

Daniel 1

King James Version (KJV)

(Daniel= My God <El> is my judge)

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. (God arranged this in order to straighten out the people of Judah and Benjamin. They had become corrupt with perversion and idol worship)

(Two hundred years earlier, King Hezekiah, the fool, showed the envoys from Babylon all the riches of his kingdom. The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah that years later, the Babylonians would return to take all of Judah because of what he did) 2Kings 20:12-19

Jeremiah-27:6-7 (God prophesied of this – HE called Nebuchadnezzar His servant. Afterwards, the Medes & the Persians <Iran> would serve themselves of Babylon. King Cyrus of the Persians, would free the people of Judah)

² And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. (Shinar <Babylon> = the land of two rivers - the Tigris and Euphrates <Mesopotamia>)

(God gave the Babylonians the victory over Judah)

³ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; (The nobles of Jerusalem were to be educated ones) (Ashpenaz - means horse face <in Aramaic>)

⁴ Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. (Nebuchadnezzar valued learning and wisdom. Their god, Nebo, represented learning or instruction)

(Nebuchadnezzar planned to educate the princes and nobles of Jerusalem. Daniel was one of these princes)

⁵ And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. (The king's meat was mostly scavengers and pork, butchered in the blood. The wine was not good either. Pork and alcohol do not make for a healthy diet)

⁶ Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: (Daniel = El<Yah> is my judge; Hananiah = grace; Mishael = who is like El<Yah>; and Azariah = helped of Yah)

⁷ Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. (He changed their names to Babylonian names)

(Belteshazzar = protect him oh Bel; Shadrach = who is like the moon god <later called Allah by Mohammad>; Meshach = who is Ach; Abednego = who is Nego; all four were Babylonian pagan idols)

⁸ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. (The Babylonian meat was not by God's health law. It was scavengers and pigs, killed in the blood. Not properly bled before butchering) see Leviticus-3:17

⁹ Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. (God is in control, even in captivity. HE can control the enemy if He so chooses)

NOTE: (God loved these four men because they loved and obeyed Him. God has no favorites, but He will bless those who love Him in return. Those who love God take the time to learn His Word; and they live by what it teaches. It's a shame that most people don't see the great value of that)

¹⁰ And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. (The eunuch was responsible for seeing to their health and education. If they got sick, it could cost the eunuch his life)

¹¹ Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, (Melzar = the butler; this is the guy who would directly oversee to these 4 Israelites)

¹² Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. (pulse = seed or a pod-> beans, Lentils, peas, Legumes, whole grains – all healthy foods, approved by God in Leviticus. Food in the pods contains a lot of vegetable protein, so it makes for a healthy diet; without having to eat the putrid meat of the Babylonians)

NOTE: (Their grains were not genetically modified, like ours is. It was healthy food)

NOTE: (10 days will also be the trial period for the Elect when brought before antichrist in the end days of this Age. On a spiritual basis, we must not partake of antichrist's food – his doctrine and false teachings) see Revelations-2:9-10

¹³ Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. (After the ten days, you be the judge as to who is healthier)

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

¹⁵ And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. (They looked healthier than the Israelites who ate the scavengers and bad wine of the king's table)

(In the end times, those who resist antichrist will be in much better shape than those who are deceived by him. Satan's name is death. That's all he brings) See Hebrews-2:14

¹⁶ Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. (He allowed them to eat as they has requested)

¹⁷ As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. (God gave them these gifts. They understood that, so they never became egomaniacs. Instead, they remained humble and true to God all the days of their lives)

¹⁸ Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. (This is at the end of the three year period, which was ordered by the king)

¹⁹ And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. (God wanted them in the king's court, so that's where they ended up)

²⁰ And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. (Our flesh minds can only use 10% of our total brain capacity. That is biology, not Biblical)

(The minds of these four men had the full capacity of a spiritual body – by the grace of God. That's why they had wisdom far above the others)

²¹ And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus. (Cyrus was king of the Medes & Persians, who later defeated Babylon. He was one of the few people that God named before he was born)

(Daniel was in Nebuchadnezzar's court from approx. 495-426 BC)

(200 years after the Assyrians took the 10 northern tribes; Nebuchadnezzar took Judah and Benjamin captive to Babylon. Approx 69 years later, the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon)