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Daniel 1:1–2



The Context: The Disaster of the Exile

The Events of 605 BC

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Yahweh Judgeges the gods of Egypt

On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Exodus 12:12

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**The Sovereignty
to God for His
Exile People**

God Was Sovereign Over All of This!

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Exile - Part of the Covenant Curses

I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. ³⁴ Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

Leviticus 26:33–34

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Isaiah - Exile To Babylon

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD:
¹⁷ The time will surely come when everything in your palace,
and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be
carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD.
¹⁸ And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood,
that will be born to you, will be taken away, and they
will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of
Babylon.”

2 Kings 20:16–18

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Jeremiah - Exile for 70 Years

This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:10–11

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70 Years For Sabbath for the Land

He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. ²¹ The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah.

2 Chronicles 36:20–21



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God Redemptive Purpose In the Exile

But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him.

Deuteronomy 4:29–30

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For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Jeremiah 29:11–14

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Our Status As Exiles

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, **strangers in the world, scattered** throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia... 1 Peter 1:1

Dear friends, I urge you, as **aliens and strangers in the world**, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 1 Peter 2:11

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