

DANIEL

“A Man for our Times”

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-19; Daniel 1:1-7

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DANIEL'S TRUE STORY

- Daniel's arrival is a cautionary tale.
 - ▶ Daniel is in Babylon because...
 - ✓ The parents and pastors of Israel spoke what was in their mind, not from God's lips (Jeremiah 23:16-24, 28-32).
 - ✓ Nationalism and spiritual pride caused the leaders to sell their children for temporary peace and prosperity (Isaiah 39).
 - ✓ God declared that captivity was necessary in order to get His **people** refocused on His plan (Jeremiah 29:10-14).
- Daniel's storyline is a revelatory trail.

- ▶ Daniel shows us how to:
 - ✓ Submit without assimilation
 - ✓ View the culture we are called to live in
 - ✓ Focus on God's Word, not our wants
 - ✓ View history
 - ✓ Study prophecy
 - ✓ Live faithfully in a pluralistic society
 - ✓ Pray

- Daniel's suffering is an apologetic for trial.

- ▶ Every major player has their character revealed or comes to faith through trial!

QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on the statement that Daniel's arrival in Babylon is a cautionary tale. (How was Israel's heart, before captivity, similar to ours?)
2. What do you hope to learn about in this study?
3. What have recent trials revealed about you and the world around us?