



BE GOD'S INFLUENCER



Do we find ourselves in Daniel/Esther's sandals?

Daniel 1:3-20

Under the Hebrew King Jehoiakim, idol worship had become pervasive. God warned about this. **Lev. 26:14-22**

Punishment:

- Israel taken into captivity by _____ in 722BC
- Judah taken into captivity by _____ in 605BC (incl. Daniel)
- _____ was destroyed.

Daniel was written to _____ believers.

v. 3-4. What deemed Daniel (& others) to serve King? _____.

- Renamed *Beltshazzar* (after chief Babylonian god- Bel)
- Why did Nebuchadnezzar change Daniel's name? _____
- Hananiah—*Shadrach*; Mishael—*Meshach*; Azariah—*Abednego*
- What benefits would these "candidates" receive?
- Why did Daniel (& H,M,A) object to eating king's food?
 - **Lev. 11; Deut. 14:3-21**

v. 12. God rewarded _____.

What changes are we facing? Where's God calling you to be an influencer?

- It's time (past time) to step out on a limb...
- Regardless of the nature of call; consequences are _____.
- When have you stepped out on a limb? What were consequences?

_____ is an expression of our love to God.

- The world tempts us to make small _____.

Where in our country are you being stirred to take a stand?

This week's reading: Daniel 1:1–2:49.

Additional reading: For more Bible passages on obeying God, read *Deuteronomy 28:1–14; Joshua 1:7–9; 1 Samuel 15:12–23; Ecclesiastes 12:13–14; Isaiah 1:18–20; 50:4–9; John 14:15–18; Acts 5:27–32; and Romans 6:15–18.*

