

God's Plan for the Future  
The Book of Daniel  
October 4, 2023 - First Wednesday

Daniel 1:1-6 NLT

- Theme: In order to stay composed during oppressive conditions, apocalyptic literature is written to provide ENCOURAGEMENT to the people of God by providing a clear revelation of the FUTURE.
- God is sovereign - Daniel 2:19-23, 4:34-37, 5:21 NLT
  - ✓ God alone sets up and takes down HUMAN authorities.
  - ✓ All who rule, do so by God's divine PERMISSION.
  - ✓ The God of Israel is always TRIUMPHANT.
- Determined obedience pictured.
  - ✓ Whether food, WORSHIP, or prayer
  - 1) FAITH - Hebrews 11:6
    - Puts us on the right PATH.
  - 2) HOPE - Hebrews 6:19 NLT
    - Gives us confidence to STAY.
  - 3) CHARACTER - 1 Thessalonians 4:3a NIV
    - Sets us apart for HIM.
  - 4) ENDURANCE - Matthew 24:13-14
    - Keeps us going to the END.