

Daniel 1

Three lenses-political, economical, Biblical

"Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness" says the Lord GOD.

'Even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live,' says the Lord GOD,' they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.'" (Ezek 14:14,20 NKJV)

**Daniel was esteemed by God as a man of prayer.
Babylon is the ancient name of Persia or Iran.**

1. Name Changes

Daniel (God is Judge) –Belteshazzar (One Bel protects)
Hananiah – Jehovah is Gracious –Shadrach
Mischael -who is like God – Meshach
Azariah – Jehovah aids – Abednego

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – (They were named after idols of Iran.)

2. They were men of purpose, prayer, perception, and power.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."
(Dan 1:8 NKJV)

a. Purpose gives you favor with God and man-verse 9

"Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs" (Dan 1:9-10 NKJV)

b. Purpose is tested. verses 10-16

They were tested ten days and found ten times wiser.

3. Four men changed an empire and the heart of a dictator with only the weapon of prayer and fasting.

Ex: S. Korea, Nigeria, Columbia, Indonesia, India, Central and South America, Hungary

5. Nations today are changed by men and women of purpose, prayer, perception, and power.

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