

DANIEL, Chapter 1
The Three Things God Gave!

I. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah (v.2)

Question 1. What important Last Day Concept does vs. 1, 2a give us?

Answer 1: _____

Question 2. What is the significance of, "along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god." v. 2

Answer 2: _____

A. Three things the King gave, vs. 3-7

1. Education
2. Diet
3. Name Change
 - a. Daniel, "My Judge is *El*" to Belteshazzar, "Keeper of Bel's Treasurers,"
 - b. Hananiah, "*Yah* has been gracious" to Shadrach, "Illumined by the Sun,"
 - c. Mishael, "He who like *El*," to Meshach, "On Who like Shach,"
 - d. Azariah, "Whom *Yahweh* Helps" to Abed-Nego, "Servant of Nego," The Chaldean Version renders the Hebrew for "*Lucifer*" as "Nego."
 - e. Indicating a new owner as well as a new allegiance.

Bel was being set against Jehovah. "Church" and "State" were in conflict. This is The Great Controversy theme found throughout the book of Daniel.

Question 3. Which of the three (a, b, or c) did Daniel and his three friends object to? Why?

Answer 3:

Alcohol: Proverbs 23:1-3, 29-31; Amos 6:6

Food offered to Idols: 1 Corinthians 8:1-8

Blood not drained: Acts 15:20, 29

Unclean Foods: Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14

Their choice of friends to avoid peer pressure: Proverbs 1:10; 12:26

Daniel 1:8 (KJV) But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself . . .
(NASB) But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself

(NIV) But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine,
(BBE) And Daniel had come to the decision that he would not make himself unclean with the king's food or wine;

(MKJV) But Daniel laid on his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank.

This is an example of Absolute Compliance to God's Word and the Health Message in all situations including desperate ones. This is necessary for us in the Last Days!

II. Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion (v.9)

A. vs. 9-16

1. God is faithful when we are faithful.
2. Daniel's approach to his superior.
 - a. To Ashpenaz
 - b. To the situation
3. God's way is always best!

III. God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every [branch of] literature and wisdom; (v. 17)

A. vs. 17-21

1. What incredible insight does verse 17 give us?

2. What Last Day Principle does v. 20 teach?

Question 4: What important Last Day Concept does v. 21 give us?

Answer 4:

The books of Daniel and Revelation full of matter which concerns every one of us. We should study these books, and let the Lord God of Israel communicate truth to us, so that we may be able to communicate the truth to others who live in these last days. The Lord would have His people learn of Jesus. 13MR 65