

## Daniel – Part I - Introduction

Reference: Daniel 1:1-7

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The Old Testament consists of \_\_\_\_ books from \_\_\_\_ human authors  
(God Himself being the ultimate author of all Scripture) and those books fit into three basic categories:

Books:	Pentateuch or Torah	Other Historical Books
	Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther
Books:	Job Psalm Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	
Books:	Major Prophets	Minor Prophets
	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

<b>Author:</b>	References: <b>Ezekiel 14:12-14, 28:3; Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:3; II Timothy 4:17; Hebrews 11:33</b>	Nebuchadnezzar wanted to absorb the Jewish captives and to conform them into Babylonian culture. Principles from this beginning text:  <b>ONE...</b> Societal culture _____ us to conform.
<b>Date:</b>	6th century B.C. - _____ B.C.	<b>Definition:</b> Culture _____ of the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social grouping.
<b>Location:</b>	ancient _____	
<b>Language:</b>	chapter one – _____ <b>chapter two verse four through chapter seven –</b> _____ <b>chapters eight through twelve –</b> _____	How Daniel was pressured to conform to Babylonian culture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there was a change in _____</li> <li>• there was a change in personal _____</li> </ul>
<b>Basic Division:</b>	Daniel is divided into 2 basic parts: <b>chapters 1-6</b> are _____ and <b>chapters 7-12</b> are _____	
<b>Theme:</b>	God is _____ and in _____.	<b>Hebrew Names:</b> Daniel's name meant Jehovah God is my _____. Hananiah's name meant Jehovah God is _____. Mishael's name meant _____ is like Jehovah God. Azariah's name meant Jehovah God _____.
<b>Dates:</b>	____ B.C. - The ancient United Kingdom of Israel that had consisted of twelve original tribes was divided into two distinct parts: a northern kingdom and a southern kingdom. <b>See supplemental sheet</b>	<b>Babylonian Names:</b> Daniel was changed to Belteshazzar (Bel was the chief god of Babylon and meant <b>Bel</b> protect my life). Hananiah was changed to Shadrach (meaning servant of <b>Aku</b> the moon god) Mishael was changed to Meshach (meaning <b>who</b> is this) Azariah was changed to Abed-Nego (meaning servant of <b>Nego</b> the god of wisdom)
	____ B.C. – First Babylonian Invasion - Nebuchadnezzar's armies besieged Jerusalem. King Jehoiakim cooperated with Nebuchadnezzar and was permitted to continue as king of Judah. In exchange, Nebuchadnezzar was given access to some of the sacred vessels in the Jerusalem temple and he could bring some of Jerusalem's finest men to serve him in Babylon.	
	____ B.C. – Second Babylonian Invasion - Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and captured 10,000 Jewish people and brought them as slaves to Babylon.	
	____ B.C. – Third Babylonian Invasion – Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and left it in ruins, destroying the temple, homes and walls. This invasion ended Judah's existence until after the Babylonian captivity (70 years.)	<b>Different Perspectives on How Christians Approach the Secular Culture:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____ the culture Reference: <b>John 17:15</b> (see screen)</li> <li>• _____ the culture Reference: <b>Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 5:13</b> (see screen) The word "conformed" in the Greek means "to be formed to a pattern or _____. The word "world" is the Greek word "<i>aion</i>" and means "_____ and all that is part of this age including <b>culture</b>."</li> <li>• _____ the culture – but not unbiblical accommodation to the culture</li> </ul>