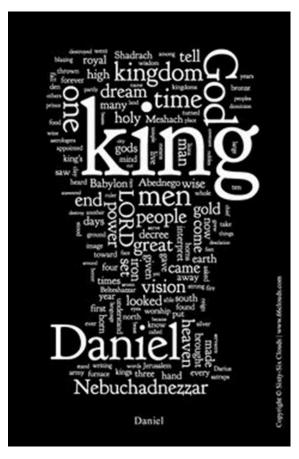
## 1—Introduction to Daniel Daniel 1:1-4

1. What was the first Bible name for the land that later became known as "Babylonia" (Gen 10:10; 11:2)?



2. What was its second Bible name (Jeremiah 24:5; 25:12; Ezekiel 12:13)?

3. What information can you share about Babylon and the Babylonian empire from this time period?

- 4. Let's review some of the phases of the Babylonian domination of Judah:
- a. 606 B.C.: Who was the king in Judah and what happened to the people of Judah during this phase (read Daniel 1:1-7; 2 Kings 23:36-24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:5-8)?
- b. 597 B.C.: Who was the king in Judah at this time and what happened to the people of Judah (see 2 Kings 24:8-17)?
- c. 586 B.C.: Who was the king in Judah during this final phase and what happened to the people of Judah (see 2 Chronicles 36:9-21)?

5. Jeremiah 52:4-7 describes the events that occurred in 586 B.C. Based on the dates listed in this text, how long did the attack upon Jerusalem last (see also 2 Kings 25:1-3)?
6. What happened to King Zedekiah (Jeremiah 52:10-12)?
7. In what year was Jehoiakim the "king of Judah" (as mentioned in Daniel 1:1)? So, in what year were Daniel and his friends taken as elite captives to Babylon?
8. Which prophet told King Hezekiah, "all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left," (see 2 Kings 20:16-19)? For which king's sins was God going to punish Israel (2 Kings 21:10-16)? Did these prophesies come true (Daniel 1:2)?
9. What type of abilities was the king of Babylon looking for in his Israelite recruits who would serve in the king's palace (1:3-4)? What, then, can we conclude about Daniel and his friends?
10. We sometimes hear people say, "I do not want to raise children in an ungodly culture." As we consider Daniel, does an ungodly culture mean God cannot still use us and our children for His purposes?! How might we use a case study of Daniel to respond to this fear?