

Message Questions

Daniel chapter 1 and Introduction:

1. Daniel 1:2, 9 and 17 all speak of an important truth about the Lord. What is that truth and how does that truth impact your life today? Hint: The key word is control.
2. Jeremiah was imprisoned for preaching an unpopular message, even though the message was true and from God. How do you respond to a message that is from God but perhaps “rubs you the wrong way,” threatens your comfort zone or questions your philosophy of a ministry?
3. The nation of Israel was divided in 930 BC due to civil war. Rehoboam was scheduled to succeed his father Solomon on the throne. But the majority of the people rebelled against him and established as their king Jeroboam (Northern Kingdom - Israel) and Rehoboam ruled the Southern Kingdom – Judah. Subsequently each kingdom was conquered. What can we as Christians learn from their disunity? I Corinthians 1:10-15, Phil. 1:27
4. Judah started 70 years of servitude in 606 BC due to their refusal to observe the Sabbath year (II Chronicles 36:20-22, Jeremiah 25:1-11). If you were an advisor to the kings in that time, would you have advised them to observe the Sabbath year of the land and forego 1/7th of their income for the sake of obeying God? Why or why not? Compare and contrast that to our giving today. Does it make sense to return the tithe to God (Genesis 14:20, Malachi 3:8-12)? Why or why not?
5. Nebuchadnezzar tried to get Daniel to conform to the ways of the Babylonians. But Daniel wisely found a way of escape. What kind of pressure do you face daily to conform to this world? How do you escape? When do you find yourself least able to escape and as such more likely to succumb or conform to this world (I Corinthians 10:13)?