

Creative Alternatives

Daniel Chapter 1

Six Ways Babylon Turned Daniel's World Upside Down.

1. The Babylonian army takes Daniel, in forced _____, from Jerusalem to Babylon.
2. The Babylonian army takes Daniel to Babylon in fulfillment of Isaiah's _____ (Isaiah 39:6,7).
3. Wicked King Nebuchadnezzar becomes Daniel's _____.
4. Ashpenaz, Babylon's Chief Official, changes Daniel's name.
5. Daniel's _____ is adjusted.
6. Babylon gives Daniel an education, that includes _____.

How far can we engage our culture without compromising our convictions?

- I. Background: King Nebuchadnezzar defeats King Jehoiakim and hauls off priceless _____ articles to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-2).

- II. King Nebuchadnezzar hauls off high-ranking young men (including Daniel) to Babylon to _____ in his palace (Daniel 1:3-7; Isaiah 39:6-7).
- III. King Nebuchadnezzar and Ashpenaz seek to educate and _____ Daniel in Babylon's ways (Daniel 1:4-7).
- IV. Daniel purposes not to _____ Himself and asks for permission not to defile himself (Daniel 1:8).
- V. God steps in and causes the Babylonian official to show favor and _____ to Daniel (Daniel 1:9).
- VI. Ashpenaz fears that his head will be lopped off if he grants Daniel's request (Daniel 1:10,11).
- VII. Daniel presents a respectful and creative alternative to his supervisor which God blesses (Daniel 1:11-16).
- VIII. God _____ Daniel and his companions for their obedience (Daniel 1:17-21).
- IX. Epilogue: Daniel remains faithful to God for more than _____ years (Daniel 1:21).