

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 30– Aug 4**  
***Doing Life Together – Thriving in Babylon – Seven Lessons from Daniel***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 1:19-20

**OBSERVATION:** God will cause your gift to make room for you meaning He will take the things He has imparted into your spirit man, that seed that when it is full grown will cause you to blossom and become the man or woman Jesus has destined you to be and cause it to make room for you in the work of the Kingdom.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 2:13-16

**OBSERVATION:** As a young man, Daniel was taken into captivity by the evil empire of Babylon. He could have chosen to sulk and live in depression. He could have complained and despaired with the mindset that he was being held back from his God-given destiny. Instead, Daniel studied for three years to learn the language and culture of his captors until he was able to identify with, influence, and thrive in that wicked kingdom.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:3

**OBSERVATION:** Daniel eventually become known as a prophet of God who stood before an infamous, evil king, speaking with integrity, and serving that king faithfully with compassion (Dan. 4:19, 27). Daniel realized that God chose an evil king to rule (Dan. 1:2; 2:37-38; 4:25, 32; 5:19). He also chose to seek his favor instead of rejecting him. As he grew in favor with both God and man, he earned influence that changed the king's life and transformed his kingdom.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 2:49

**OBSERVATION:** Daniel showed mercy to a king who deserved judgment; compassion for a king who was terribly wicked. When he did, God released favor on his life that caused him to be elevated to positions of authority and power. First, he was promoted to become the overseer of all of the astrologers, psychics, magicians, and wise men. He was okay being misunderstood and associated with the wrong group as long as he maintained his ability to influence them for God. He decided to be friends with sinners and preserve their lives.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 4:27

**OBSERVATION:** As Daniel faithfully served in the kingdom of Babylon, he continued to be promoted to positions of greater authority. He did not live a secluded life interpreting dreams and standing aloof from the affairs of the culture. God's favor on his life promoted him to become a governor, and eventually third most powerful in the land. Just as Joseph did in Egypt, Daniel became a ruler in a wicked land. Also like Joseph, he ruled well and he ruled in the best interest of his kingdom and his king. If he hadn't, he would not have continued to be placed in positions of trust and authority during the reign of a total of three kings.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Daniel 6:4

**OBSERVATION:** He remained faithful to God, to his friends, to his earthly kings, and to the people in the culture he was surrounded by. He lived with honor toward all, used his gifts to improve the lives of others, and showed compassion for those who didn't know God. Daniel's life is an excellent model for us all.