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Though **'the rains will still come'** in the lives of people up until the end, those who are faithful will be raised to glory, honor, and everlasting life in this final kingdom.



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These themes will serve us well in our radically changing culture and the upside down value system of our contemporary world.



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...his apocalyptic visions, which reassure God's people that, in spite of exile and persecution, God is still in control of history and will see His purposes through.



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- 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.
- 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.



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- 3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, the chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,
- 4 youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.



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- 5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king.
- 6 Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah.
- 7 And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.



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- 9 And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,
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11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 “Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king’s food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you

see.”



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- 14 So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.
- 15 At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food.
- 16 So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.



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Dan Allender *(The Healing Path)*

“We will not reach the marketplace of merchandise, information, and ideas by changing the tempo and lyrics of our music, being conscious of not using spiritual jargon known only to insiders, and preaching more relevant and honest sermons. Better music, linguistic sensitivity, and honest sermons would help if the world came to our doors, but in most cases unbelievers see no need to pass through our portals.



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We must move into the world that will be intrigued with us only if we live surprising, compelling lives that offer more than can be found in other stories and communities. Our calling is to be in the world without living according to the elemental principles, the core assumptions of the fallen order.

We are to be in the world, to incarnate the gospel in the flesh of our stories and struggles.”



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- 17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
- 18 At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.
- 19 And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.



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- 21 And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.



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