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*Judgment, Exile, and Babylon*  
*Daniel 1:1–2*  
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Introduction

- I. The debate concerning the dating of Daniel. Isaiah 41:21–23, 46:9–10; Matthew 24:15
  
- II. Why did God allow judgment and exile to come upon the Jews? Daniel 1:1; Leviticus 26:27–34; Jeremiah 25:4–11
  
- III. Instructions for living in Babylon. Jeremiah 29:4–7
  
- IV. Hope for the future. Jeremiah 29:10–14

Questions for reflection:

- *What led to the exile of the Jews?*
- *What do the events connected to the judgment of Jerusalem and the exile teach us about God?*
- *What principles should guide us as Christians living in an increasingly secular society?*