The Book Of Daniel BIBLE STUDY

Chapter 1: 1-21

*All translation from Chuck Smith Commentary
(BLB Verse By Verse) NKJv

PRIDE, **FAITH** and **CONVICTION**

Daniel 1:1-3 Time approximately: 605 BC

'In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 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. 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, '

Laptop - II Chronicles 36: 5-7

II kings 20:17-18

Prophecy Fulfilled FORM ISAIAH 39: 6-7 (105 years Earlier)

Isaiah 39:6-7

"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 . '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.' "'

King Nebuchadnezzar took the cream of the crop to be advisers and counselors
These young men were to be in training 3 years

Daniel 1:4

'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 literature of the Chaldeans. '

Daniel 1:5

'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. '

Daniel 1:6-7

Daniel and his three friends get New Chaldean names

'Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave

Daniel Meaning: GOD is Judge Belteshazzar; Meaning: Bels Prince

Hananiah Meaning: Beloved of the Lord Shadrach; Meaning: Alumed by the sun God

Mishael Meaning: Who is as GOD Meshach; Meaning: Who is like Shac

Azariah Meaning: The Lord is my help Abed-Nego.' Meaning: Servant of Nego

Daniel 1:8-10

Remembering the Kings meats were sacrificed to the Pagan Gods

'But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. 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."'

A Eunuch being a castrated man, employed by rulers as a guard or palace official

* Ashpenaz being the chief of the eunuchs, had fear that if those men having chosen to eat only vegetables and drink water would start to show signs of health decline that king Nebuchadnezzar would have his head, as he was held responsible for them.

Daniel 1:11-14

'"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, '

'"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. '

'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." So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.'

Daniel 1:15-21

'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. Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.'

Daniels faith and conviction once again pays off

'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.

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. Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

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. Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.'

Tested 10 days are were found 10 times better than all the others

What I take away for this chapter is although you maybe in a spot you can't seem to control, by putting away our **PRIDE** and having Strong **FAITH** in the LORD our GOD and Total **CONVICTION** in our beliefs we can overcome all.

This shows through faith and conviction even the impossible can be faced and be overcome

So in ending:
Lets all put away our **PRIDE**, have Strong **FAITH** and Total **CONVICTION**