

Changeless Faith in the Midst of Changing Times

Daniel 1

Politics of the Nation: (vv. 1-2)

- Israel was taken over by Assyria in 722BC.
- Judah was taken over by Babylonia in 586BC.
- 3 Deportations prior to Judah's takeover.

Ploy of satan: (vv. 3-7) – "The Lord gave" ("natan" – caused, delivered)

- Judah was given to King Nebuchadnezzar. (v. 2)
- Treasures were given from the temple.
- Godly men were taken for service to the king. (vv. 4-5)

Plan of God (vv. 8-14) "God had given" ("sim" – to put, set, place or fix, vv. 9, 17)

- God gave favor to Daniel and his friends.

Praise to God: (vv. 15-21)

- Physically healthier
- Mentally smarter
- Spiritually wiser

Questions to ask yourself:

- Politics – What is going on right now in your world that is causing you grief?
- Ploy – What is satan doing to set you up for a fall?
- Plan – What are you doing, with the help of God, to ward off the ploys of the evil one?
- Praise – Is God getting the true praise he deserves?

Points to Ponder:

- When your world is turned upside down, remember whose world it is!
- When satan wants to change who you are, remember whose you are!
- When you're doing God's will, never give up!
- When God brings you through, give Him praise!