

**“How To Thrive in Babylon  
and Not Be Babylonized”  
Daniel 1: 3-21**

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## Verse 3 - 7

**How to thrive in Babylon -  
*resist indoctrination***

# QUESTION:

*Have you been Babylonized?*  
(indoctrinated into an ungodly world view)

## Indoctrination' Goal:

- *To forget your roots and become Babylonized!!*
- The inputs were daily - for 3 years - verse 5

## The Goal: A new identity

(Babylonian names) = to become fully Babylonized

- To take every vestige of God away (*this is happening today, the goal of many politicians*)

# How to Resist Indoctrination:

- 1) Resisting starts in the home -  
Godly parents taught the Word  
Deuteronomy 6: 4-8

## Key point:

- Teach diligently (verse 7) like one would engrave a stone tablet - *keep at it!!*

## How to Resist Indoctrination:

- 2) A revival of interest in the Word of God under King Josiah
- 3) Prophet after Prophet spoke the Word of God and *some listened!!*

Important: Our children attend Babylon State University. They need to be equipped so their faith in the Word of God is strong and they can filter out those teachings which are clearly anti-God!

## Verse 8 - 16

**How to thrive in Babylon -  
*Purpose in your heart!***



## **In Babylon, be a Daniel:**

- Sold out, all-in-people, will not cave to circumstances

**The Key:** Determine ahead of time; purpose in your heart (*the inner nature, the core you*) **NOT TO DEFILE YOURSELF** with the world's delicacies!

**The battle is for control of your mind**  
**(*your soul - thoughts and feelings*)!**

For those who purpose in their hearts, God gives FAVOR -

favor = “*chesed*” = loving kindness, mercy

*“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies be at peace with him.”*

Proverbs 16: 7

When you take a stand with a  
Godly world view, **you will be  
*TESTED!!***

When tested by the world, friends,  
colleagues, family, team mates,  
etc., take a stand and ***be a Daniel!!***

## Verse 17 - 21

**How to thrive in Babylon -  
*God will give you knowledge  
and skill***

**Four men, who did not defile themselves, God gave knowledge, skill and wisdom -**

- They thrived in the environment God placed them in
- Their circumstances did not dictate their faithfulness
- They purposed in their heart to be faithful no matter what would come

- They excelled in the face of demonic oppression

## WARNING!!

- These demonic forces are real!
- God commands us to stay clear  
Deuteronomy 18: 9-14
- No psychic hot lines, astrology, tarot cards, Ouija boards, palm reading, etc.

In the New Testament, God gives believers discernment (*the ability to judge if something is true*)

Every Christian, *yielded to the Holy Spirit*, has knowledge, wisdom and discernment to navigate through these alligator infested waters called "*our life*".

To know what God requires of you  
- [Micah 6: 8](#)

**With knowledge, wisdom and skill,  
Daniel outlasted the entire  
Babylonian regime -**

***Daniel truly thrived in Babylon!!***



# CONCLUSION: *How to Thrive in Babylon*

- 1) Resist indoctrination of the culture - ***KNOW THE WORD OF GOD!!***
- 2) Purpose in your heart before the test; determine ***“I will stand for God”***
- 3) Know that God will give you knowledge and skill to navigate through Babylon’s waters

# CONCLUSION: *How to Thrive in Babylon*

- 4) We learn from Daniel, Christianity is all inclusive; *wherever God has placed us is our place of service!*
- 5) Daniel majored on obedience and left the results to God - *Great advice!*

***BE A DANIEL,  
AND YOU CAN THRIVE  
IN BABYLON, AND NOT  
BE BABYLONIZED!***