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Daniel Dared Defy The Devil

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All times are "trying" times for godly people in sinful world. Relentless battle rages between good and evil. Eph. 6:11-13. World always short on leaders for God's forces. Demands much. Church today needs more leaders like Daniel. Our study.

I. DANIEL WAS A YOUNG MAN OF GREAT SELF-CONTROL. Chapter 1.
   A. Exiled to Babylon with idolatrous adults at 15. 1:1-7.
   B. Refused the king's meat and wine in kindly way. 8-16.
      (Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah) Hebrew names.
   C. God gave these men knowledge, wisdom, skill & learning.
   D. The king found them 10 times better than others. 20.

II. DANIEL RELIED HEAVILY ON GOD'S PROVIDENCE. Chapter 2.
   A. Nebuchadnezzar had strange dream & forgot it. 31-35.
   B. Sorcerers, seers, soothsayers, astrologers and magicians could not reveal the phantom dream. 10-11.
   C. Angry king ordered death of all wisemen in kingdom which included Daniel and his friends. 12-13.
   D. Daniel asked for time and went to God. 14-23.
   E. Dream interpreted and God given the credit. 27-45.
   F. King elevates Daniel and 3 friends to high places. 46-49.

III. DANIEL'S GREAT INFLUENCE UPON HIS THREE FRIENDS. Chapter 3.
   A. Nebuchadnezzar made golden image and ordered all to worship it. 1-7.
   B. Daniel's friends refuse; cast into furnace. 8-25.
      (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) Chaldee names.
   C. King makes Jehovah the State God and elevates these men to rule over the province. 26-30.
   D. Kingdom shortly changed hands, with Darius, the Mede, defeating Nebuchadnezzar's son, Belshazzar in battle.

IV. DANIEL SHOWED UNDAUNTED COURAGE IN FACE OF CERTAIN DEATH. 6.
   A. Daniel made first-president of three in Median kingdom under Darius. 1-2.
   B. Jealous fellow-rulers sought to take first place by downing Daniel through trickery. 4-9.
   C. Daniel let nothing alter his worship to God. 10-15.
   D. He bravely entered his tomb of vindication: He believed in God! 16-23.
   E. Evil men and their families thrown to the lions. 24.

INV: DANIEL'S STORY SIMILAR TO JOSEPH'S. Many dark hours. Victory! Takes faith and courage to be real Christian too. B-RCB! Takes just as much courage to remain one! R-P.