

# Daniel serves and prophecies from the court of Babylon over a 70 year span from 605 B.C. to 536 B.C.

## The Sovereignty of God in the Life of Daniel & His Friends

### Chapters 1-6

Ch 1 Daniel & his vegetarian diet  
 Ch 2 Nebuchadnezzar's dream & Daniel's interpretation  
 Ch 3 3 friends in the fiery furnace  
 Ch 4 Nebuchadnezzar eats grass in his backyard  
 Ch 5 Belshazzar weighed & found wanting  
 Ch 6 Daniel in the lion's den

## The Sovereignty of God in the Visions of Daniel

### Chapters 7-12

Ch 7 Four beasts, the Ancient of Days, the Son of Man  
 Ch 8 The Ram & the Goat  
 Ch 9 Daniel's prayer of confession & God's answer  
 Ch 10 - 12 Vision of the time of the end

# A ROAD TRIP ACROSS THE BIBLE



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*Daniel is likely the most beloved and well known of the prophetic books and for good reason. But let's make sure we know what this book is really all about.*

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of God over Kings & Kingdoms

The sovereignty of God is powerfully asserted and/or demonstrated in every chapter of Daniel . . .

Ch 1: In the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel and friends.

Ch 2: In Nebuchadnezzar's \_\_\_\_\_ and Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_.

Ch 3: In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Ch 4: In the dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ of Nebuchadnezzar.

Ch 5: In the dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ of Belshazzar.

Ch 6: In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Ch 7-12: God's sovereignty in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The promised rise of His sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (7:13+)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel & His Friends

Their Secret: They \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the sovereignty of God.

Their Strategy: They \_\_\_\_\_ and sought the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, yet without COMPROMISE. (Jer. 29:4-7)

Their Impact:

1. They won \_\_\_\_\_ and brought God \_\_\_\_\_ from the nations.
2. They influenced the \_\_\_\_\_ of the exiles (Dan. 1:21, Ez. 1:1-4)
3. They were used by God in the raising up of \_\_\_\_\_ from the east.

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Questions for Growth Groups



## CONNECTING TOGETHER

In this 6th week of Growth Groups, spend time connecting and sharing life together. If it's helpful, use this question to get you talking . . .

*Do you like or dislike surprises? Why or why not?*

## STUDYING GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

1. What was new or challenging for you in our study of the book of Daniel? What was a personal takeaway from the message?
2. What are the two dangers we face when we study the book of Daniel? What's the result when we fall into either of these temptations?
3. Pick any one of the first 6 chapters. Read it together and then identify all the assertions and/or demonstrations of the sovereignty of God in that chapter.

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4. Why is the sovereignty of God such a "cornerstone doctrine" in the Bible? Where are you at in your own grappling with the sovereignty of God?
5. Read Daniel 7:9-14. Who is the "one like the son of man?" What does Daniel see about this One?
6. First Peter 1:1 reminds us that we, like Daniel and his friends, are exiles in this world. What does that mean to you? What was the SECRET of their fearless steadfast living and impact in Babylon? What difference, if any, does this SECRET make in your life?
7. What was Daniel and his friends' STRATEGY? Do you think you are applying the same strategy as an exile today?

## PRAYING TOGETHER

In light of the sovereignty of God, pray for one another and our life as exiles in this broken world. Pray that we might seek the welfare of our community without compromise as we trust God's sovereignty.