

Daniel – Chapter #1 – Notes

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:8

A running theme in the book of Daniel is CONSECRATION (no compromise). Having a consecration before the LORD even in the midst of demonic forces in an evil nation (Babylon prophetically symbolizes; the worldly system).

Names in the Bible are very significant and speak of a person's character, their identity.

Hebrew Name	Babylonian Name	Babylonian Meaning
Daniel	Belteshazzar	Keeper of the treasure of Baal
Hananiah	Shadrach	Under the command of Aku (moon god), servant of sin
Mishael	Meshach	The goddess Shach
Azariah	Abed-Nego	Servant of Nebo (the fire god)

These were the Babylonian or Chaldean names give to the four young Hebrew men by the chief eunuchs'.

Why were the names changed?

- To get them to conform to the Babylonian system
- To make them forget the God of Israel
- To force the Chaldean system on them

All four names given to them were associated with a Babylonian god. All four of their Hebrew names were associated with the God of Israel who is the God of heaven and earth.

Daniel and Mishael - EL = Elohim (plural)

Hananiah and Azariah - **iah** or **Yah** = Yahweh (plural)

When we remember the story of Daniel and the four Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace, we refer to them by their Babylonian names. Why is that? Their Hebrew names are mentioned more than once in the first chapter and yet we still refer to the Babylonian names...interesting.

- Reference to meaning of names in Hebrew and Chaldean: The Handwriting on the Wall (secrets of the prophecies of Daniel, by David Jeremiah)

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Hebrew Name	Hebrew Meaning
Daniel	God is my judge
Hananiah	Jehovah is gracious
Mishael	Who is like God (the mighty God)
Azariah	Yah has helped

They were from the tribe of Judah and had strong faith in Yah. They went through 3 years of intensive training in kingdom things. Are we ready for some intense spiritual training?

Let's continue reading in chapter 1 moving to verses 17-20. We see that God will prosper us in the midst of the most adverse circumstances when (if) we keep our eyes focused on Him.

Verse 17) God gave Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah: knowledge & skill in **all** literature and wisdom. Daniel received understanding in **all** visions and dreams. Take a closer look at these verses. How many times do we see the word **ALL** in these verses (16-20)?

- 6 times in the NKJV

Look what God will give us when we obey His commands and not let this world's system pollute us by ruling our thoughts, emotions and lives! Not to mention divine health (Vs 11-16).

In conclusion of Daniel chapter 1, we can now clearly see these young men's character shining forth through the meanings of their names. They were god-fearing and refused to compromise. Can we say this is definitely a theme throughout the book of Daniel? **NO COMPROMISE. Amen?**

A GOD CHALLENGE FOR US: as we walk out our Christ life with fear and trembling before a holy God, will we give in to the pressure of life and the world system? Or will we stand unwavering in faith as these four Hebrew men and refuse to compromise?

Ultimately the choice is ours; we were given a free will to freely choose all things.

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