

## [Dare to be a Daniel](#)

Recently I read Daniel and I was simply overwhelmed by The magnificence and eternity of the kingdom of God. Take some time off and give a thorough reading of Daniel chapters 1-6. You can so clearly find the direct conflict between the kingdom of world and the Eternal Kingdom. To this world, Daniel and his friends are slaves and Nebuchadnezzar is the supreme ruler but in chapter 1, 20 he acknowledges that these Jews are ten times wiser! God's children even if they are slaves are distinctly different. Then the dream of the king in the next chapter and his crazy order for someone to tell the dream he had and interpret. Nothing is too impossible for our Lord to whom belongs all wisdom and knowledge. Daniel tells everything to the jaw dropping Nebuchadnezzar and at the end he falls flat on Daniel's feet. I am reminded of the idols of Dagon falling flat before the Ark of Covenant. Again the Kingdom of God triumphing the powerful kingdom of man. In the next chapter this megalomaniac king makes a big idol and commands everyone to bow. Daniel's friends refused and they were put inside the furnace, but the Son of Man (Jesus himself) came down for that fiery walk with His faithful. Once again the Power of God cancels out the pathetic golden idol and again the king issues a command that his people should worship the one God. Again in the next chapter, we see the king with another dream and Daniel interprets and so wonderfully tells the most powerful man on planet earth that God will subdue him so that He will come to know and accept the Sovereignty of the Most High ch4, 32. and after some months when in his pride the king forgot his dream and exclaimed Hah the Babylon I built, he was immediately struck down, became like a beast and when he lifted his eyes heavenward he was restored. Again in the next chapter we see kingship being snatched out of his son

Belthashazzar when he was drinking wine out of the holy vessels. The Kingdom of God prevailed. In chapter 6 we have the famous Daniel, Darius and Lion. Ultimately the God who reigns the life of Daniel the exile triumphs. In chapter 1, 21 we see Daniel was there till the 1 year of Cyrus. By then Nebuchadnezzar was gone his son was gone Darius was gone but Daniel was there because His God was with him and His kingdom is eternal. It was Cyrus who gave the orders to rebuild Jerusalem Temple. Though this happened 600 years ago that same God is still with us and He still topples kingdoms of the world to let everyone know (even the exit poll chaps) that HE DECIDES the rulers of this world. Hallelujah! The Lord has called us to live like Daniel and his friends to always know that though we are under the rulers of the world we are in fact citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and when it comes to compromise it is better to go to the furnace and the lion's den. Always remember this verse, 3, 18 even if He does not save we will still not bow before that idol? But our Lord is too faithful for that and he will never allow any trials or sufferings without strengthening us. I want to go on speaking about the Kingdom of God, hope to continue this in the next session.