

OUTLINE

Intro: Definitions of Compromise

Daniel 530 B.C. Daniel lived probably from about 615 BC to about 530 B.C.

Chapters 1-6	History	Man of God	Dreams
Chapters 7-12	Prophecy	Messenger of God	Visions Ch 7
Gentile Nations	Ch 8-12	Israel as a Nation	

Apocalyptic literature



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Key verse Daniel 2:44 (NASB) 44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

OUTLINE (continued)

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- I. _____ Compromise Daniel 1:1-4
- 1st deportation 605 B.C. 2 Kings 23:36-24:1,2,3-5 2
Chronicles 36:5-8
- 2nd deportation 597 B.C. 2 Kings 24:8-16;
2 Chronicles 36:9-10
- 3rd deportation 586 B.C. Ezekiel 12:13; 2
Chronicles 36:17-21; Jeremiah 25:8-13

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II. _____ Compromise Daniel 1:4-8

Here is what Daniel faced:

1. Vs 4
2. Vs 5
3. Vs 5
4. Vs 5,8
5. Vs 6,7



OUTLINE (continued)

Daniel – God is my Judge

Hananiah – Gift of the Lord

Mishael – Who is what God is?

Azariah –The Lord is my help

Belteshazzasar –Bel's prince

Shadrach – Command of Aku

Meshach –who is what Aku is?

Abed-nego –The servant of Nego

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III. _____ To Stop Compromise Daniel 1:8-16

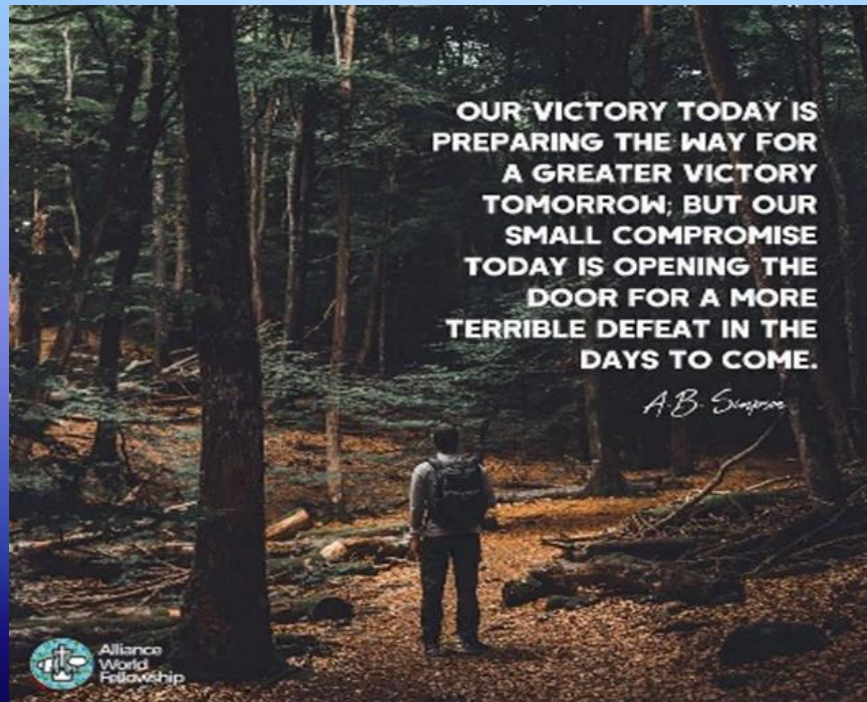
A. He had _____ Josiah 2 Kings 22:1-20 and Jeremiah

B. He had the _____ of God 2 Kings 22:8-13

Isaiah 66:2 (NASB) 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

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C. He had the _____ of God Daniel 1:9-10



Message slides:



DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For



Uncompromising Kingdom Commitments

Daniel 1:1-16 (NASB)



Eric Liddell

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eric_Liddell



DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For

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I. Excuses to Compromise



Daniel 1:1 (NASB)

¹ In the third year of the reign of
Jehoiakim king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came to Jerusalem and besieged it.



Daniel 1:2 (NASB)

² The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.



Daniel 1:3 (NASB)

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,



Daniel 1:4 (NASB)

⁴ youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every *branch* of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and *he ordered him* to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.



Excuses Daniel Could Have Used

- Others had sinned. He innocent.
- Lost everything.
- Parents not around.
- Babylon was the happening place.
- He was a minority.
- The majority were eating the food.

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- I. Excuses to Compromise
 - II. Pressures for Compromise



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Daniel 1:5 (NASB)

⁵ The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and *appointed* that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.



Daniel 1:8 (NASB)

⁸ But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought *permission* from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.



Daniel 1:6 (NASB)

⁶ Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.



Daniel 1:7 (NASB)

⁷ Then the commander of the officials assigned *new* names to them; and to Daniel he assigned *the name* Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Michael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.



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- II. Pressures for Compromise
- III. Convictions to Stop Compromise



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III. Convictions to Stop Compromise

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C. He Had The Favor of God



Daniel 1:9 (NASB)

⁹ Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,



Daniel 1:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."



Daniel 1:11 (NASB)

¹¹ But Daniel said to the overseer
whom the commander of the officials
had appointed over Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,



Daniel 1:12 (NASB)

¹² "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.



<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/legumes-pulses/>



Daniel 1:13 (NASB)

¹³ "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."



Daniel 1:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.



Daniel 1:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.



Daniel 1:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.



Uncompromising Kingdom Commitments

Daniel 1:1-16 (NASB)



QUESTIONS

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the word "compromise?" Is it negative in nature to you or positive? Why?
2. What were some of the excuses that Daniel could have used from the passage that was studied? Are any of those current for today?
3. What pressures was Daniel facing? Which of the pressures he was facing do you think you would have had trouble with?



QUESTIONS (continued)

4. Do you like your name? What does your name mean? Share with the group what the meaning of your name is. If someone changed your name to be a foul, dirty, demonic name, how would that affect you? When someone called you names back in elementary, how did you respond?
5. What examples in your life can you think of who were godly people and lived out their Biblical convictions on a consistent basis? What did you admire about them?



QUESTIONS (continued)

6. What do you believe about the Word of God? What is your response to the Word of God? How do you seek to live by obeying the Word and will of God as found in the Bible?
7. Do you believe that if you obey the Word of God and honor it as Eric Liddell did, that you will be shown favor? Was Eric Liddell shown favor? Does our obedience always turn out with a favorable outcome (see Hebrews 11:32-40)



QUESTIONS (continued)

8. Why does it matter that we obey God in the small things? How do those “little obediences” prepare us for big challenges and choices down the road (Luke 16:10)?
9. Though Daniel was disobeying the king’s order to eat the food from his table, how did Daniel respond to denying that order? How does this help us to know what to do in the future when we have to disobey (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:24-26)?
10. Daniel 1 is a bit of a paradox when it comes to Daniel. On the one hand, he was obeying God. On the other hand, he was disobeying the king. How did Daniel know when to do which thing? How do you discern between submitting to the culture and society on decisions and when to obey God and go against the flow of the world?