

**Daniel – Part II**  
“Daniel and Boundaries”  
Reference: **Daniel 1:5, 8-16**  
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REVIEW:

In **931 BC** the ancient united nation of Israel was divided into the north and south. The northern kingdom consisting of ten tribes continued to be called Israel and its capital was Samaria. The southern kingdom consisting of the two remaining tribes was called Judah and its capital was Jerusalem.

In **722 BC** the neo-Assyrian empire conquered the northern kingdom and brought its people into captivity.

Then Nebuchadnezzar and his armies invaded the southern kingdom of Judah and Jerusalem in particular, in three separate phases: **605 BC**, **597 BC** and **586 BC**.

In the first Babylonian invasion, Nebuchadnezzar captured an elite group of Hebrew teenagers he brought to Babylon to be trained to serve him throughout his empire. Daniel and his three Hebrew friends had been raised in Jerusalem and were part of that first deportation in **605 BC**. Those four were **Daniel**, **Shadrach**, **Meshach** and **Abednego**.

Principles from this text:

**ONE**... Societal culture **pressures** us to conform.

**TWO**... God blesses personal \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition:** Boundaries indicate the \_\_\_\_\_ or extent of something: a subject, a certain space or activities.

Examples of boundaries: **Genesis one; Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 23:31; Numbers 13:21; Deuteronomy 11:24; I Kings 8:65; II Kings 14:25; Isaiah 27:12; Numbers 34:1-12; Joshua 15:1-2; Ezekiel 47:15-20 and 48:1, 28**

**Definition:** A nation is a large group of people united through common descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular \_\_\_\_\_.

God Himself has established borders and boundaries and has made distinctions between different groups of people.  
Reference: **Acts 17:26; Revelation 21** (see screen)

Daniel had established his own personal boundaries.  
**verse five, eight** (see screen)

**Question:** Why wouldn't Daniel eat Nebuchadnezzar's prescribed menu?

**Answer:**

**One** - this food wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.

**Two** - this food had earlier been offered to \_\_\_\_\_ as part of false worship.

Daniel's boundaries represented personal convictions and not personal preferences

**Definition:** A personal **preference** is a greater \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ for one alternative over another or others.

**Definition:** A personal **conviction** is an \_\_\_\_\_ belief or opinion.

**verses ten through fifteen** (see screen)