Daniel 1-2:4a

Introduction to Daniel and his Friends

1. Who did Nebuchadnezzar take into captivity back to Babylon and who was left in Judah? (2 Kings 24:14, Jeremiah 24:1-10)
2. What advice did Jeremiah have for the Jews that were taken into exile? (Jer 29:4-7) Would this advice be easy to follow? (Acts 5:29)
3. What speciﬁc tactics were used to give Daniel and his friends a new Babylonian orientation (vv. 3-7)
4. How do these tactics parallel the pressures we might face today in a worldly society?
5. Why did Daniel ask for special food? Was he making a big issue out of a minor problem?
6. Why was Ashpenaz reluctant to grant Daniel and his friends’ request concerning their diet?
7. Do these verses promote being a vegetarian and abstaining from alcohol? If not, what do they promote?
8. How can Christians today determine which activities we will engage in and which we won’t?
9. What can you learn from Daniel’s attitude and actions about how to respond when your biblical values are challenged?