



# One: Glorifying God in Exile

“But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank” (Dan. 1:8).

## OUTLINE 1 - VISIONS

- 1-6 - Other’s visions
- 7-12 - Daniel’s vision

## OUTLINE 2 - LANGUAGES

- 1 - The Exile Begins
- 2 - Neb.’s vision of kingdoms
- 3 - Friends persecuted
- 4 - God humbles Neb.
- 5 - God humbles Bel.
- 6 - Daniel persecuted
- 7 - Daniel’s vision of kingdoms
- 8 - Daniel’s 2nd vision
- 9 - Daniel’s prayer
- 10-12 - Daniel’s 3rd vision

## Introduction:

Write down your first impression when you hear these words:

“Babylon” -

“Exile” -

“Sovereignty” -

Consider these passages, and then write down what Daniel’s perspective might have been about these words.

“Babylon” - Jeremiah 29:1, 5-7

“Exile” - Jeremiah 24:5-9

“Sovereignty” - Think about the specific example of God’s sovereignty in Daniel, and the prophesied messianic demonstration of God’s sovereignty.

Read this chapter once all the way through, then read it a second time and answer the questions as you go.

‘The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that **the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will** and sets over it the lowliest of men.’

Daniel 4:17

*Daniel 1:1-2*

1. Why did Nebuchadnezzar bring vessels from the temple and place them in the house of his god? What did this reveal about his thinking?
2. What is one of the primary lessons the book of Daniel teaches about Nebuchadnezzar’s spiritual growth?

*Daniel 1:3-7*

3. What kind of men did Nebuchadnezzar select, and what did he select them for?
4. How old might Daniel have been when he was chosen, and why should that impress us?

*Daniel 1:8-16*

5. What problem did Daniel and his friends initially face after being selected (see Lev. 11)?
6. List the process Daniel followed to resolve the problem.
7. List what Daniel DIDN’T do when faced with this problem.
8. What did other young people in the Bible do when they encountered adversity and temptation far from home?

*Daniel 1:17-21*

9. What stands out most to you from these five verses and why?

**Application:**

As you strive to live more faithfully in a tumultuous, hostile culture, what does this chapter reveal about God that will help you accomplish that? What phrase is repeated three times in this chapter (see 1:2, 9 & 17)? How does Daniel’s life encourage you?