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REFUSING DEFILEMENT

LESSONS FROM THE PROPHET

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THE MOST HIGH RULES

+ Greetings, and Welcome.

The Book of Daniel is most remarkable. It is packed with prophecies that flow into modern culture. Like Daniel, it is unique and supernatural in nature. It records for us the course of the history of the nations from Daniel's day until the end, as stated in the Revelation's book. **Our study is real, raw, & relevant.**

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*I am blessed to be your host & teacher. This series is close to my heart. I have spent 40 + years preparing for this study. **We hope you are blessed.***

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OVERVIEW

First, Daniel's captivity was not a shock to God. It was a part of the Lord's mission to discipline the Hebrew people – to redirect them back to the individualized & collective worship of Himself. God knew He needed an extraordinary man to do this. The Lord also knew that it would require a man of absolute integrity who avoided defilement at all cost. Finally, this man had to embrace the mandate of NOT fellowshiping with idolatized nations. This man was Daniel, with the support of his friends. While Daniel was clueless of the future of his calling as a young man, God's ability to maintain the present by knowing the future – cemented Daniel's upward calling. In this, prophecies are born.

Study & Meditate

Daniel Chapter 1:1-21 | Key Verses, Daniel 1:9-10



Study

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



Meditate



History



Prophecies



Culture



Christology

EXCUSING SELF

Christians are known for displacing their responsibility for the sins they commit. You know, *“We are not responsible for the judgment that came upon us, and we did not commit the sins God is judging regarding our forefathers, and He will not hold us responsible.”* Daniel and his friends did not use this ridiculous argument.



BLENDING THE LINES

The model we DO see is a man who drops such excuses at the feet of the Lord while embracing the real-time focus of beholding the will of the Father AND the costs that come with such a decision. However, today we see young theologians compromising through integrating absolute doctrines into a culture of blending the lines to reach those who do not know God.



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THE ISSUE IS | WHAT DID GOD SAY?

Did you know there was legalism in the Old Testament? Yes. Old or New covenants are based on hearing the voice of the Father – NOT on obeying the jots and tiddles of the Words of God. Both covenants create a dependence on God's voice, not His written Words. As soon as a person focuses on the words of the Law, legalism moves in to dominate obedience that propagates failure. However, when someone, like Daniel & his friends focus on the voice that announced the guidelines of proper living, each gains the attention, protection, and blessing of a personal relationship with God the Father.

NO STEAK FOR ME



**NO THANK
YOU!**

SACRIFICED TO IDOLS

God's issue with Jews not eating the meat of divided hoof animals had little to do with pigs or other divided hoof animals. It does have to do with the historical truth that divided hoofed animals were the prime selection for animals sacrificed to ancient gods throughout the ages. Daniel and his friends were well aware of this history. When God safeguarded the Jews by placing a Law in place, it protected them from the evil that occurred in the sacrifice.

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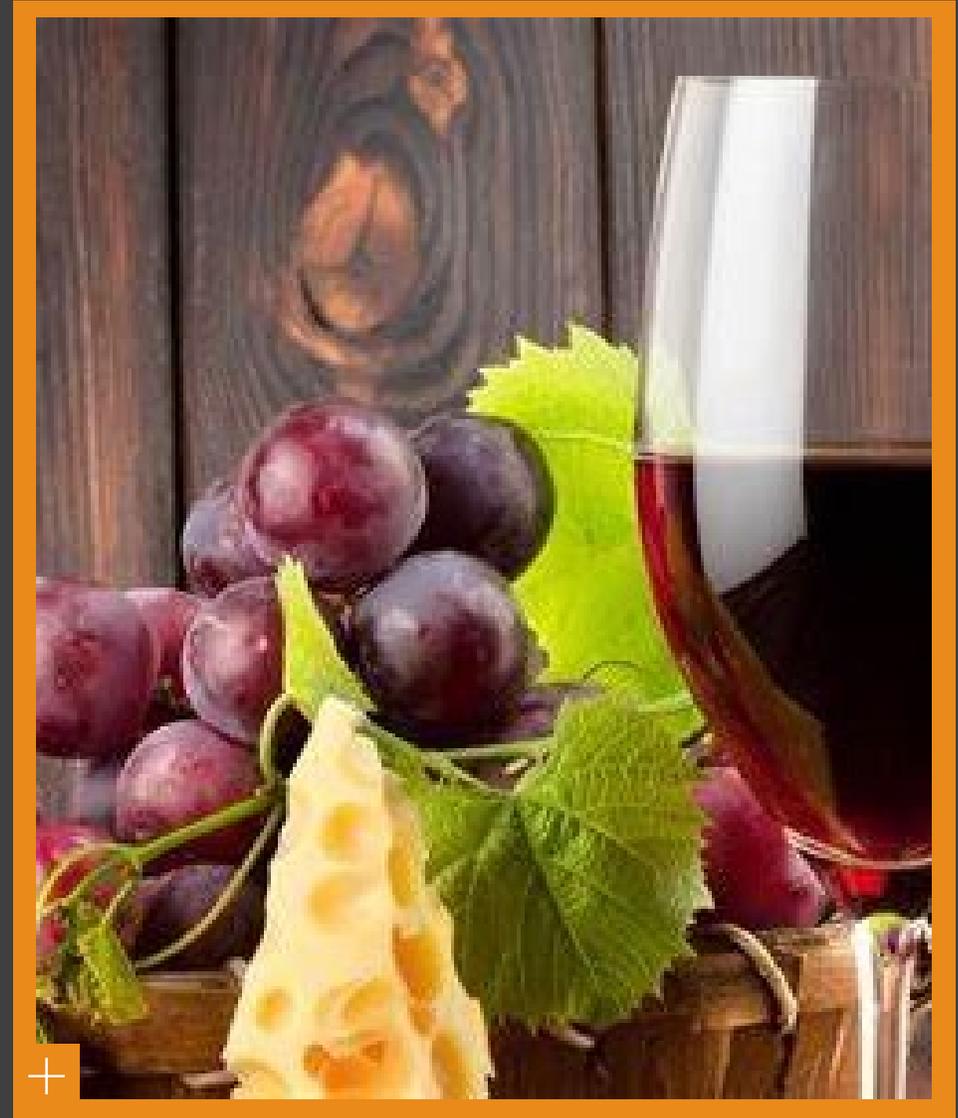
FACT | The blood within a good steak makes that steak delicious.



WHAT'S UP WITH THE WINE

Vineyard experts reference wine as the blood of the fruit. If drunk while the blood of the vine is fresh, it is embraced in its purest form. After it begins to ferment (goes bad), it becomes what the Word of God calls, *strong drink*. As most know, wine without the punch of fermentation is next to pointless – it's called *grape juice*. Early on in Biblical history, vinedressers realized that fresh grape juice turning bad provided a buzz, drunkenness. Even though these earlier vinedressers didn't know the science of fermentation causes addictions, they certainly knew that the masses requested their wine first for the taste and secondly for the buzz. A combination that sets the human up for addictions.

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IN CONCLUSION

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The book of Daniel is prophetic in its entirety, but it is much more than that: It contains the most important practical lessons for indwelt Christians. These lessons are repeated throughout the Word of God. Without question, today, we need to learn the mysteries buried within Christ that answer the age-old question. *How can I be obedient, live a separate life from unbelievers, be dedicated to the Lord, and experience intimacy with Christ without feeling I am under the Law?*

SUMMARY POINTS

+ **PROPHECIES | WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT** **01**
 Unsaved people cannot understand prophecies of God, only that of Satan

+ **EXCUSING SELF | NOT BEING RESPONSIBLE** **02**
 Authentic believers avoid blaming their sins on their forefathers

+ **THE REAL ISSUE | WHAT DOES GOD SAY** **03**
 Freedom is not in the Laws of God but rather in WHO established the Law

+ **STEAKS, WINE, & THE LAW** **04**
 Understanding the “why” the Jews could not eat meat offered in sacrifice



#4 Divine Wisdom Rules

- ✓ **Wisdom from above**

Discovering the difference between demonic wisdom & that of God

- ✓ **Wisdom results in understanding applied**

Understanding the ways of God opens the door to His wisdom

- ✓ **Refusing to deny God**

Despite all the pressure to conform, Daniel holds to his loyalty with God

COMING UP NEXT





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