

Unshakable

Daniel 1:1-21, 2 Chronicles 36:9-21. Pray for our educators!!

Babylon.... 721 BC Assyria defeated Israel 10 tribes

605 BC defeated Assyrians and Egyptians in Mod Syria

Invades Steals Seduces Indoctrinates

Neb stole their sacred treasures, future and identities!

It wasn't that God's people were perfect. Deserved Judge

God remains unshaken! King 9x in 1:1-5 Lord = Adonai

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. "Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli." Isaiah 54:10-11

Daniel = God is my judge; Hananiah = Yahweh is Gracious

Michael = Who is what God is? ; Azariah = Yahweh has helped

Daniel and his friends... Princes Remember who you are!!

Rise above what the culture had stolen from them.

Their whole future consumed by hate, revenge

Resist where the culture would seduce them.

With conv., courage & respect. Not belligerent, decep-

tive

Usually not theology but morality. Path of least resistance

Seize the opportunities found in their hardships.

An education and access second to none!

Loyalty to God is above their very lives. WHY?!

They weren't going home, wouldn't change things in Bab

Foreshadow Christ & "his friends." Pr of Judah, Des of David

Christ was prince of Israel too, exiled from his true home

His and their loyalty was greater than their lives.

Quick OT Timeline

1446 BC

1010 BC

586 BC

6-4 BC

Moses

David

Nebuch.

Jesus

Leads
Exodus

Rules
Israel

Destroys
Jerusalem

Born in
Bethlehem

Life Group Notes

Getting Started: What is God doing in your life?

Have you ever seen or experienced someone struggling to let go of their resentments and anger from what happened to them in the past? Can you see what allowed them to move on, if they actually did?

Although the text does not use the word itself, Daniel and his friends must have *forgave* the Babylonians for what they did to them. Would you agree? What do you see in the story that supports the idea that they must have forgiven them? How does forgiveness free people to see their situation more clearly?

Reviewing the Sermon: Read Daniel 1:6-21. Read through the sermon's main points. What stands out to you? What do you have questions about?

Digging Deeper: Read 2 Chronicles 36:9-21 (a more in depth background on the Babylonian exile can be found in 2 Kings 24-25). Read Deuteronomy 28:15, 25-29, 35-37. God is a promise-keeper and a covenant-enforcer. His people had become just as evil as those who had preceded them in the Promised Land. God had been supremely patient but He revealed that He was not a pushover!

Digging Deeper: Read and reflect on the following passages this week.

Isaiah 39:1-8

Jeremiah 20:1-6

Jeremiah 21:1-10

Jeremiah 25:1-14

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Bringing It Home: Read Hebrews 12:26-28. Where do you need to trust more in God's unshakable power and promises in your life?