniel. The main theme of the book is the sovereignty of God (**Dan. 2:21**).

Background: 605 BC, Babylon / “Troubled Seasons”
Author: Daniel (Mt. 24:15-16; Ezek. 14:13-14)

In our text, Daniel told of his resolve to be faithful to God as a young captive in Babylon.

Main Lesson: Even in the most trying and tempting circumstances, God’s people must resolve to be _____.

1. It was a time of great _____ (v. 1-4).

- *It was a time _____ by God (v. 1-2; Isa. 39:3-7).*
- *It was a time _____ by Satan (v. 3-4).*

1 Cor. 10:13

2. It was a time of great _____ (v. 5-7).

- *There were _____ for the flesh (v. 5).*
- *There was _____ from other peers (v. 6).*
- *There was the _____ of the world (v. 7).*

Prov. 22:6

3. It was a time of great _____ (v. 8-21).

- *They made a _____ decision (v. 8a).*
- *They made a _____ decision (v. 8b).*
- *They made an _____ decision (v. 9-21).*

Prov. 4:23