

*I do not know of any message that is  
so timely and valuable for Christians  
living in our own secular and  
materialistic times as the message [in  
the book of Daniel].*

James Montgomery Boice

# Who Was Daniel?

lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC

a Hebrew from noble background

among those deported to Babylon in 605 BC

a young man when deported and lived the remainder of his lengthy life in the land of his captivity

# Division of the Book of Daniel

12 chapters

chapters 1-6: historical narrative

chapters 7-12: apocalyptic visions

*While children resonate with the lessons of Daniel 1-6, seasoned scholars scratch their heads over Daniel 7-12.*

Tremper Longman III

# Why Study Daniel?

1. What the book teaches about the sovereignty of God.

This should strengthen and encourage us.  
Our God reigns!

2. What the book reveals about Babylonian society and culture.

It looks a lot like ours!

3. What the book reveals about the spirituality of Daniel.

A challenge to us.

# **Conclusion – singing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land**

We can do in our day  
what Daniel did in his.