

2 Samuel 7:16

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established \_\_\_\_\_.”

DANIEL

2 PLANS: **GOD’S PLAN** vs. *devil’s plan*

### **GOD’S PLAN**

Daniel 1:1-2

“In the third year of the reign of **Jehoiakim** king of Judah, **Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the \_\_\_\_\_ delivered **Jehoiakim** king of Judah into his hand...”

### **God’s in \_\_\_\_\_ of history!**

Daniel 4:17

“The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, **so that** the living may know that the Most High is \_\_\_\_\_ over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.”

Acts 17:26

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their \_\_\_\_\_ in history and the boundaries of their lands.”

### **History is moving toward an \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom!**

Daniel 2:44

“I the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will **never** be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure \_\_\_\_\_.”

Daniel 7:13-14, 27

“In my vision... one like a son of man... He was given authority, glory and **sovereign** power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an \_\_\_\_\_ dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

“Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom, and all rulers will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

Devil's plan



1 Samuel 16:7

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height... The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the \_\_\_\_\_, but the Lord looks at the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Nebuchadnezzar** king of Babylon

Daniel 1:3

“Then the \_\_\_\_\_ ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_”

Daniel 1:6-7

“Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: \_\_\_\_\_, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. The chief official gave them new names; to Daniel, the name \_\_\_\_\_: to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.”

Daniel 1:4

“\_\_\_\_\_ men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king’s palace.”

Daniel 1:3-5

“Then the king ordered Ashpenaz... to \_\_\_\_\_ them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be \_\_\_\_\_ for three years, and after that they were to enter the \_\_\_\_\_.”

<p><b><u>CULTURAL ASSIMILATION</u></b></p> <p>① <b>Re-locate them</b> ✓ 700 miles</p> <p>② <b>Pagan education</b> ✓ Venus, Marduke, Bel and Nebo</p> <p>③ <b>Name change-<u>Daniel</u> “God is my Judge”</b> ✓ Belteshazzar – “Bel protect the king”</p> <p>④ <b>Privilege &amp; status</b> ✓ Great job, pay, access to pleasures of Babylon</p>
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## **FAITH FAMILY IN EXILE [BABYLON] – THE CROSSROADS**

Daniel 1:8

“But Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ not to defile himself with the royal food and wine...”

☛ Literal meaning? \_\_\_\_\_ [heart purity] Read Romans 12:2

Daniel 1:19-20

“The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king’s service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them \_\_\_\_\_ than all... in his whole kingdom.”

## **Daniel in the Lion’s Den 6**

Daniel 6:3

“Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.”

**READ: Daniel 6:4-9**

Daniel 6:10

“Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks \_\_\_\_\_, just as he had done before.”

**READ: Daniel 6:11-16a**

Daniel 6:16b

“...The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you \_\_\_\_\_, rescue you!”

**READ: Daniel 6:17-28**

Hebrews 11:33

“who through \_\_\_\_\_ conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,”

Philippians 3:20

“But our citizenship is in \_\_\_\_\_. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,”

Ephesians 6:5-7

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, \_\_\_\_\_. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,”

Matthew 5:8

“Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in heart, for they will see God.