

Against the Flow

Daniel 1:3-21

Introduction

I. The Deportation (3-7)

- A. New Language / Literature (4)
- B. New Lifestyle (5)
- C. New Loyalty (6-7)

II. The Decision (8-14)

Why did Daniel refuse royal food allotment?

- 1. Dietary View—prohibited by the law (Lev 11:1-23)
- 2. Demonic View—offered to idols
- 3. Dependence View—token of dependence and loyalty
- 4. Defensive View—drawing a line against full assimilation

How did Daniel refuse?

- 1. Parents
- 2. Partners
- 3. Providence
- 4. Precepts

III. The Demonstration (15-20)

IV. The Duration (21)

Conclusion