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605 BC

Shinar = Babylon = KJV

Article of temple -

Our god is stronger than your god

Marduk

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Babylonia -

they believed the gods are territorial

Proven it by defeating you and taking your articles from your temple

Some of articles - not totally overthrow at beginning (605 first stage) but into tributary

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605-597 = 586

Daniel → vassal of Neb

Zedekiah has rebelled →

Jere 38:14-23

39:1-10

Siege - destroys temple breaks down walls

Zedekiah takes off thru a hole

in the wall in South at Reblah

Neb's men catch him - put him in irons

hold eyes open while slaughtering sons - then w/ hot pokers -

take out eyes take him off

in chains to Babylon. → never saw

Babylon but there - this was

prophecised by either Ezekiel and Jeremiah

Neb to throne

in Babylon

1st day of Elul

Prayer beginning for

Rash Hashana

then went back to capture Jehohakim

Zmos into Campaign

then

5 more mos

1:3 Ashpenaz

Israelites from royal family

Zedekiah's family

Isa 39- Hezekiah

Greatest King since David

15 more years to live granted during this time - most

wicked king born Manasseh born

Read

→ Hezekiah's descendants

"at least it's not gonna happen to me so I don't have to worry about it"

But we are responsible for children & grandchildren

own flesh & blood taken off & will become Eunuchs

Daniel + friends taken - 500 mile journey on foot

Josephus says - castrated made eunuchs

→ 14 yrs old

10-20 Hebrew word

representatives of Babylon train them for that

Castrate - harem not threatened no threat of coup - violent overthrow

remove the manhood but train them up our way

month journey to get to Babylon

Josephus

v.5- train for 3yrs & then
 enter the king's svcs
 put yourself in the position of daniel
 walk across the desert for a month
 raised in the royal family
 best food & money
 now POW - their property
 then city appears 387' high
 wall 87' wide at top
 chariot races on top of walls
 6 abreast
 225 sq miles city
 2 million people
 beautiful city
 so impressed - that was part of
 the idea - educated in Neb's court
 eating from king's table
 have all the best

not using common idiom in Hebrew "to call"
 out "set/place" → God placed name on people orig.
 Babylonian/pagan names

- Daniel → Belteshazzar
 God's my judge
 Bel = prince or Bel = part of the
 Chief God King
 Shadrack
 all named by the Sun god Ra.
- Hananiah → M'shach
 the Lord is gracious
 Misha'el → who is like Venus or Earth
 who is as God
 Azariah → Abednego
 the Lord is help
 servant of Nego
 FIRE GOD (of Lucifer)

v.8 Plot verse - really kicks off the book of Daniel
 Daniel resolved NIV
 Strong's 7760 = preserved
 Gen 5:7
 not to defile himself in the way
 (circled)
 purposed KJV
 in his heart broken
 Cf Prov 4:23
 why - bone, filet mignon, fish
 best wine
 meat = delicacies - implied in Hebrew word
 not kosher - prob not bleed
 according to Jewish law
 but also prob. already offered up to
 gods as sacrifices

Hebrew - to eat w/ someone is to
 share life w/ them - dipping hand
 in bowl w/ them = sharing life
 Sharing fellowship w/ Babylonian or
 culture or millitary/body or people
 you can change my name but

v. 18 - Prisoner →
body mutilated

now has
nerves to go to
chief official

BUT b/c purposed

v. 9 Now b/c of ↗ God had
caused favor & sympathy

Prov 16:7 -

This doesn't make human sense

1) Daniel → wait a min
2) Asphenaz → to have sympathy
on prisoner

Strength - 4 together friends
to hold you accountable

! this is not about vegetarian vs meat
but about honoring God
if is ok to eat meat
also the word here could be
wheat or barley or fresh veggies

v. 17 God does
gave them knowledge of
all kinds of learning

Daniel - also - dreams & visions

v. 18 -

v. 20 teen agers - 10x better
than all of magicians & enchanters

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Magi
wise men who sought gods
for direction

astrologers -
studied the
stars
(not like
Zodiac)

used hallucinogens
to tap into
the power
source

sorcerers
tap into
pharmaca:
↓
Satanic

1:21 = recognition & security

2:11 — rejection & danger

Dreams - (recurring)

God communicates here w/ a ^{Gentile} pagan king
= evidence of grace of God

Gen 41 — two dreams to Pharaoh
and Joseph interpreted

Mat 2:12 magi who come to worship
Jesus = Gentiles

Amos 3:17 Jewish prophet

Temple of Marduk

golden image of Bel and a
golden table which weighed 50,000 lbs

At top of temple were golden
images of Bel & Ishfar, two
golden lions, a golden table &
18' high human figure of solid gold

Temple of Marduk