

# Daniel Dialogue

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### Reading Guide for Daniel 1

## God Cares about you wherever you are!

### Group Discussion

Tell about the most interesting place you have ever visited. What was your favourite part of the trip? Did you miss home?

### Kids Activity

Look at the map of the world and use the code to find out what parts of the world to colour.

### Leaving Home—for whatever reason!

Going on holidays can be really fun, seeing different and exotic locations, but this was not Daniel's experience. Daniel was taken from Jerusalem to Babylon, as a young man, as the result of war— leaving his family and home behind. What do you think was going through his mind? Did he wonder whether anyone cared about him?

The story of Daniel 1 shows that *GOD CARES*. The prophecies of Daniel reveal the nature and magnitude of some of the conflicts between God and the forces of evil, while the stories graphically portray both the character qualities necessary to stand for God in each crisis situation and God's care.

### INTO CAPTIVITY verses 1-7

#### 1. verses 1,2

**Babylon attacks and overthrows Jerusalem:** God allowed tough times to hit Jerusalem—but He was still with them. It was a war between the forces of evil and the forces of good or an extension of the great conflict between Satan and God— the theme of the entire book.

#### (1) Contrasting characteristics of these two cities:

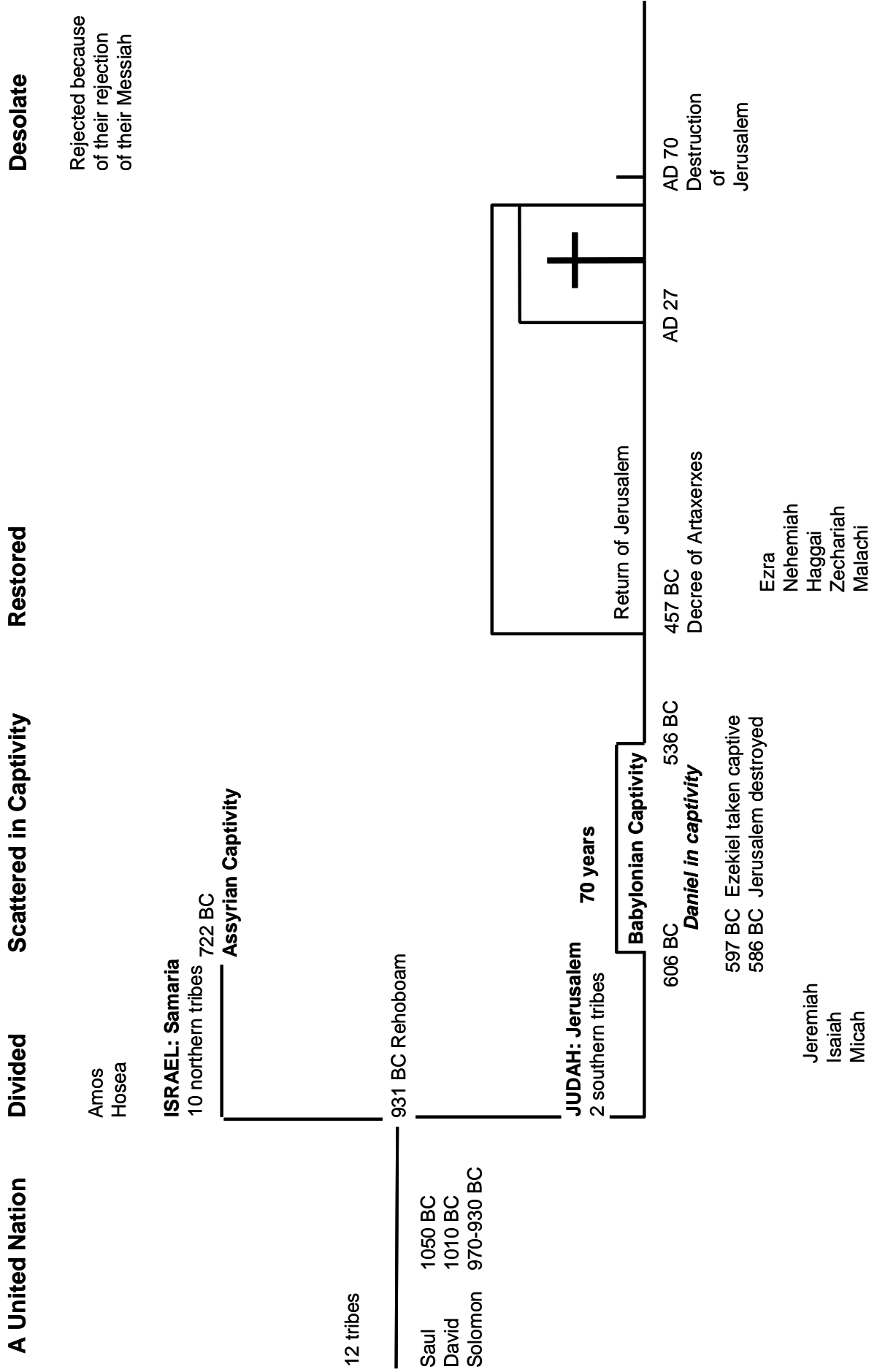
Babylon	Jerusalem
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____

Jerusalem turned from its noble purposes—its leaders turned from God and its people rebelled.

#### (2) The book of Daniel begins with a fulfilled prophecy:

The Prophecy:	Jeremiah 27:6,7	_____
The Response:	2 Chronicles 36:12-14	_____
The Result:	2 Chronicles 36:15-21	_____

# History of Ancient Israel



2. The result was “in fulfilment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah”. 2 Chronicles 36:21. What does the Bible say was the reason for God allowing His city to be overthrown by the heathen? 2 Chronicles 36:5-21

ANS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **verses 3-5**  
**Characteristics of the youth taken as captives to Babylon:**

“Young men  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”

The Bible teaches that God is all-powerful. Why do you think He allowed Daniel and his friends to go into captivity? How do you think you would respond to such a situation—and what impact would it have on your sense that God cares for you?

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4. **verses 6,7**  
**A change of name!**

What was the significance of the change from Hebrew to Babylonian names?

<b>HEBREW</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
Daniel	_____
Hananiah	_____
Mishael	_____
Azariah	_____

**BABYLONIAN**

Beltshazzar	These names appear to have some connection with Babylonian deities although the exact meanings are not clear.
Shadrach	
Meshach	
Abednego	

