



# The Book of Daniel:

Exile, Identity, and the God *Who* Saves

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**SESSION 1: *Identity and the Exile (Daniel 1:1-2)***

**I. Who Am I?**

- a. “The more you tell someone who they are, the less you have to tell them what to do.” –Stuart Briscoe
- b. Action flows from Identity

**II. Exodus and Identity**

- a. What did the Exodus accomplish?
- b. Exodus 3:13; 20:2

**III. Exile and Identity**

- a. The Exile is the Exodus in reverse.
- b. Daniel 1:1-2

**IV. Conclusion**

- a. Remember who you are.

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**SESSION 2: *Creating Our Identity (Daniel 1:3-21)***

**I. Small Shifts**

- a. The 1 and 60 Principle
- b. Small shifts can have grave consequences

**II. How Did We Get Here?**

- a. Why is God so upset?—Isaiah 1:10-17
- b. They didn't know who He was—Isaiah 1:2-3

**III. Attacking Identity**

- a. The goal of the conquering kingdom is to erase the captives' identity
- b. Daniel 1:3-6

**IV. Fighting for the One Degree**

- a. Daniel 1:8—Just one degree makes all the difference
- b. The test—Daniel 1:9-18
- c. The result—Daniel 1:19a

**V. Conclusion**

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**SESSION 3: *The Identity of Evil (Daniel 2)***

**I. Actions and Identity**

- a. “The more you tell someone who they are, the less you have to tell them what to do.” –Stuart Briscoe
- b. Your actions reveal who you are and, by default, who you belong to.

**II. Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream**

- a. The King’s Demand
- b. The King’s Rage
- c. Daniel’s Response
- d. The King’s Dream

**III. Understanding Evil’s Identity**

- a. Loyalty Means Nothing
- b. Wealth Matters Most
- c. Mistrust Covers All Relationships
- d. Death Is Evil’s Master

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**SESSION 4: *Identity and Worship (Daniel 3)***

**I. Repeating Words**

- a. If Scripture repeats a word over and over, it's trying to get our attention.

**II. Nebuchadnezzar's Statue**

- a. The Statue and the Demand
- b. The Threat

**III. Worship Is War**

- a. Mutually Parasitic Relationships
- b. The Resilience of God's Followers
- c. We do not worship God because what we get, but because of who he is.

**IV. Conclusion**

- a. Circumstances do not change our worship
- b. 21 Egyptian Christians

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**SESSION 5: *Humility, Contentment, and Obliterating the Enemy (Daniel 4)***

**I. Is It True?**

- a. The Dream of the Tree
- b. Cutting Down the Tree
- c. Daniel 4:18

**II. The Key to the Dream**

- a. The Shift to “Him”
- b. Daniel Struggles – Daniel 4:19b, 22

**III. Two Ways to Destroy Your Enemy**

- a. Kill Them
- b. Convert Them

**IV. The Fall and the Barrier**

- a. True Humility
- b. True Contentment

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**SESSION 6: *Identity and Wealth (Daniel 5)***

**I. An Unexpected Answer**

- a. Matthew 22 – Should we pay taxes to Caesar?
- b. The Importance of Image (Gen. 1:26-27)

**II. The Deception of Wealth**

- a. It's Never Enough
- b. The Writing on the Wall
- c. Daniel Denies the Gift

**III. Daniel's History Lesson**

- a. Daniel 5:18-22
- b. Nebuchadnezzar's Fall

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**SESSION 7: *Who You Are When No One's Looking (Daniel 6)***

**I. Integrity**

- a. Without integrity, your identity in Christ means nothing

**II. The Promotion, The Problem, and the Plot**

- a. Daniel's Promotion
- b. The Administrators' Problem
- c. The Sinister Plot

**III. Identity and Integrity**

**IV. Connections to Christ**

- a. The parallels between Daniel and Jesus
- b. In public or private, may others find Christ in us



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**SESSION 8: Easily Distracted (*Daniel 7*)**

**I. Craving Distraction**

- a. We Crave Distraction
- b. Daniel 7-12 and the Temptation of Distraction

**II. Daniel's Beastly Dream**

- a. 4 Beasts - 4 Kingdoms

**III. Daniel's Distractions and God's Pursuit**

- a. The Little Horn
- b. The Ancient of Days
- c. The Spiral Continues

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**SESSION 9: *Evil Expectations (Daniel 8)***

**I. Expectations Can Be Blinding**

- a. Matthew 16 – Who do people say I am?
- b. Peter’s Rebuke & Christ’s Response

**II. The Ram and the Goat**

- a. The Ram - Emphasis on TWO
- b. The Goat - Emphasis on RAPIDITY

**III. Evil Destroys Evil**

- a. The Goat Attacks the Ram
- b. Greeks Attack Greeks
- c. Evil Attacks God

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**SESSION 10: *The Problem of Sin (Daniel 9)***

**I. The Solution Must Match the Problem**

- a. Our Heart Plays Tricks on Us
- b. Humanity Has a Sin Problem

**II. Pleading for the End of the Exile**

- a. Daniel Meditating on Scripture
- b. Daniel's Prayer for Deliverance

**III. Daniel's Solution to the Sin Problem**

- a. Daniel Asks for a Place
- b. Gabriel Offers Something Greater:
  - i. An End to Sin (490—Complete Jubilee through Suffering)
  - ii. A Person—Not a Place

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**SESSION 11: *Our Conclusion in Christ (Daniel 10-12)***

**I. Our Prayers**

- a. The Still Face Experiment – Edward Tronick
- b. Struggles with God in Prayer
- c. When we pray God listens...and moves

**II. Daniel Prays**

- a. Daniel's Overwhelming Vision
- b. Three Weeks without an Answer
- c. God's Movements of Grace

**III. The Enemy Responds with Evil**

**IV. Fighting Against Evil**

- a. Our Greatest Weapon - Our Identity in Christ

**V. Our Conclusion in Christ**

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