

DANIEL

LIVING AS FAITHFUL STRANGERS

Daniel's New Year's Resolution A study of Daniel I

The P _____ Around Us

I Peter 1:1, "To God's elect, *exiles* scattered throughout the provinces..."

I Peter 1:17, "live out your time as *foreigners* here in reverent fear."

I Peter 2:11, "Dear friends, I urge you, as *foreigners and exiles*, to abstain from sinful desires."

Daniel 1:1-6, "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility...⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah."

Daniel 1:4, "He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians"

Daniel 1:5, "The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table"

Daniel 1:7, "The chief official gave them new names"

Romans 12:2 (Ph), "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good."

The P _____ Within Us

Daniel 1:8, “Daniel resolved not to defile himself.”

Daniel 1:12-15, “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see’...¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.”

Daniel chose to live by two convictions at the same time:

Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV), ““Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Deuteronomy 14:2 (ESV) says, “You are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession.”

The P _____ Above Us

Daniel 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 Lord delivered* Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand.”

Daniel 1:9, “*God had caused* the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel.”

Daniel 1:17, “To these four young men *God gave* knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.”