

# Daniel 1: Standing Firm with God

## Study Guide

Read Daniel chapter 1 in its entirety, and then reread it, answering the following questions.

Remember to incorporate the 3 C's & 5 W's

(Content, Context, Cross-reference and Who, What, Where, When, Why)

Additionally, as you read, note where God's influence is evident.

1. The book of Daniel takes place roughly around 605 BC
2. Read verses 1-2: Where does our story begin? And note the characters in these 2 verses.
3. Why did God hand over Judah to Babylon? Read Isaiah 39:57 for context.
4. Is it possible that God allows bad things to happen to us for God's purposes?
5. Read verses 3-7: Daniel and his friends are chosen and trained, educated, and employed by the king's officials to serve them. Why would a king from a foreign land do this?
6. If you were Daniel, how would you feel about being taken to another country and be forced into service of the king?
7. Daniel and his friends are given new names. Why would the Babylonians give them new names?  
**Daniel:** God is my judge **Belteshazzar** (Bel, protect his life)  
**Hananiah** God is gracious **Shadrach** Command of aku the moon god.  
**Mishael** Who is what God is? **Meshach** Who is what aku is  
**Azariah** Yahweh has helped or will help **Abendego** servant of Nebo
8. Read verses 8-9: Daniel and his friends make a courageous decision to not defile themselves from the food that was normally served. By taking this stand, what potential consequences could play out given this decision? How does the king's official respond, and does God influence the response?

9. Read verses 10-16: Daniel speaks with the king's official and makes a reasonable request. What lessons can we learn from Daniel when dealing with conflict?
10. Read verses 17-20: How does God respond to Daniel and his friends' faithfulness?
11. Did Daniel and his friends pass the examinations by their own intellect and will power, or was God working through them?
12. Verse 21 indicates that Daniel served in the government until King Cyrus's reign. What can we take from this brief verse about the faithfulness of Daniel standing firm with God?