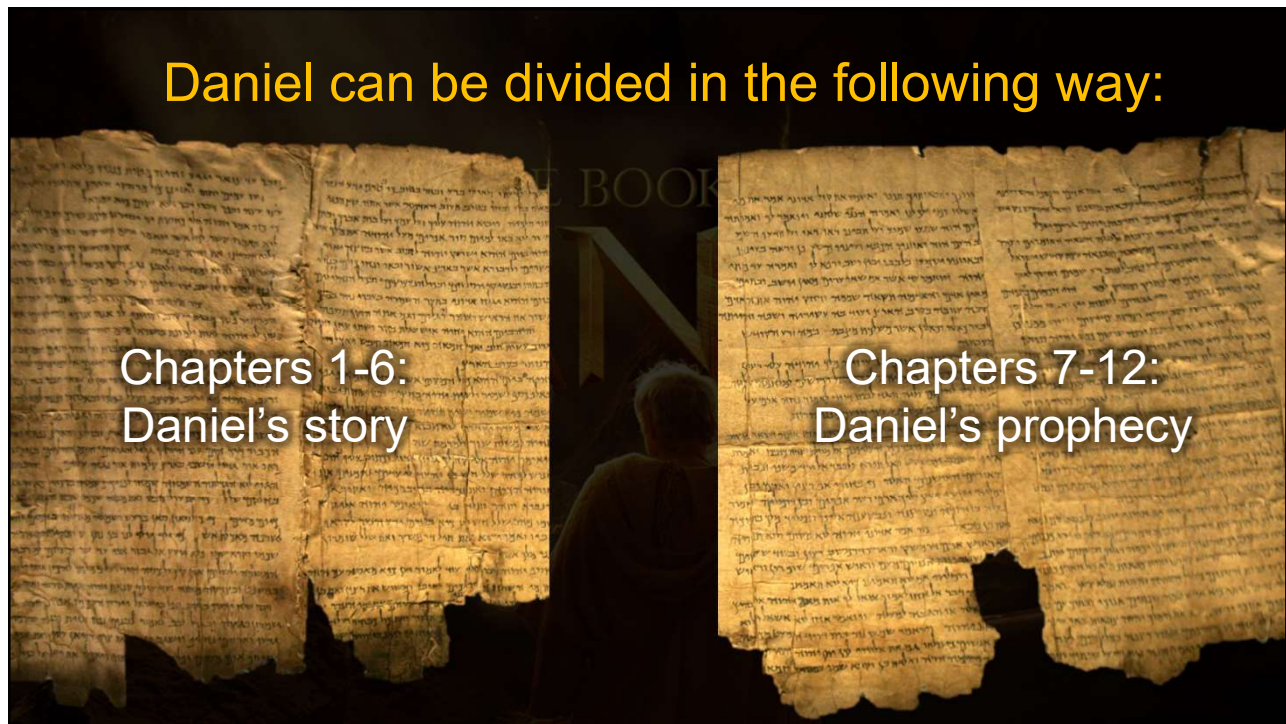


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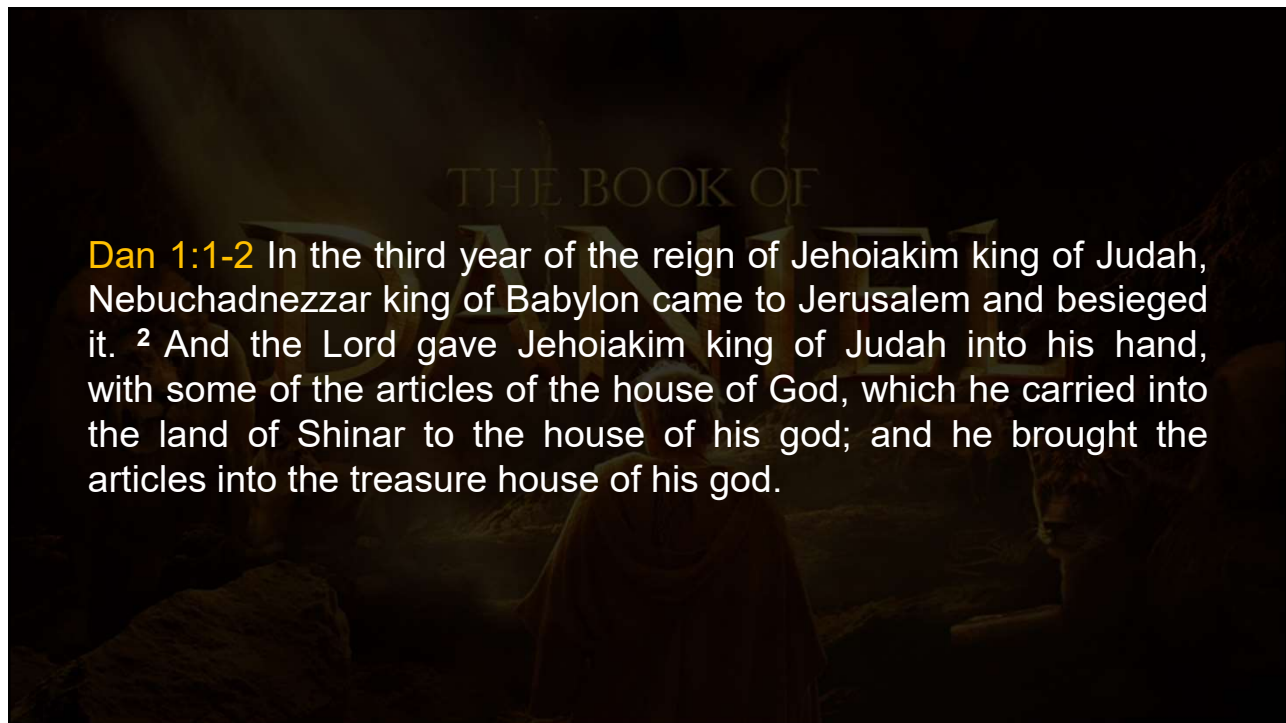
- Daniel is a historic person who actually lived during the time of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon
- Daniel wrote his book approximately 537 B.C. – centuries before the events he prophesied occurred
- Ezekiel compares Daniel with Noah & Job (Ezk 14:14)
- Jesus called Daniel a prophet

Mt 24:15 Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet

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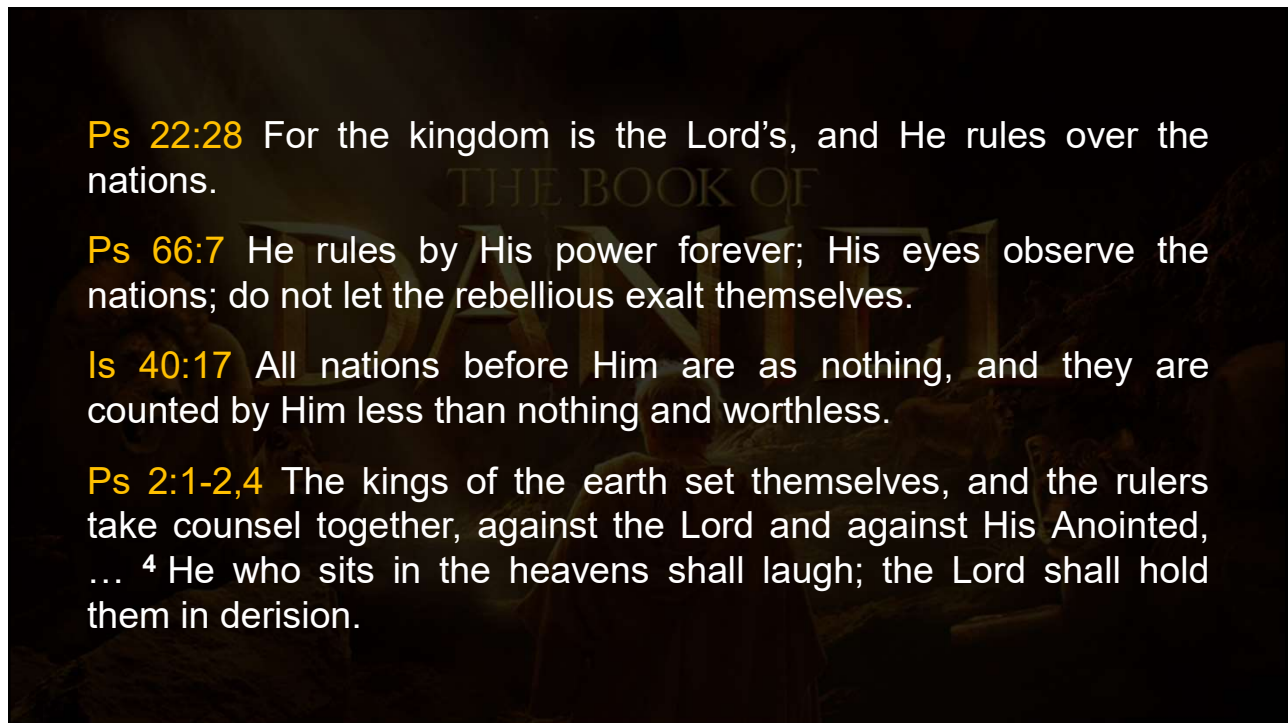
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Job 12:23-25 He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and guides them. ²⁴ He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and makes them wander in a pathless wilderness. ²⁵ They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

Ps 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;

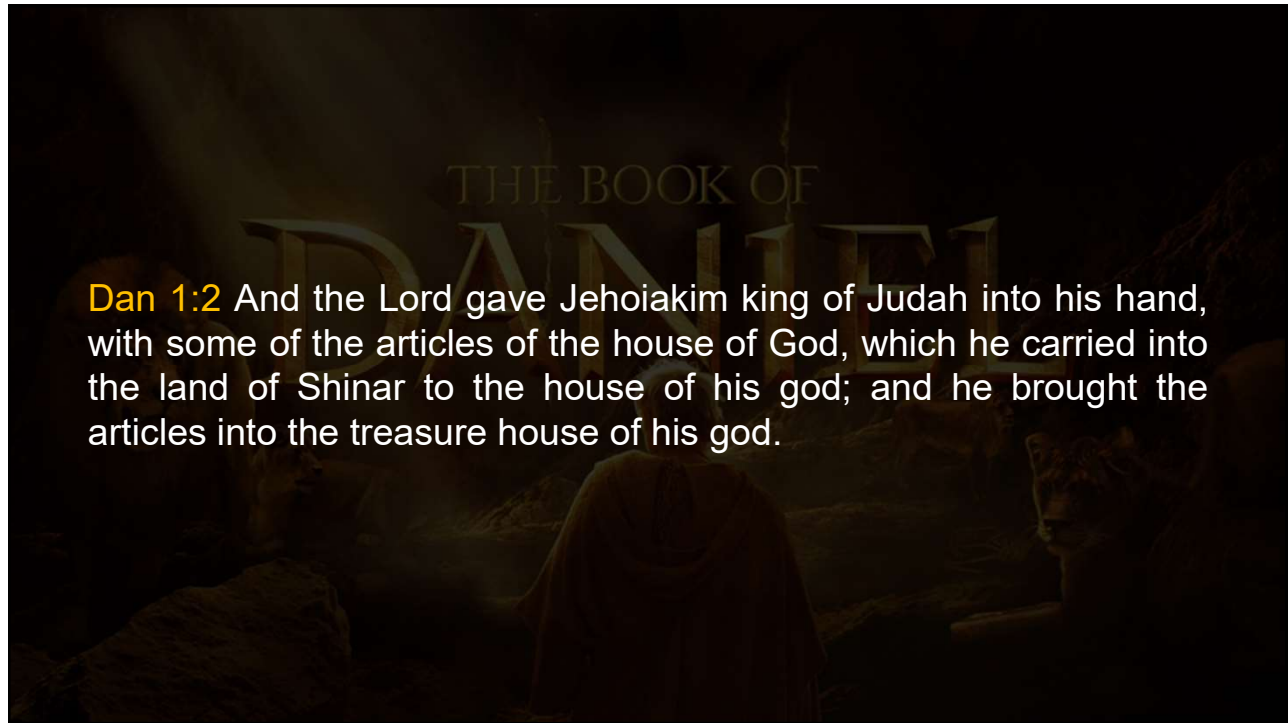
Ps 75:7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

Prov 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

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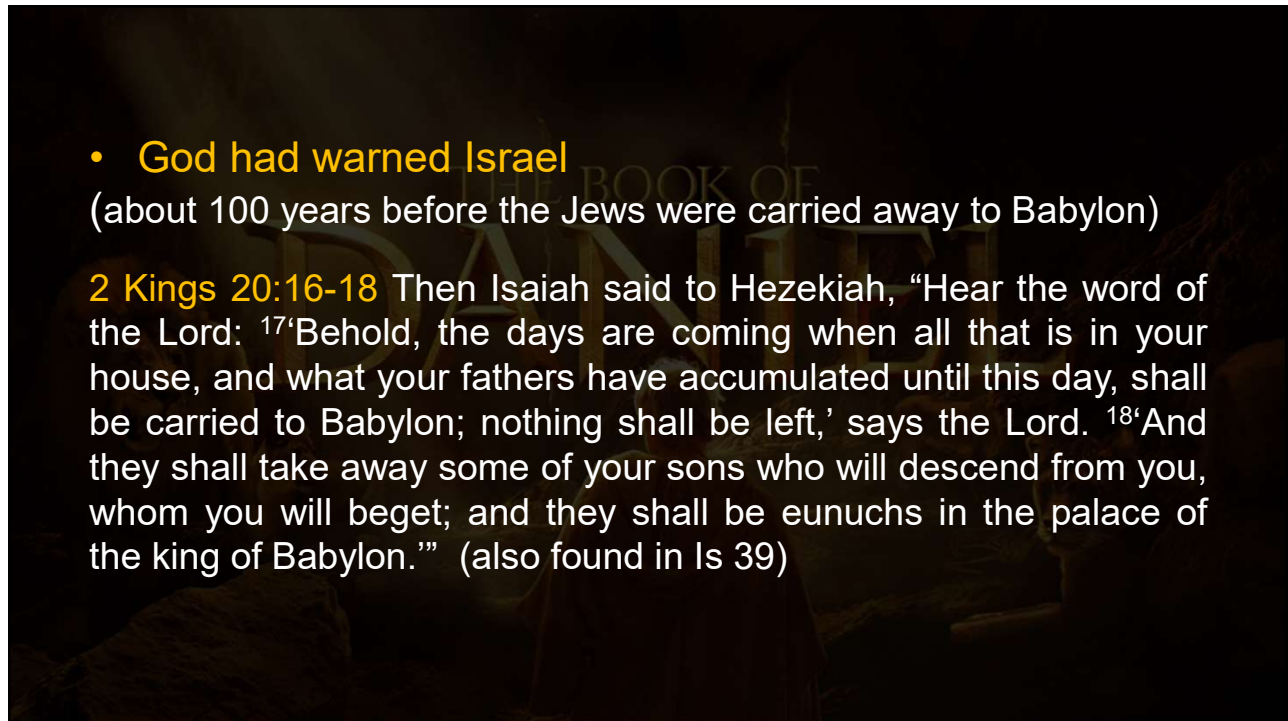
2. God disciplines His people

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Dan 1:2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

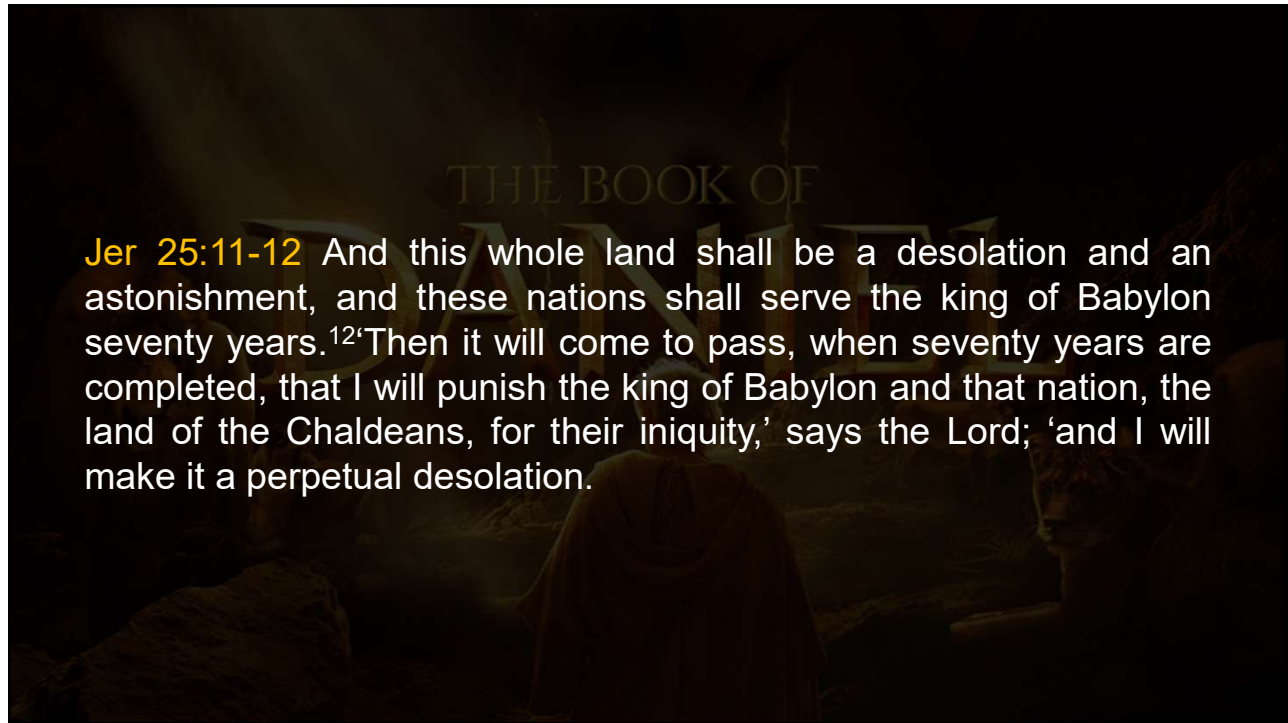
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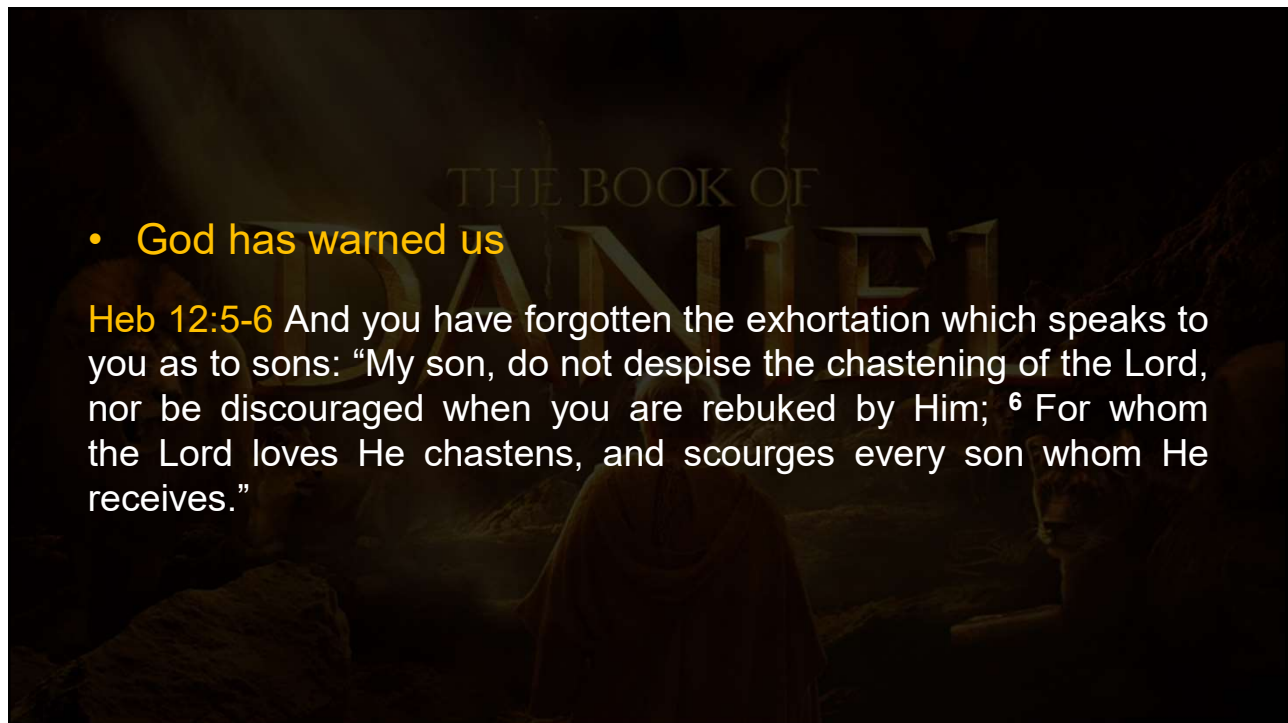
- **God had warned Israel**
(about 100 years before the Jews were carried away to Babylon)

2 Kings 20:16-18 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁷‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,’ says the Lord. ¹⁸‘And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” (also found in Is 39)

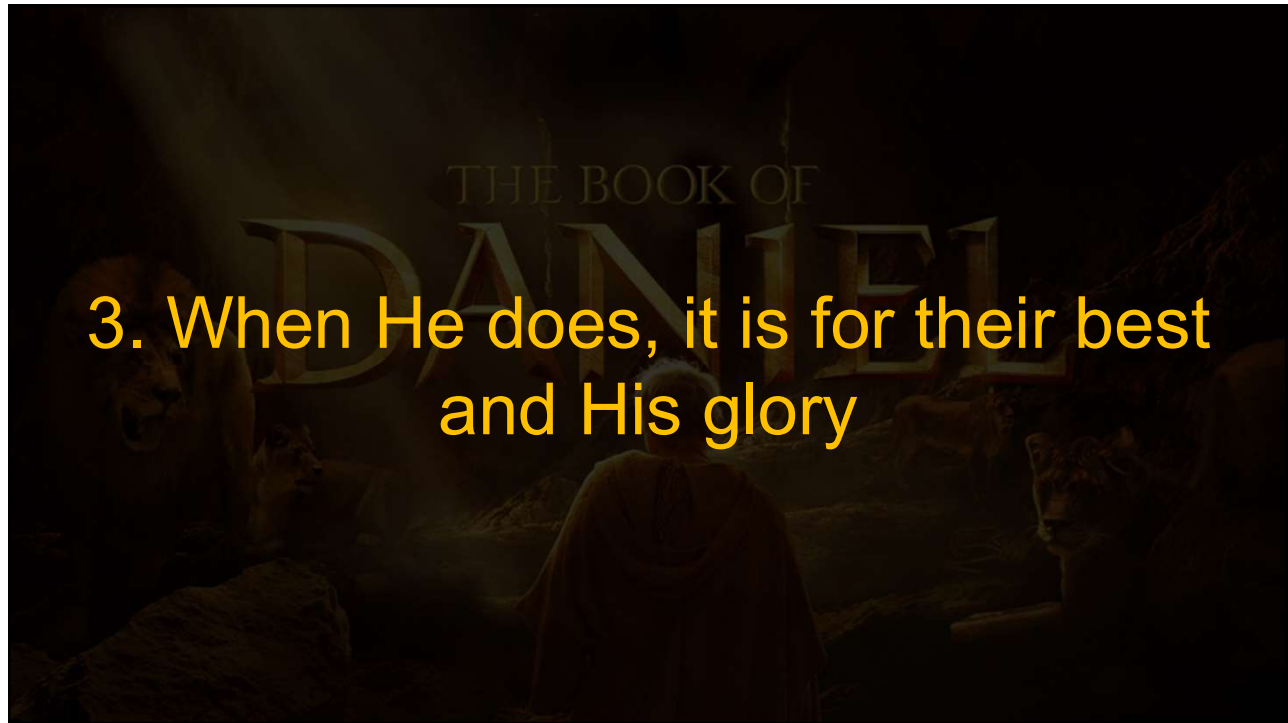
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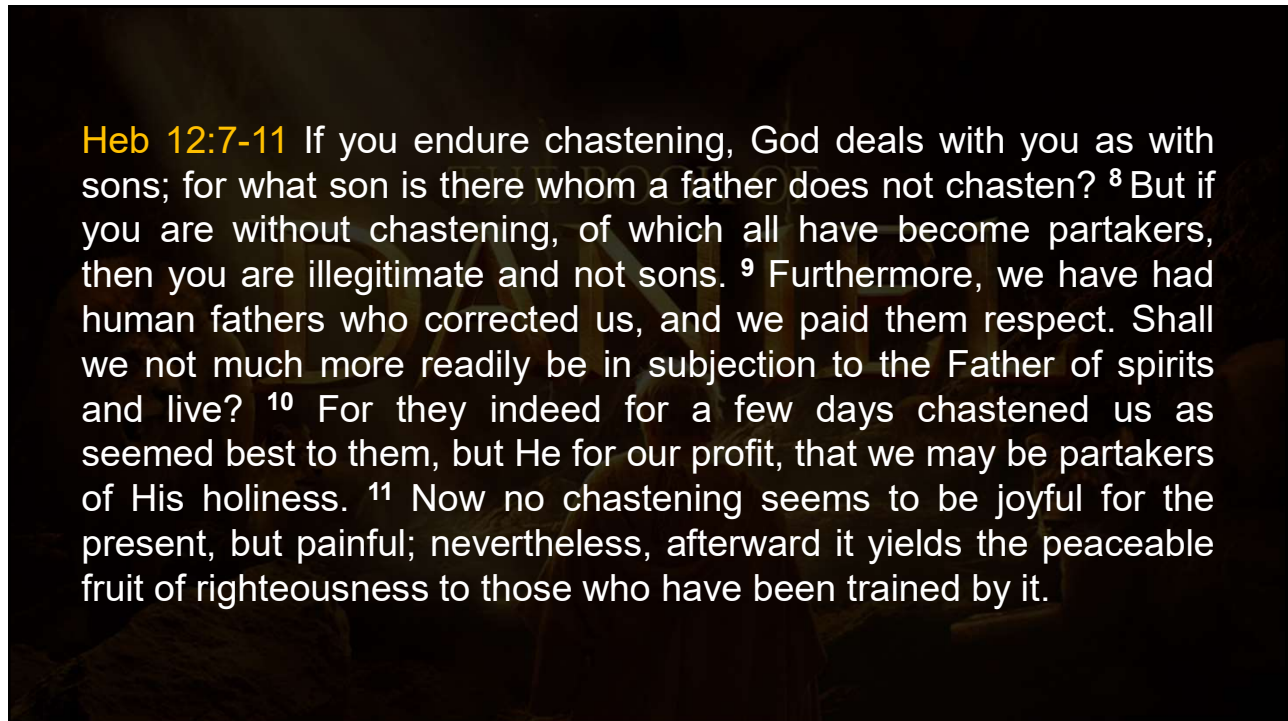
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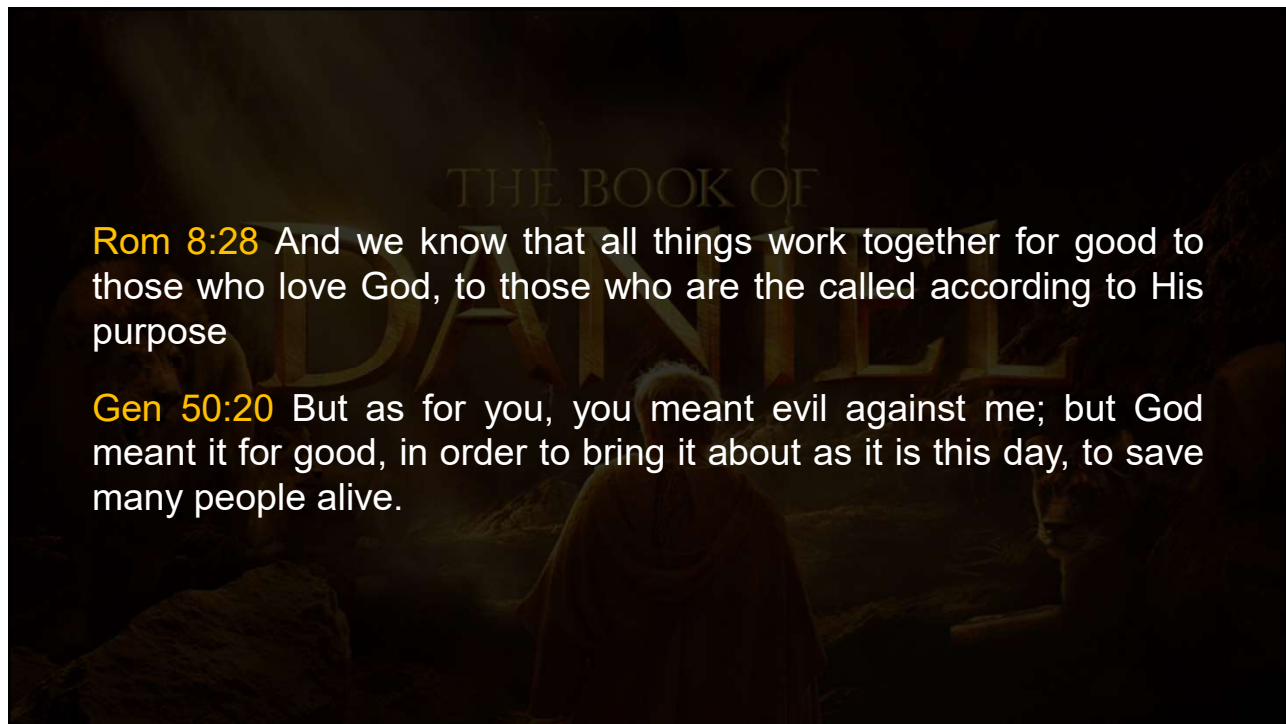
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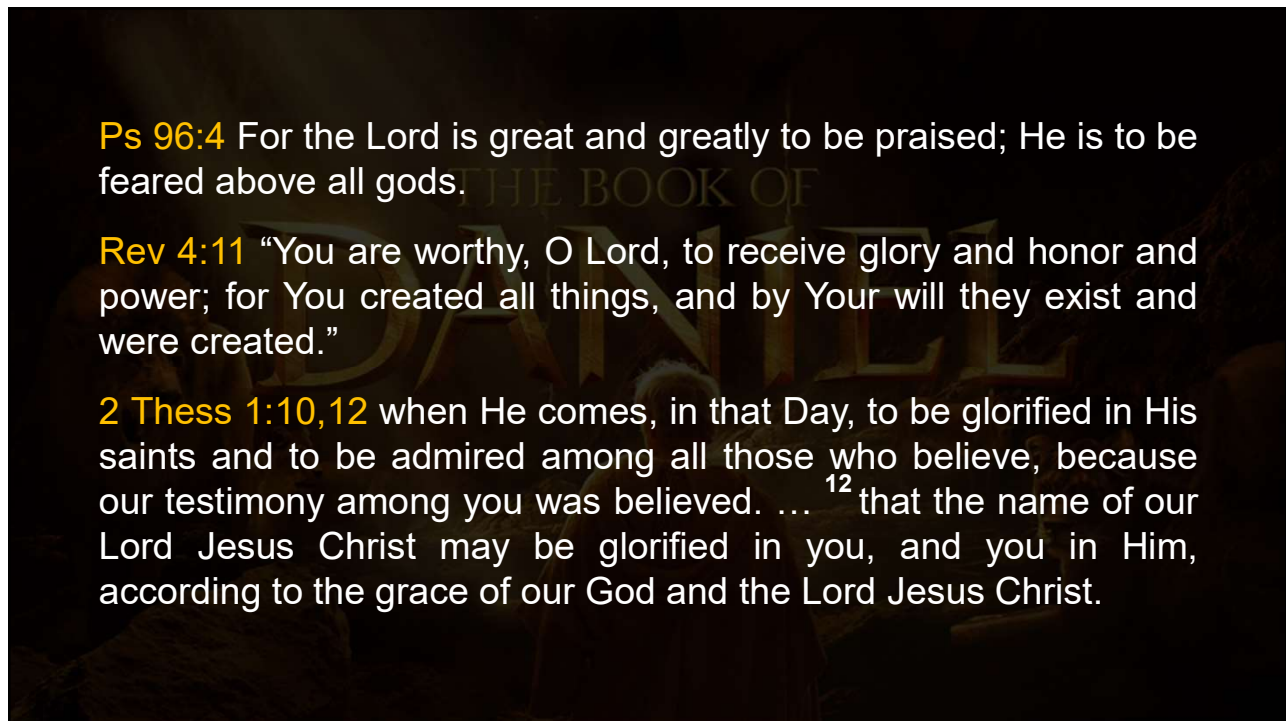
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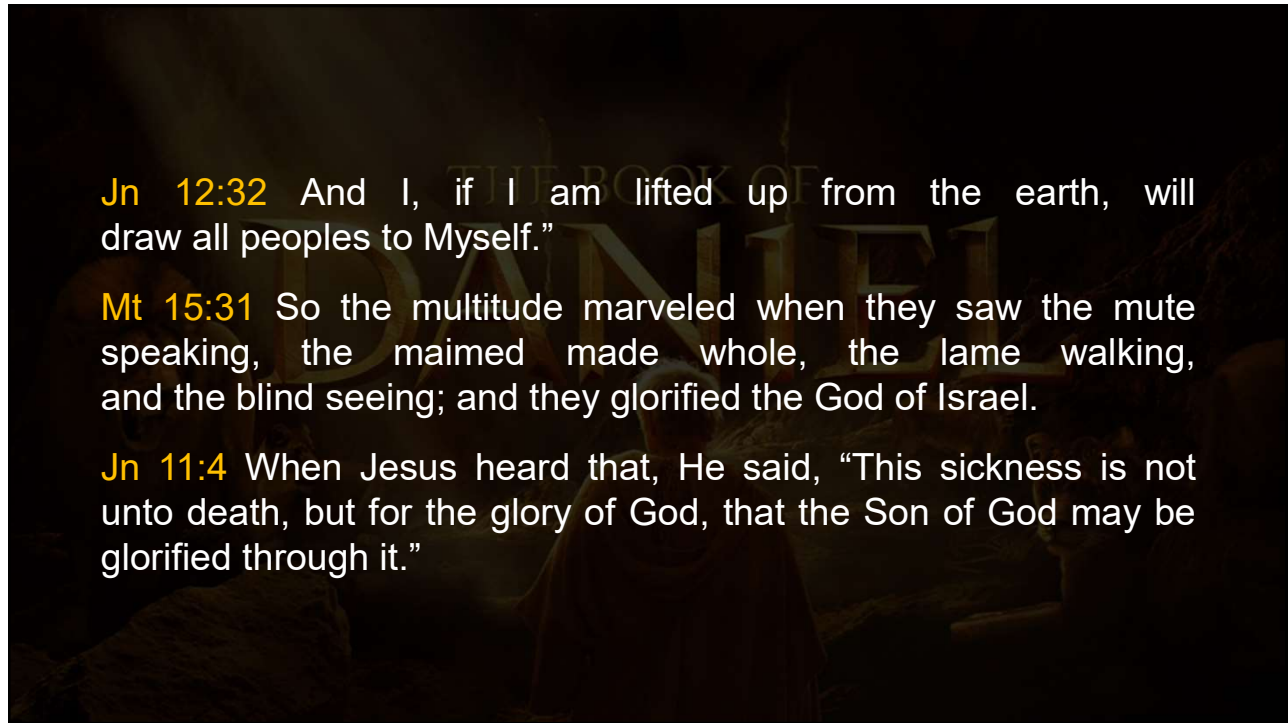
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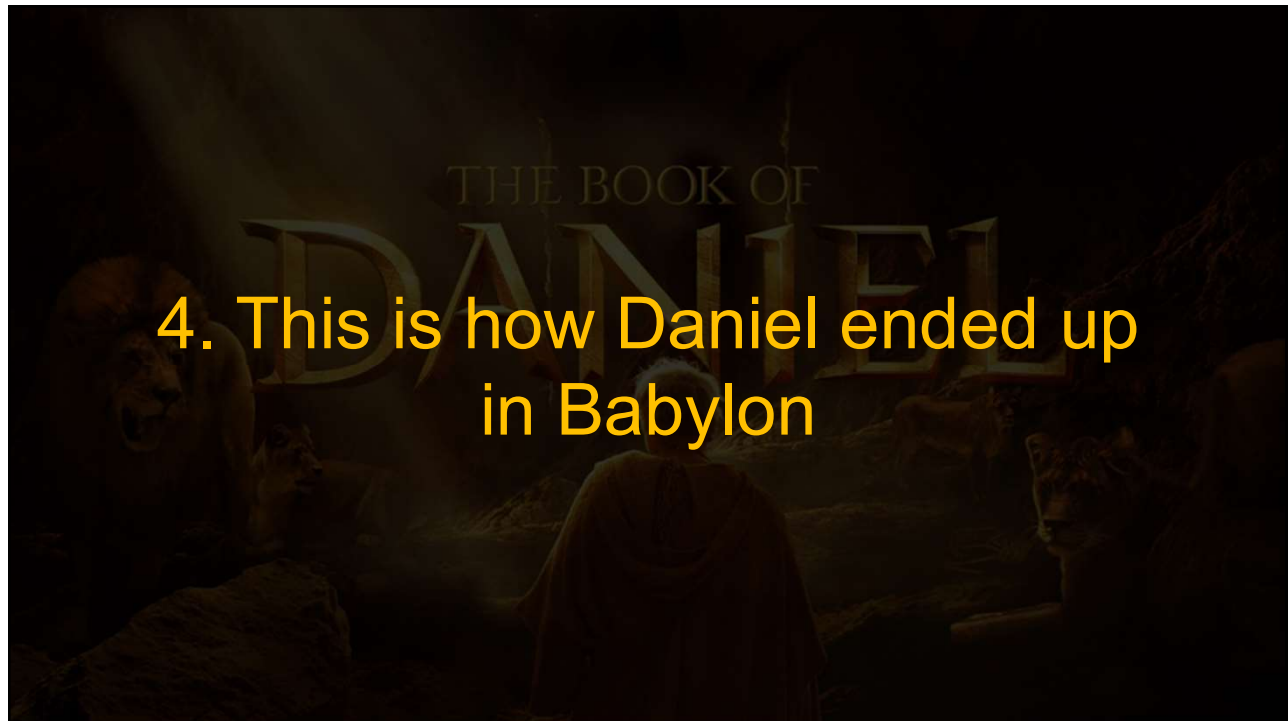
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Dan 1:2-4 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, ⁴ young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and [b]literature of the Chaldeans.

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- **How do we explain Daniel & his friends suffering for what their ancestors had done?**

Ex 20:5-6 For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Ezk 18:1-2 The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, ²What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?

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- Even though God does visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, He does not hold them responsible for the sins of the fathers

Ezk 18:3-4 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. ⁴“Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die.

Ezk 18:30,32 “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ... For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

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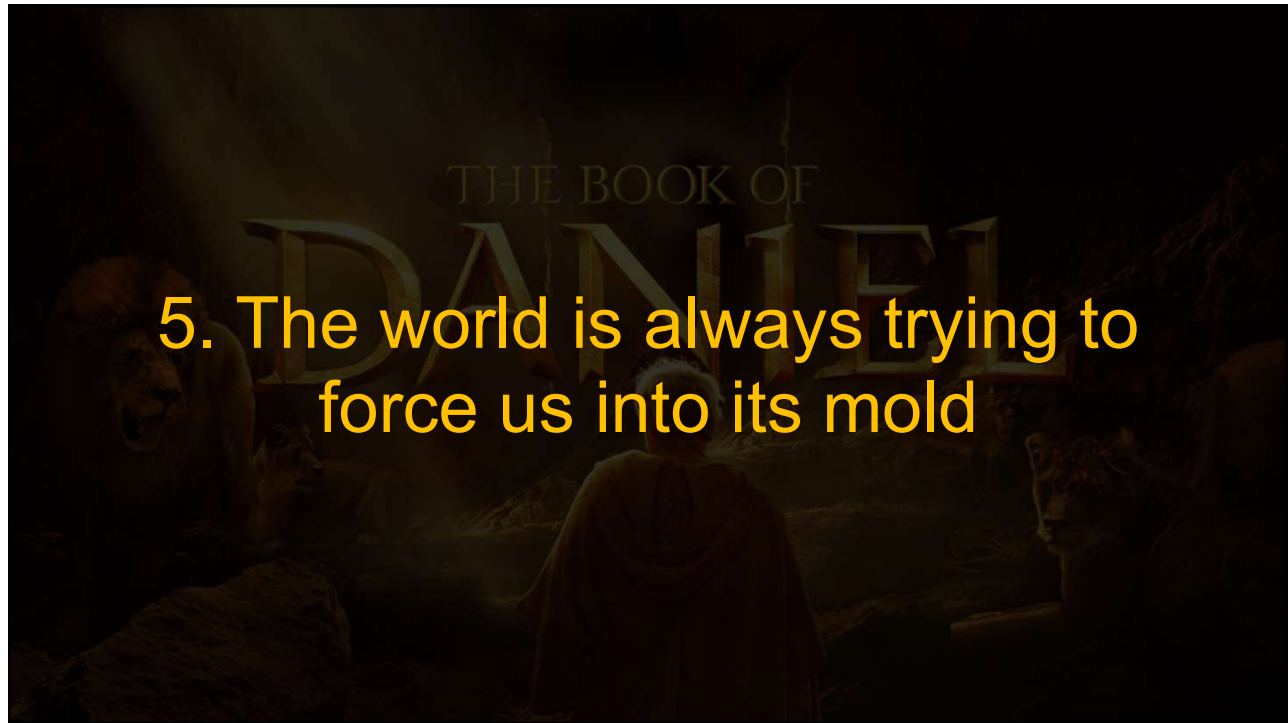
- In the midst of judgment, God remembers mercy

Ps 9:12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

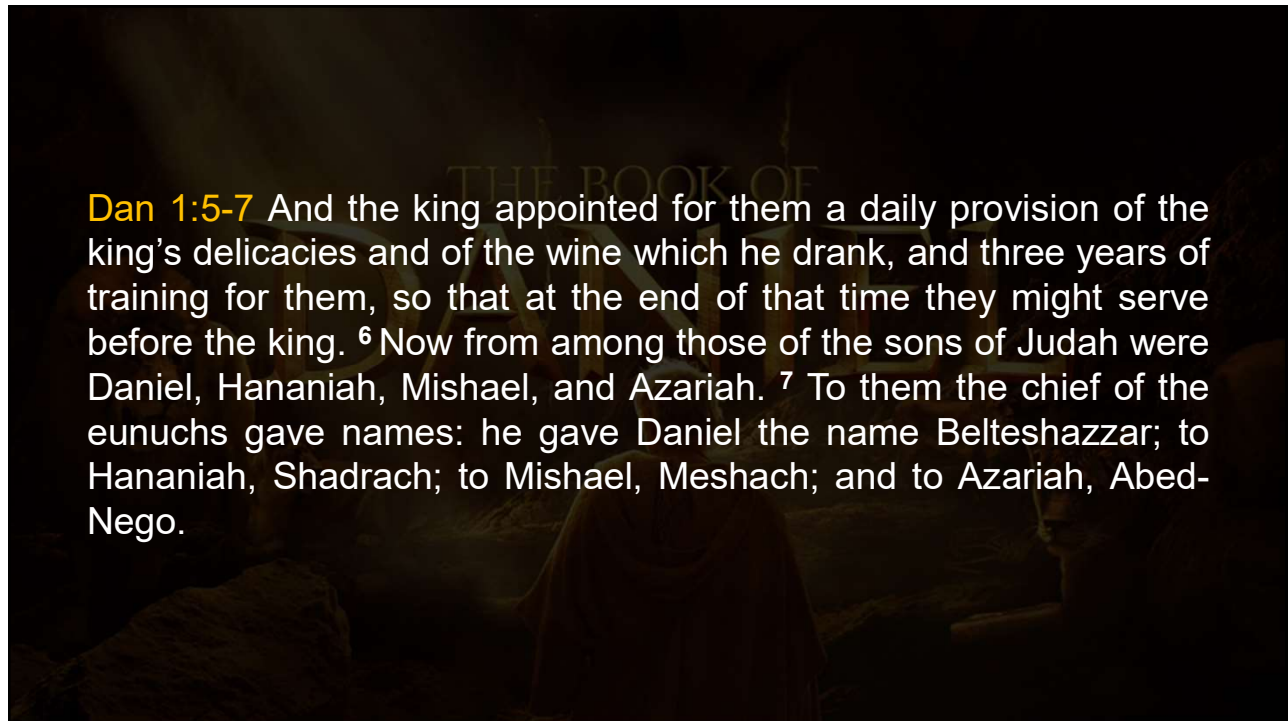
1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

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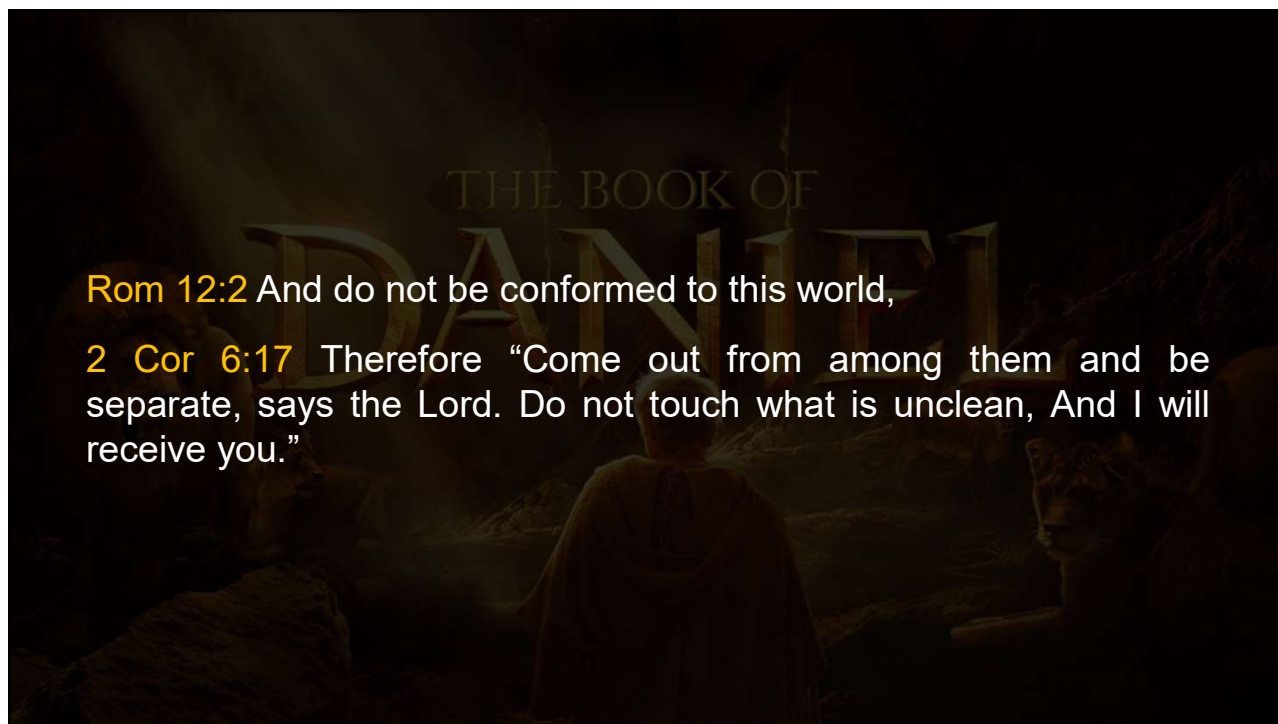
5. The world is always trying to force us into its mold

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Dan 1:5-7 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king. ⁶ Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷ To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

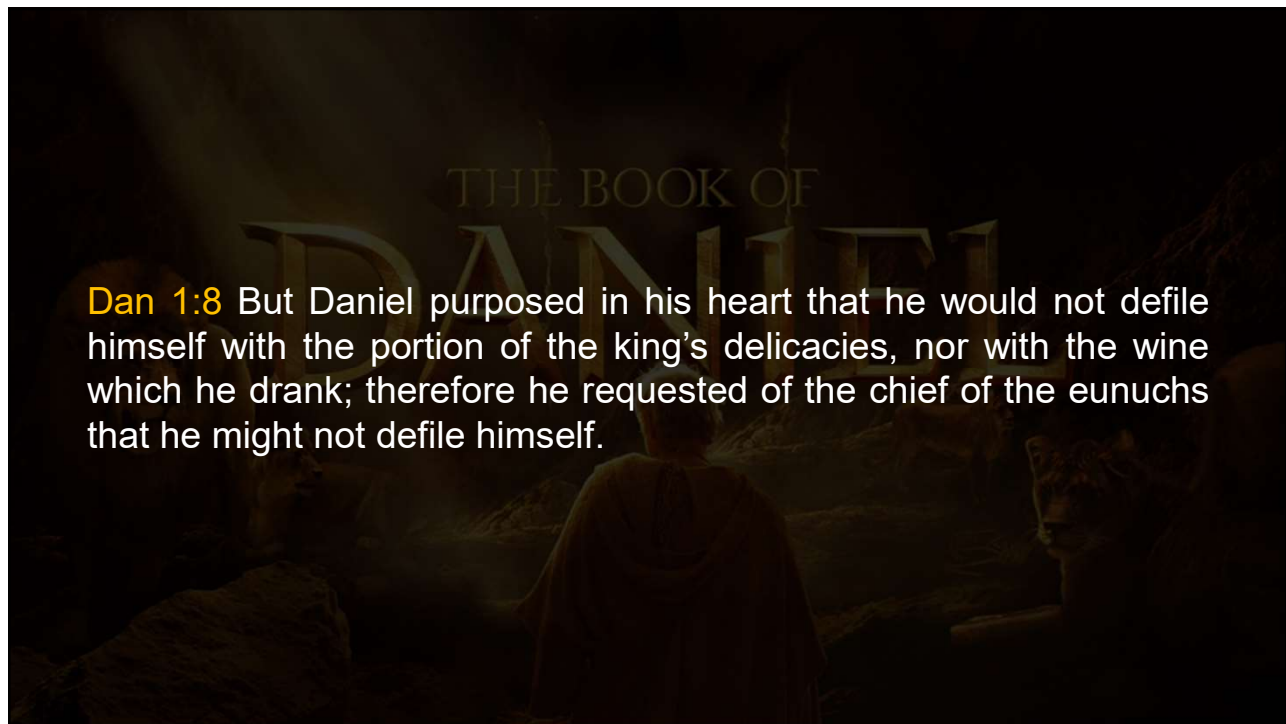
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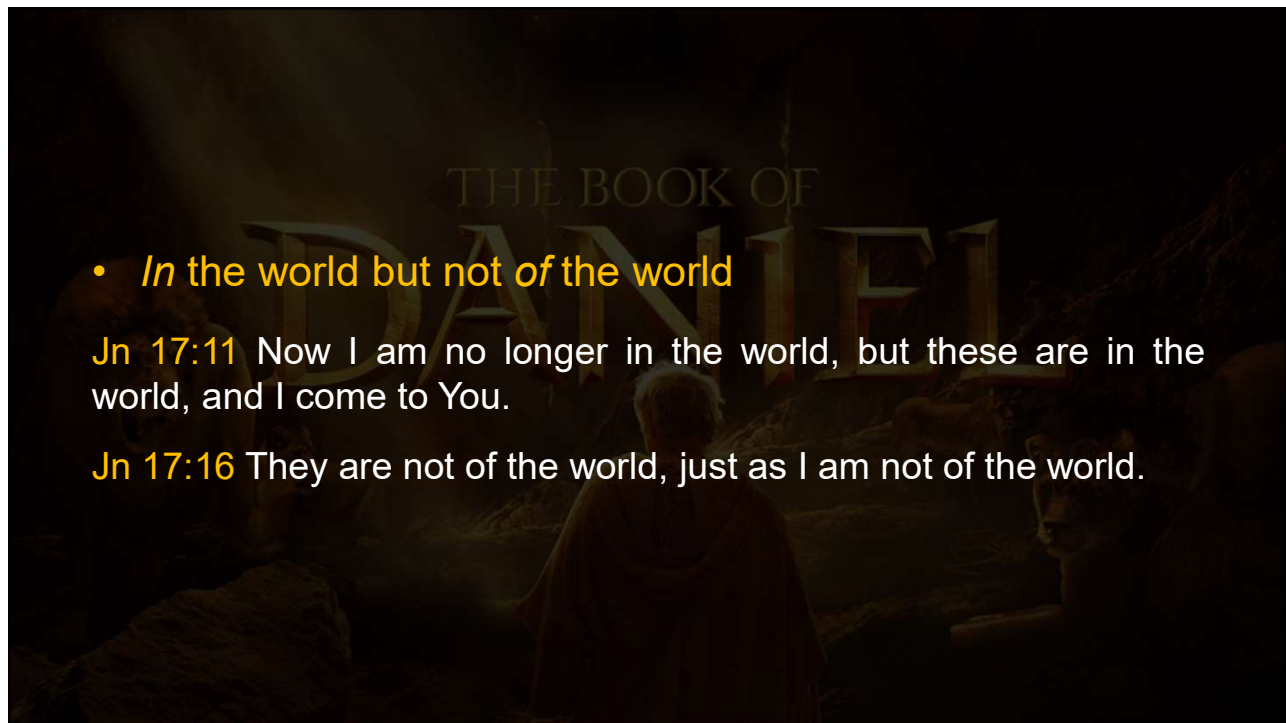
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“Compromise is the dirtiest word in the English language.”

- **Daniel refused to compromise his convictions**

Js 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2 Cor 6:14-18 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? ... ¹⁷Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

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- The world offers many “delicacies”

Heb 11:25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin [pleasures of sin for a season, KJV]

1 Tim 4:8 godliness is profitable for all things

1 Jn 2:15-16 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.

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Rom 8:5-8 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the [c]arnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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1 Cor 6:12-13 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Cor 10:23-24 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. ²⁴ Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

1 Tim 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵ for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

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Acts 10:11-15 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. ¹³And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."¹⁴But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."¹⁵And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

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- Even in his resistance, Daniel showed great respect

Dan 1:8 he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

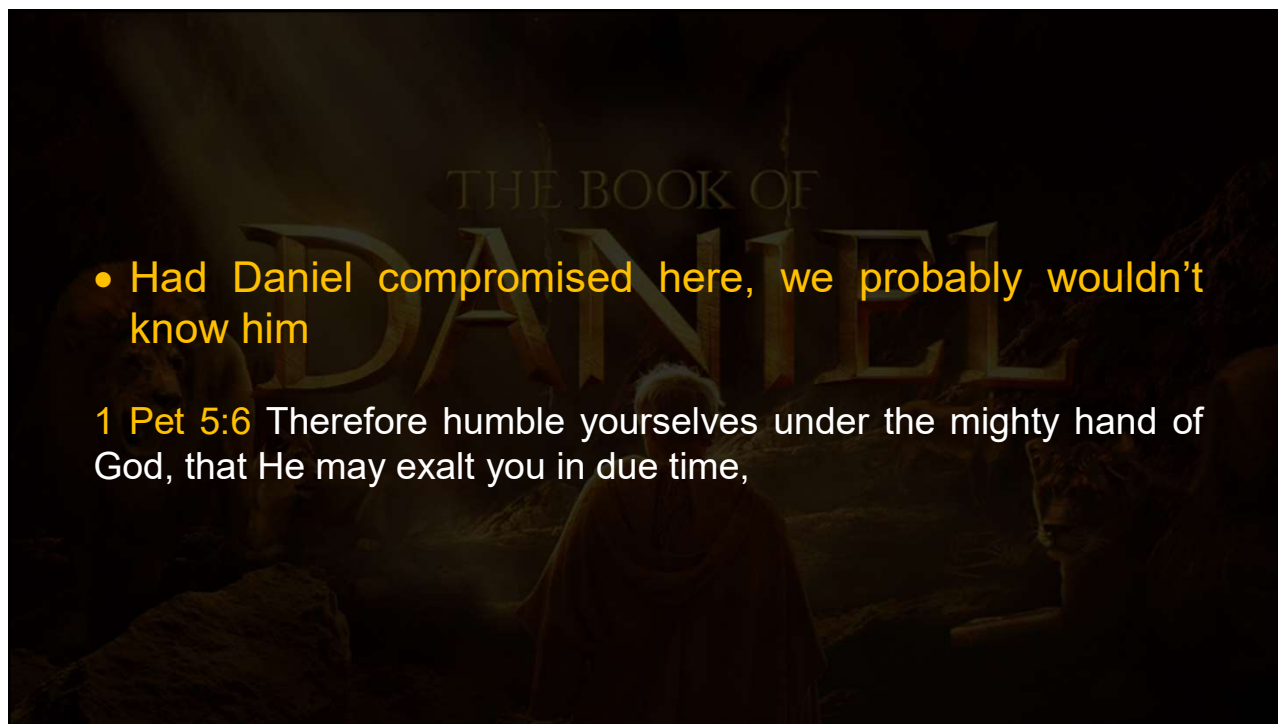
1 Tim 2:2 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

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Rom 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

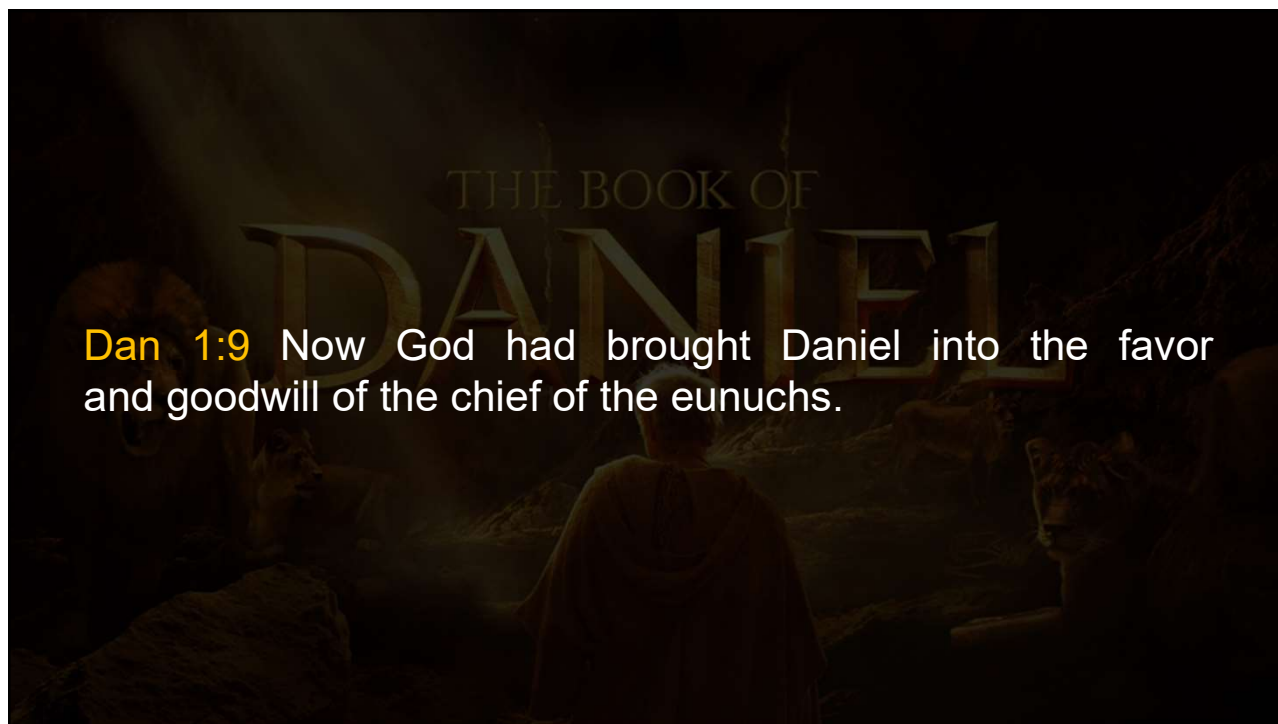
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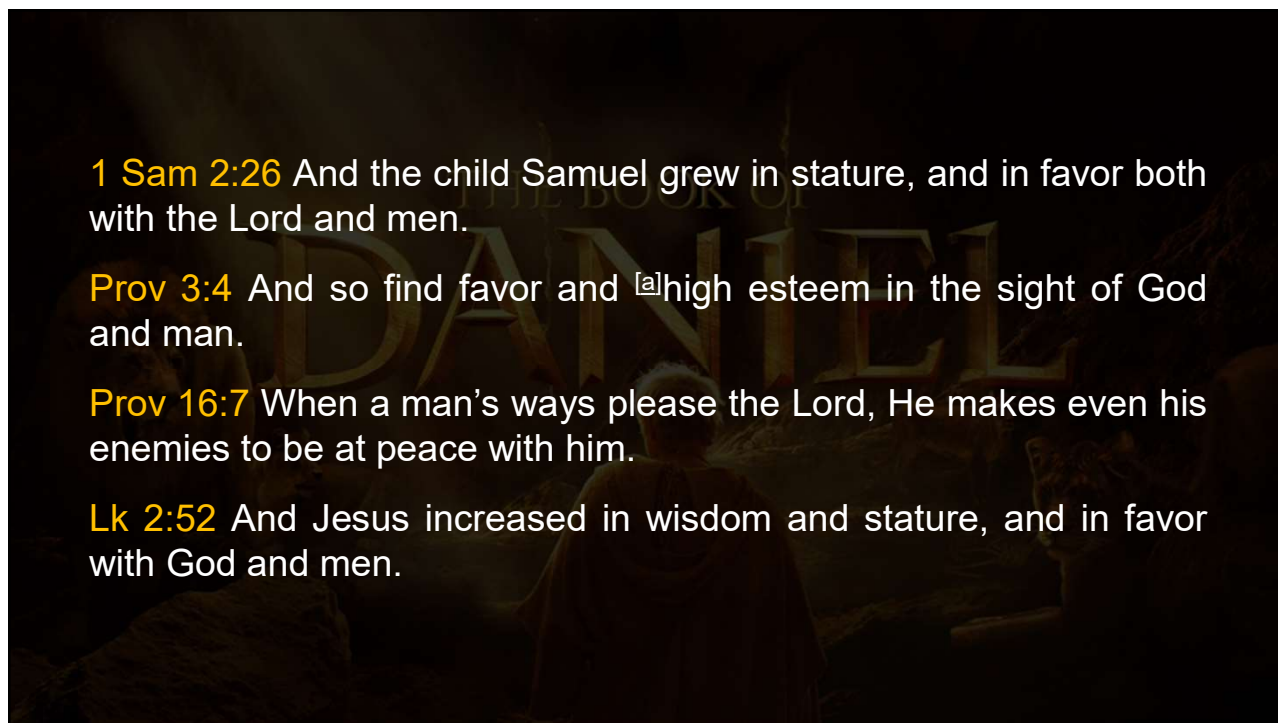


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Dan 1:9 Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

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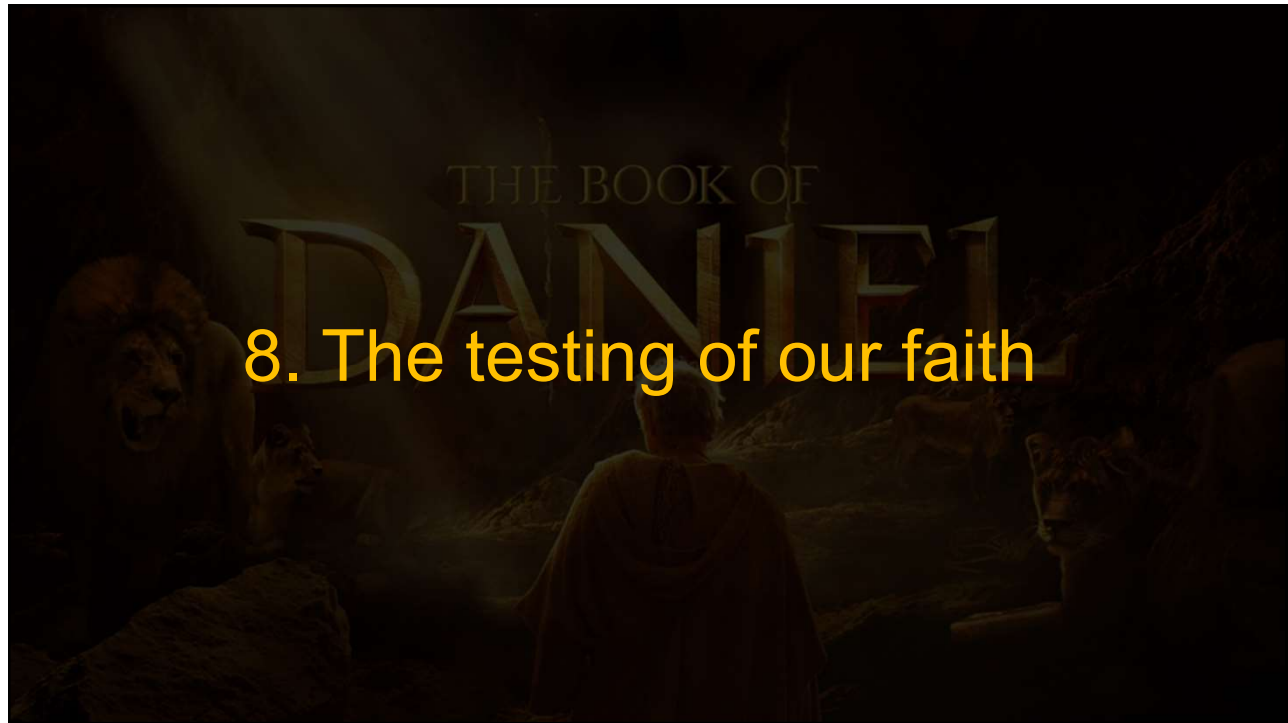
1 Sam 2:26 And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.

Prov 3:4 And so find favor and ^{la}high esteem in the sight of God and man.

Prov 16:7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

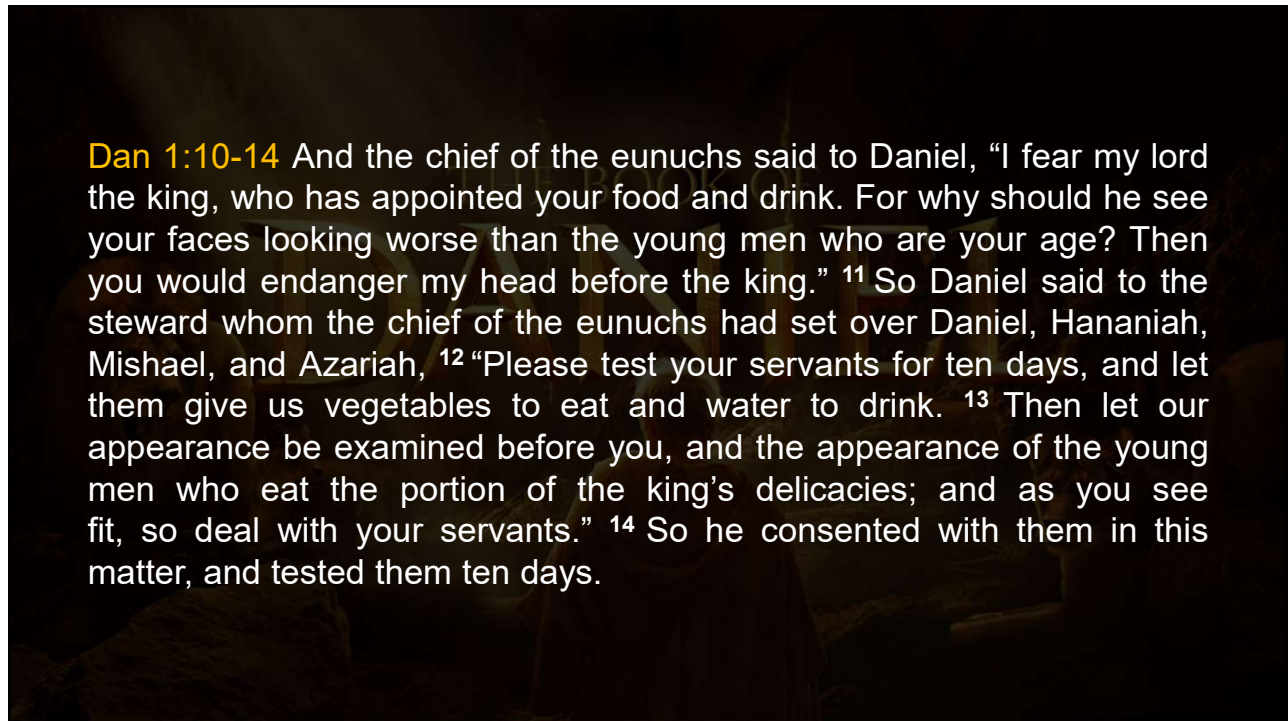
Lk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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8. The testing of our faith

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Dan 1:10-14 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king.” ¹¹ So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹² “Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.” ¹⁴ So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

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- The faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted
- Courage is a missing virtue in the church

Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

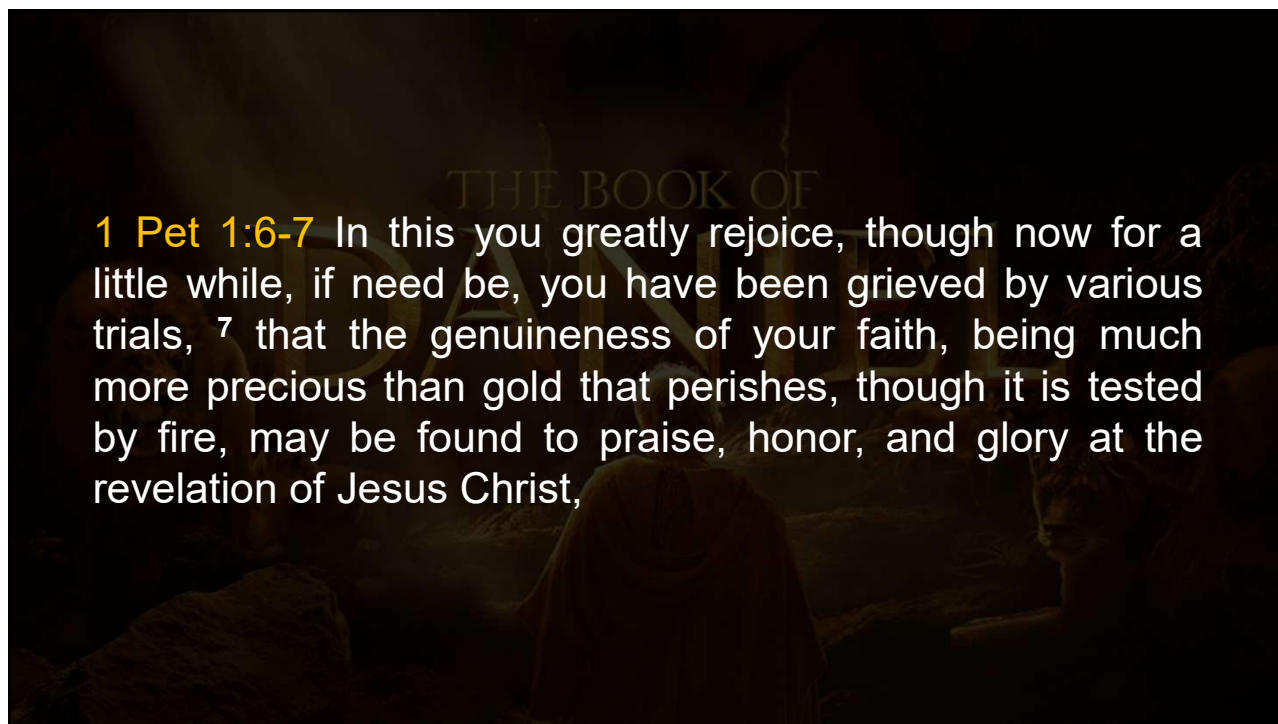
Ps 27:14 Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!

Ps 31:24 Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

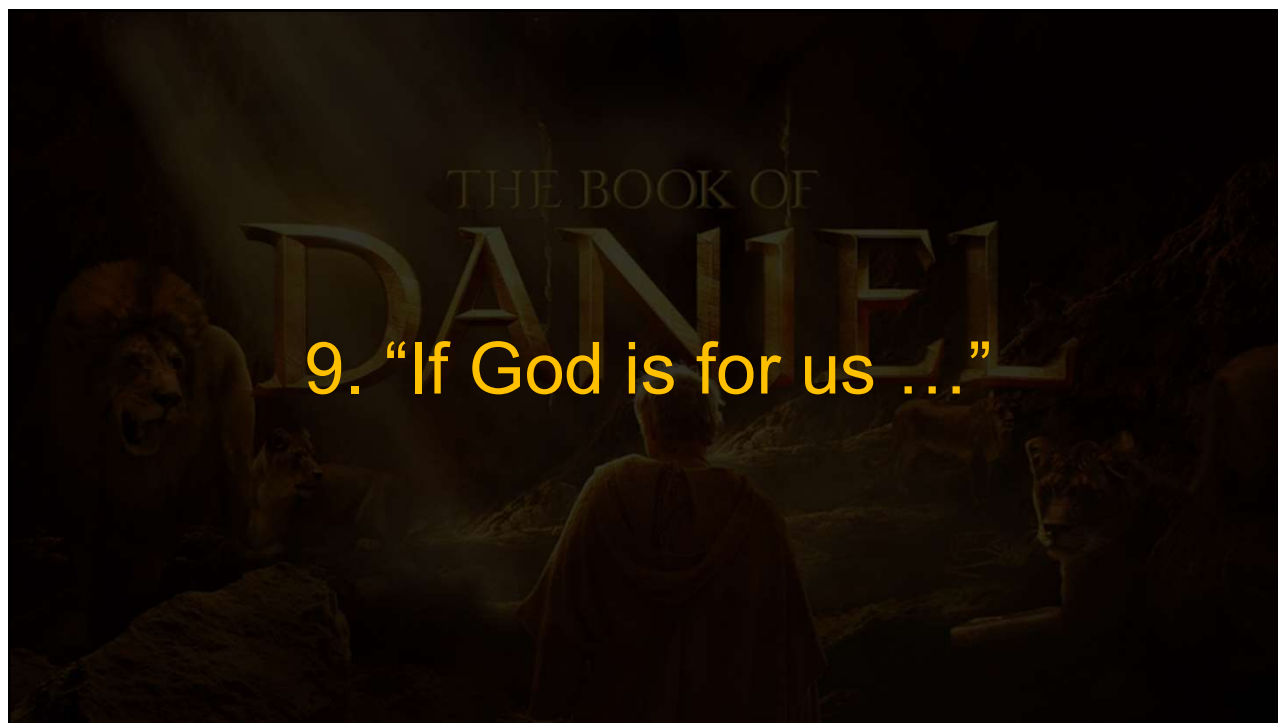
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Mal 3:10-12 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ¹¹ “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” says the Lord of hosts; ¹² “And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,” says the Lord of hosts.

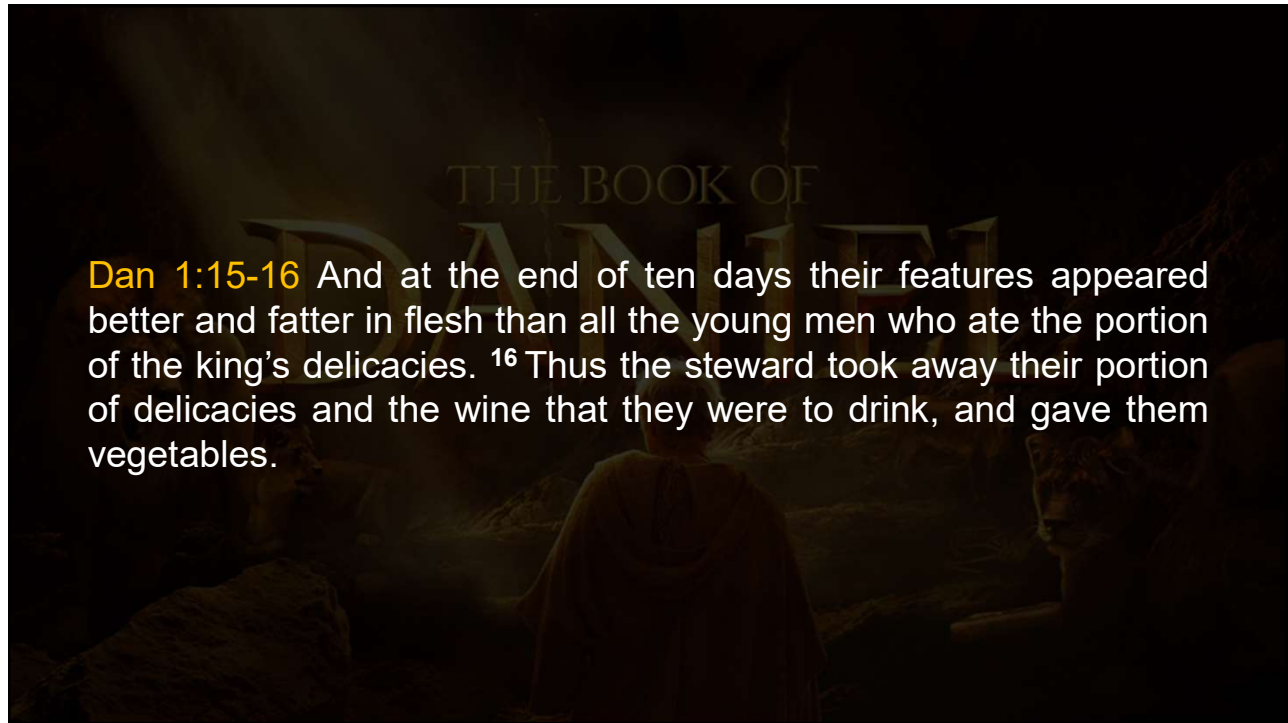
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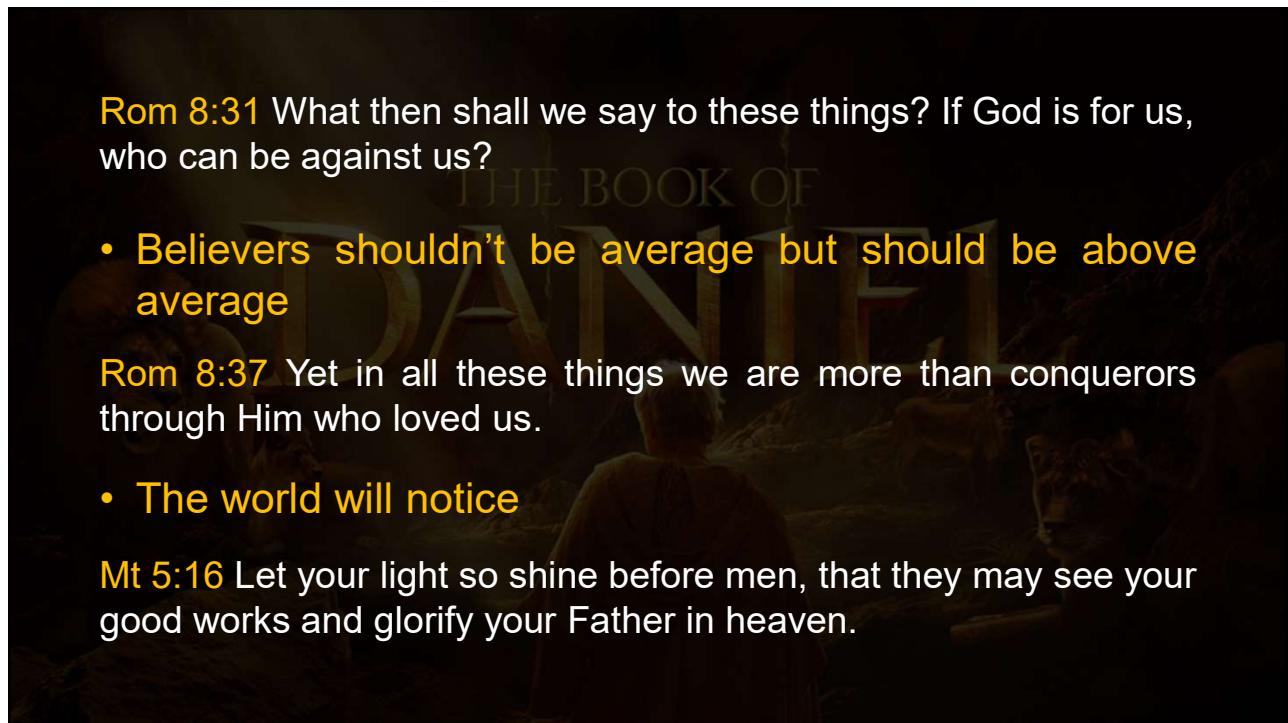


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Dan 1:15-16 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. ¹⁶ Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

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Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

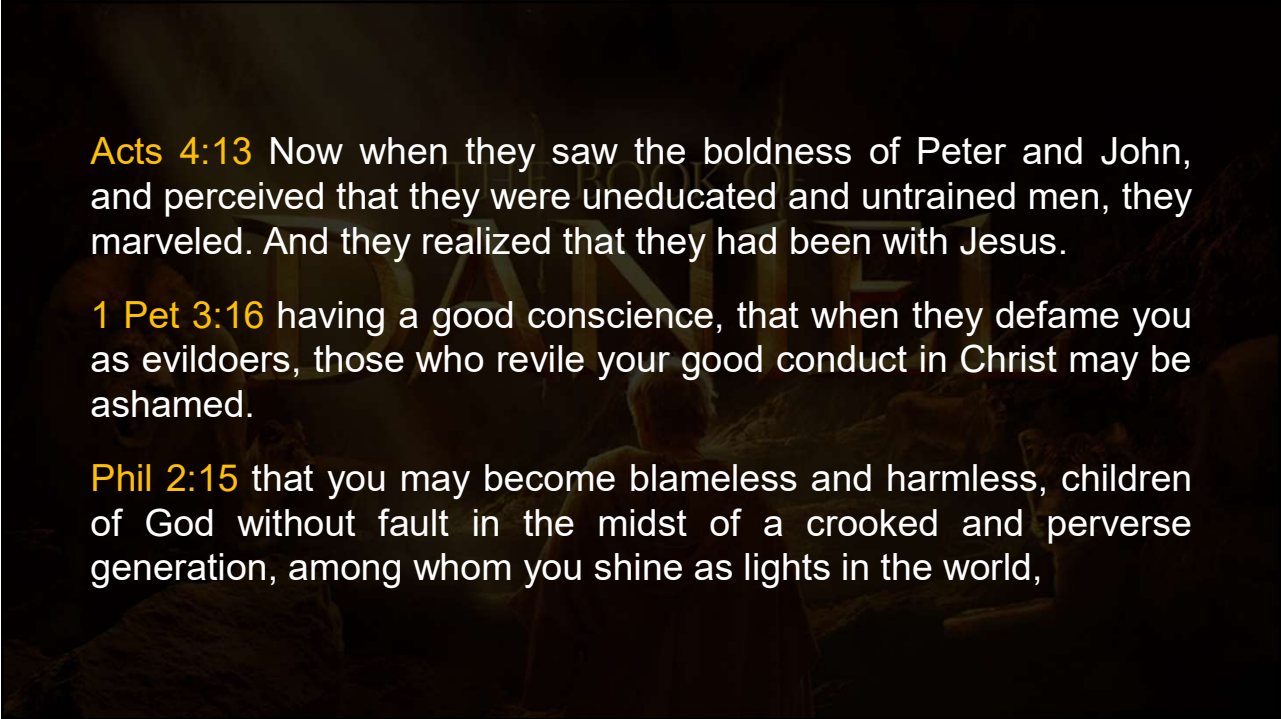
- **Believers shouldn't be average but should be above average**

Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

- **The world will notice**

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

1 Pet 3:16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

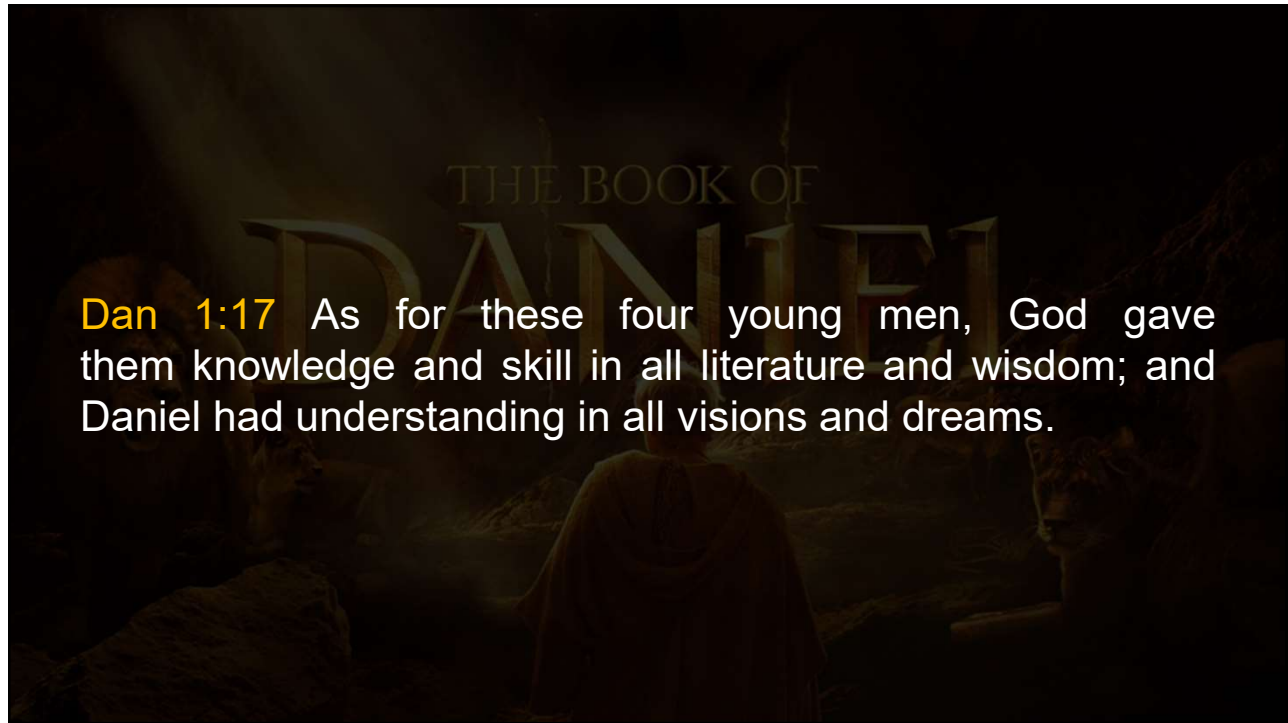
Phil 2:15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

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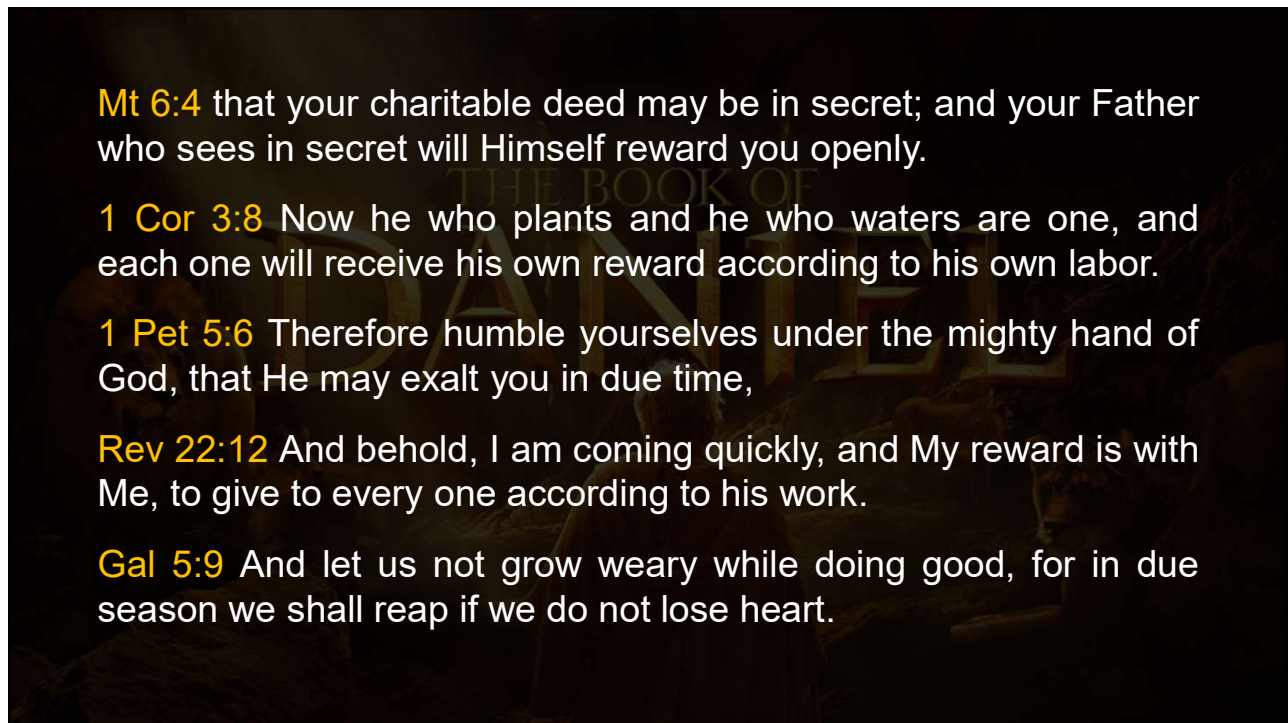
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**10. God always rewards
faithfulness**

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Dan 1:17 As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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Mt 6:4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

1 Cor 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

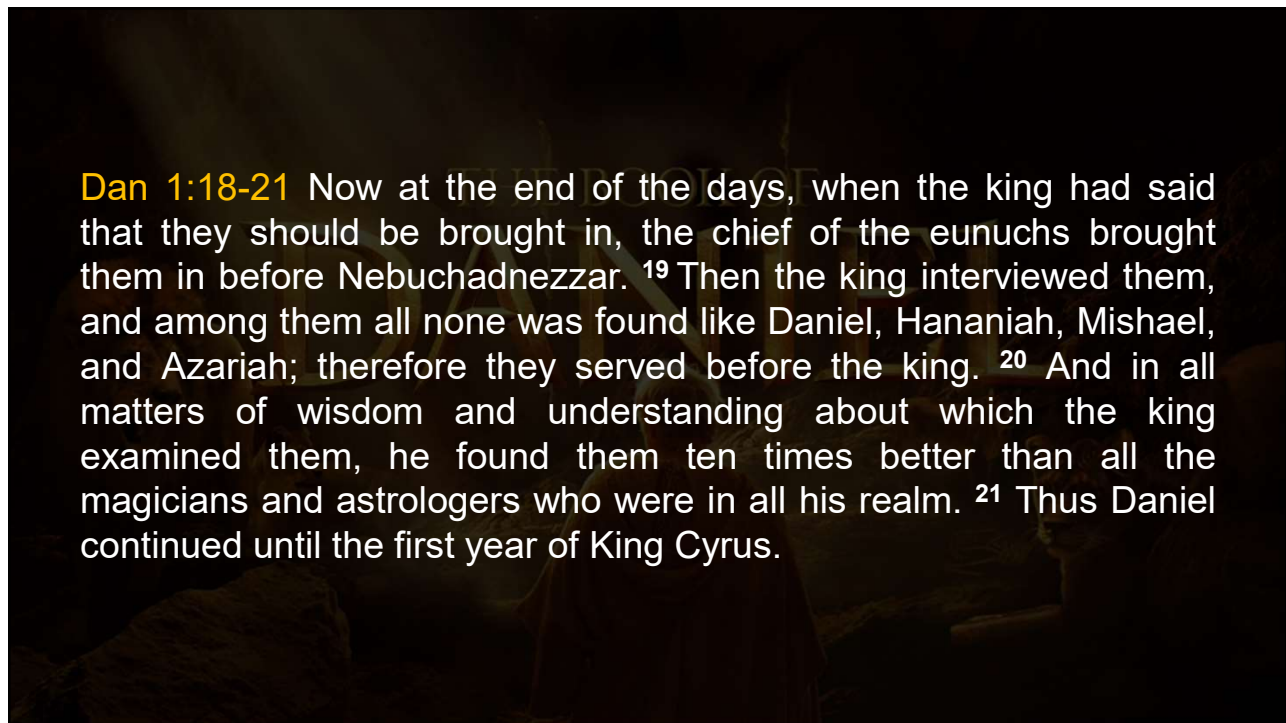
Rev 22:12 And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Gal 5:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

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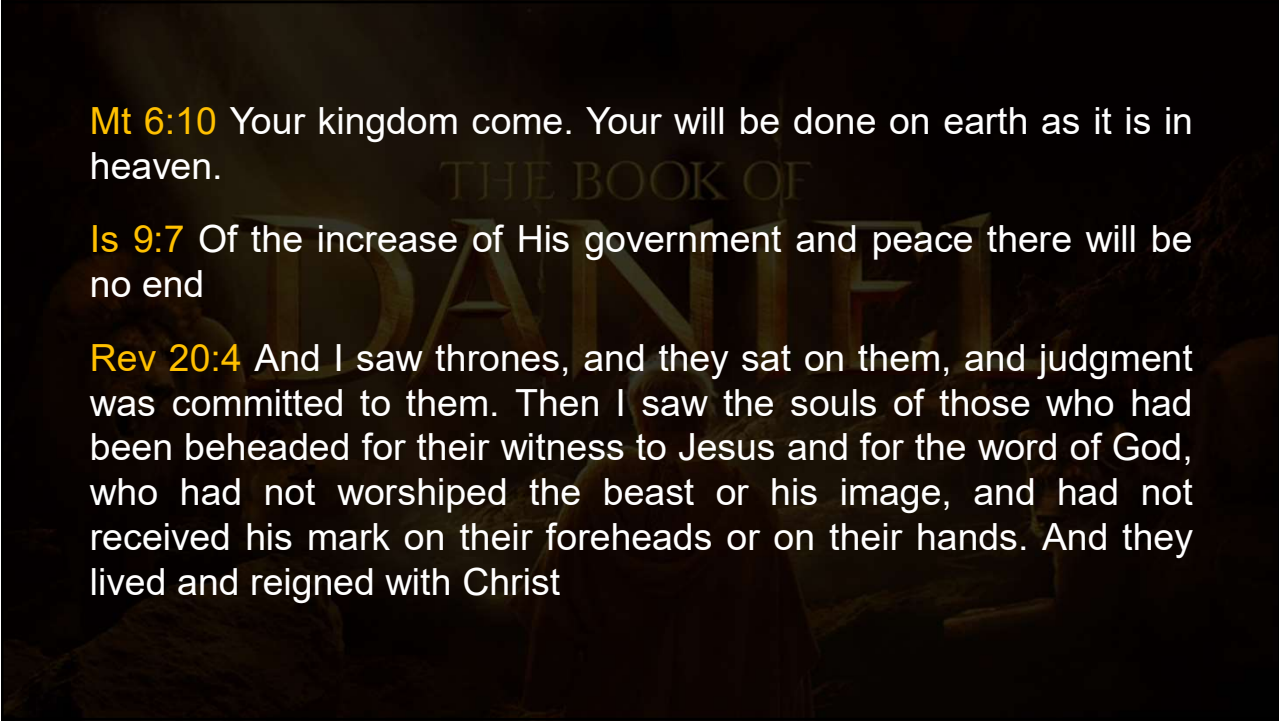


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Dan 1:18-21 Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. ²⁰ And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. ²¹ Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

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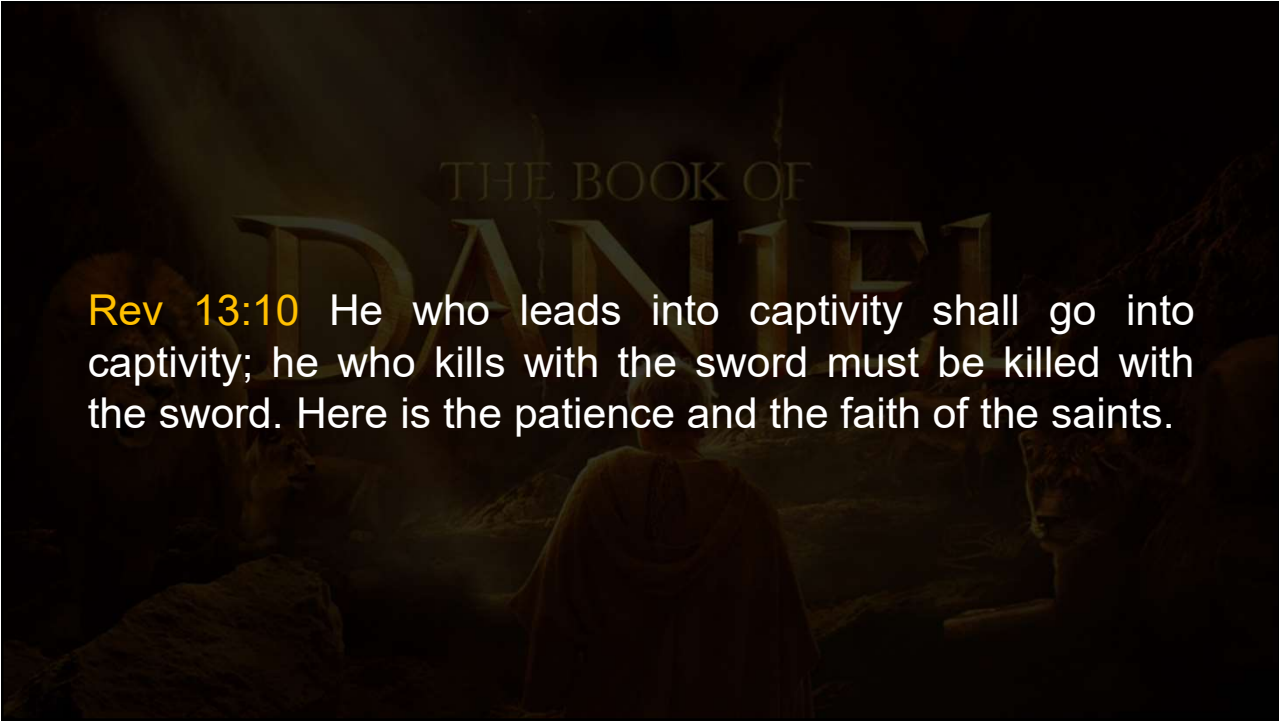


Mt 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Is 9:7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end

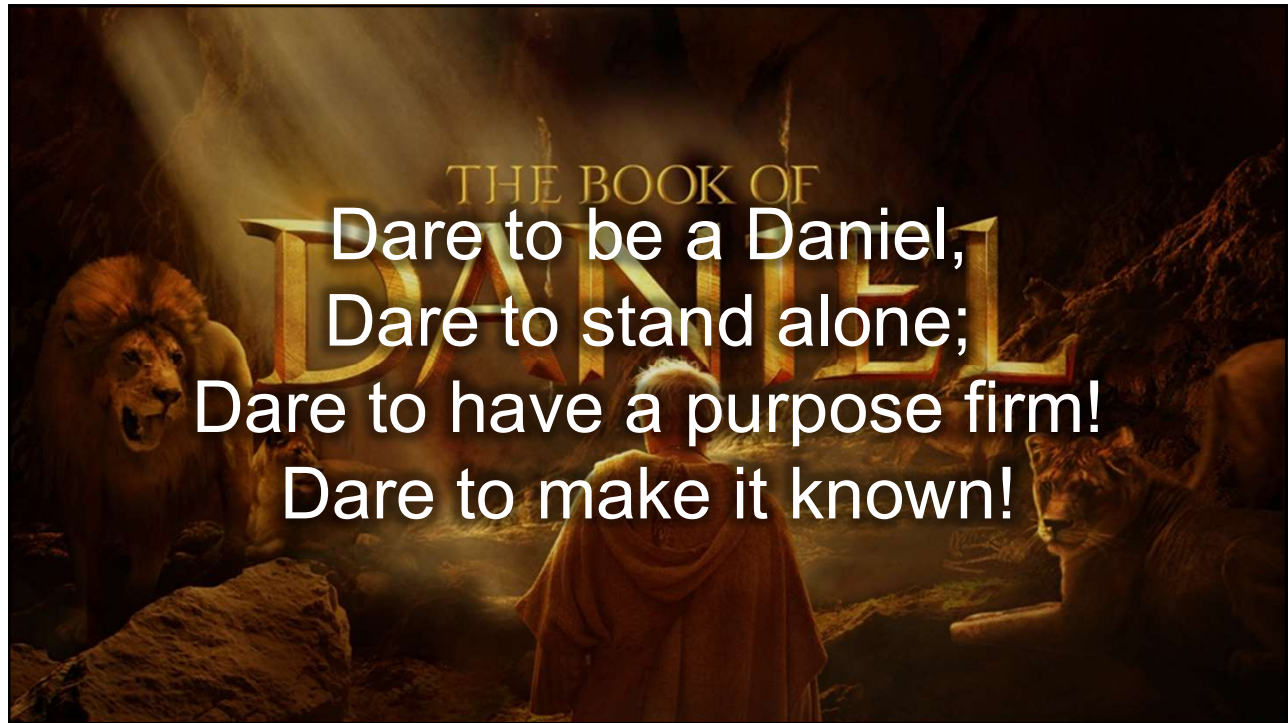
Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ

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Rev 13:10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

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