

SET APART | *Consecrated Commitment in a Chaotic Culture*

# To Make a Difference, Be Different

Daniel 1





# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

- Chapters 1-7: events that took place in Daniel's life in Babylon
- Chapters 8-12: Daniel's prophecy about the restoration of Israel, the coming of the Messiah, and the end of the world





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- Chapter 1: written in Hebrew because it starts in the land of Israel
- Chapters 2-7: written in Aramaic, the language of Babylon, because the events take place there
- Chapters 8-12: reverts to Hebrew because they are prophecies about the future



# NAMES ARE CHANGED

- Daniel: “God is my judge”  
Belteshazzar: “Baal protects the king”
- Hananiah: “God is gracious”  
Shadrach: “Under the command of Aku” (moon god)
- Mishaël: “There is none like God”  
Meshach: “There is none like Aku” (moon god)
- Azariah: “God has helped me”  
Abednego: “The Servant of Nebo” (god of wisdom)



**You cannot make a difference  
in your culture unless you are  
different from your culture**





**For Daniel and his friends,  
and for us, the first step in being  
different and distinct was their  
choice to be guided by the  
Bible, not Babylon**





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- We show that we are different when we exemplify the right convictions
- We show that we are different when we engage the right conformity