

(AND OTHER EXAMPLES OF GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE)



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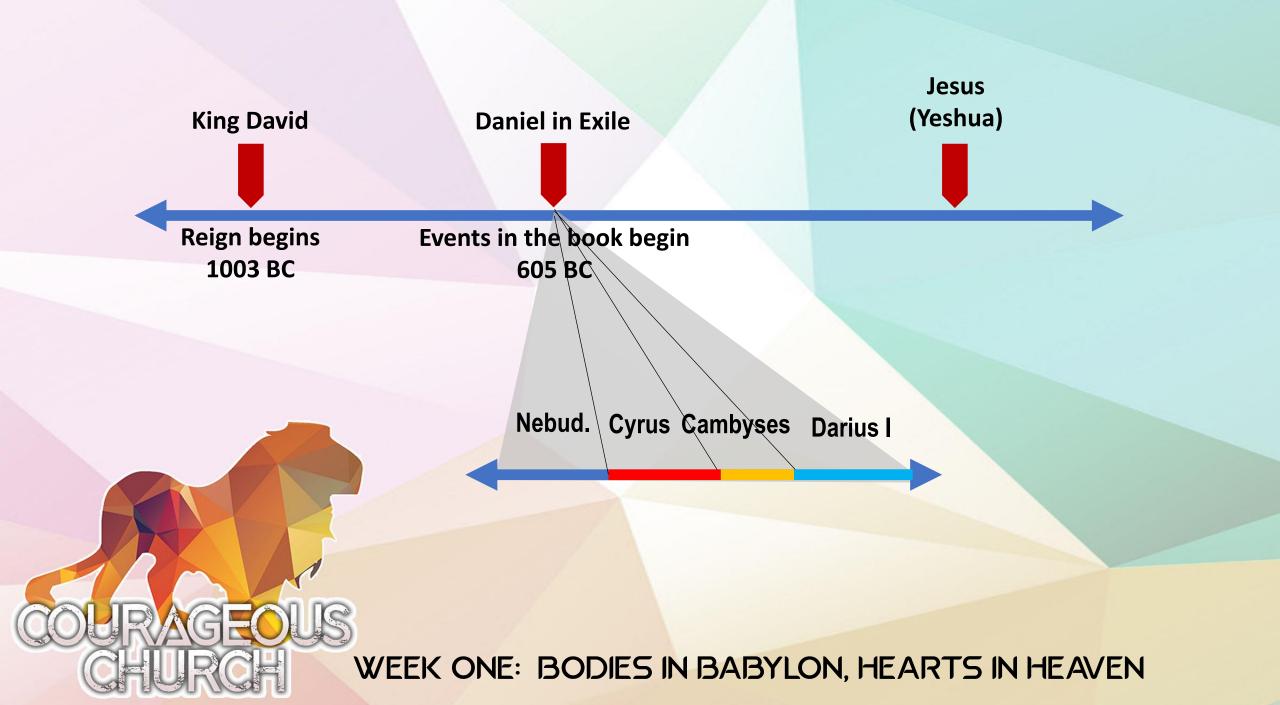
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3 - COURAGEOUS?



# HOW CAN WE BE A COURAGEOUS CHURCH?





### **BABYLON IN THE BIBLE**



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**REVELATION 17-18** 



#### **DANIEL 1:1**

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



# our enemy will try to DESTROY OUR HERITAGE



# our enemy will try to DECONSTRUCT OUR FAITH



#### DANIEL 1:2

"The Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god."

# our enemy will try to INDOCTRINATE OUR MINDS



#### **DANIEL 1:3-5**

"Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—young men without any physical defect...



#### **DANIEL 1:3-5**

"...handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians...

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"...The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service."



**DANIEL 1:7** 

"The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego."

Daniel ("God is my Judge") ----Belteshazzar ("Bel, protect the King") Hananiah ("The Lord is gracious") ---Shadrach ("Command of Aku") Mishael ("Who is like the Lord?") ----Meshach ("Who is what Aku is?") Azariah ("The Lord is my helper") ----Abednego ("Servant of Nebo")

#### **ROMANS 12:2**

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will."

# our enemy will TRY... BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WIN!!!!



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# "Christians should be the calmest people on the face of the earth."



#### 1 SAMUEL 17:46-47

"This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth...

#### 1 SAMUEL 17:46-47

"...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

#### 1 SAMUEL 17:48

"When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.



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### "BUT DANIEL purposed in his heart..."



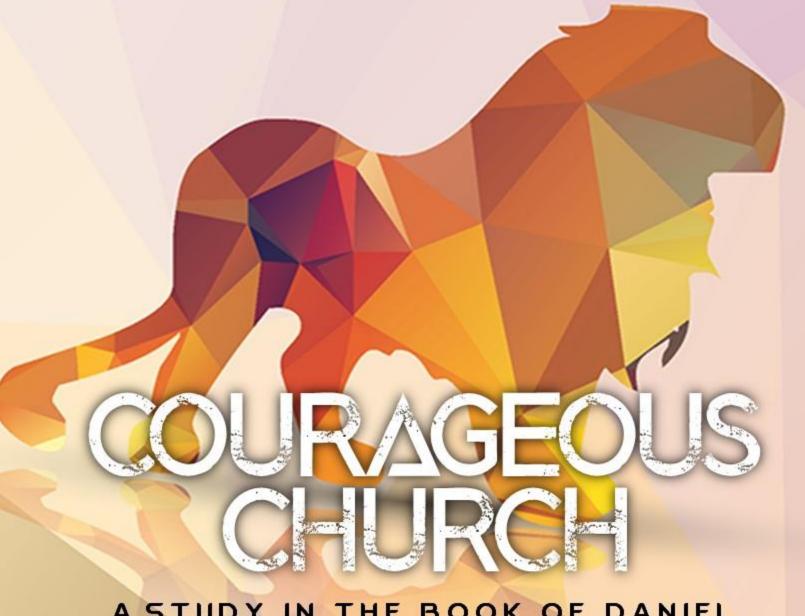
# YOUR BODY MAY BE IN BABYLON BUT YOUR HEART IS IN HEAVEN (the New Jerusalem)



### **JOHN 17:15**

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."





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