

DANIEL

Message #1---“Influenced or Influencer?”

God inspired His Word to be _____.

Ten of the original 12 tribes formed the northern kingdom of _____, with its capital at Samaria, and the remaining tribes of Judah and Benjamin kept their allegiance to the kings of _____, with their capital at Jerusalem.

The nation of Israel was carried away into captivity by Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, in _____ BC. The continued disobedience of Judah eventually caught up with them, as well, and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem around _____ BC and over the next 20 years totally conquered Judah.

Daniel 1:1-7

It is interesting that the name “Babylon” has come to represent the _____ of the world we live in.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”*

The challenges facing these young men:

- 1) A new _____
- 2) New _____ in their minds
- 3) A new _____
- 4) New _____

Daniel 1:8 (NIV) *“But Daniel resolved not to defile himself...”*

We must never forget where our real home is, where our allegiance resides. This world is a temporary dwelling place. It is our Babylon. And while we will work as hard as we can to make it resemble the Kingdom of God, we can never adopt its _____, or allow it to influence us, or corrupt our _____.

Daniel 1:8-21

These boys determined that they were going to do things right, no matter what the _____.

Daniel 1:17 (NIV) *“To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.”*

- 1) Whether you are an influencer, or you are influenced depends upon what you “_____ in your _____.”
- 2) Inner _____ can overcome any outer pressure to _____.
- 3) God honors those who _____ Him.

