

Study Notes and Questions for Daniel 1

- What is significant about the time stamp and event that Daniel cites in the opening verse of chapter 1?
- Notice the action attributed to God in Daniel 1:2. In its context here, how does this help us understand God's sovereignty and His purposes?
- What statement do you think Nebuchadnezzar was making by taking articles from the Temple in Jerusalem and placing them in the treasury of his god?
- What are the most significant details we learn about Daniel and his three fellow exiles in 1:3–7?
- Why do you think Daniel and his friends were given Persian names?
- How would you summarize what Daniel was trying to “prove” by the kind of testing he pursued in 1:8–16?
- How does Daniel 1:9 indicate an answer to the prayer request of Solomon, centuries earlier, as given in 1 Kings 8:50?
- Notice the action attributed to God in verse 9. In its context here, what does this communicate about God's grace and His sovereign purposes?
- What do you find most impressive about the character and capabilities of Daniel and his three fellow exiles as they're described in verses 17–20?
- The final verse of the chapter reveals that Daniel spent about 7 decades serving the Persian kings. What does that say about Daniel as a person?
- What would you select as the key verse or passage in this chapter—one that best summarizes what it's all about?