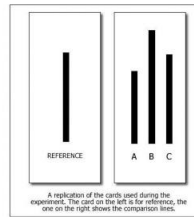


## Resisting Babylon (Daniel 1)

Human beings by nature are...

Christians are not exempt!



The main message of the book of Daniel:

***Stand firm, because even when it doesn't look like it, God's always in charge.***

How can we resist Babylon?

### **1. Even when the world seems to be winning, God is still writing the story (v1-2)**

The end?

Losing side?

First clue: v2a

Second clue: Shinar

God loves to work through apparent weakness

### **2. Even when the world looks captivating, God is honouring distinctive faith (v3-16)**

Nebuchadnezzar's scheme

The game plan: Total assimilation

Where Daniel and his friends didn't resist Babylon:

- i. They said yes to a Babylonian education
- ii. They said yes to a career in a pagan government

Where they drew the line

The key verse: v9

### **3. Even when the world appears to prevail, God is establishing his lasting rule (v17-21)**

For the third time – v17! (cf. v2, 9)

How this chapter ends (v21)

*...so stay in the fight!*