



## **Stand during Uncertain Times**

Sermon Series: STAND

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**I. Introduction:** Introducing the book of Daniel

**II. Scripture Reading:** Daniel Chapter 1

**III. During uncertain times, remember God is still God.**

The 2 views of history (Daniel 1:1-2):

1. The secular perspective (vs. 1).
  - History without reference to God.
  - Historical facts – what, when, where, etc.
2. The sacred perspective (vs. 2).
  - History with God in the equation.
  - What is God doing behind the scenes?

**IV. During uncertain times, remember you're still His child.**

1. The significance of the name changes in Daniel (Daniel 1:1-2):
  - Their parents named them so they would be identified with the Lord God. Their given names contained the Hebrew word for God or the Lord.
  - The Babylonians renamed them so they could be identified with the Babylonian gods, creating identity confusion.

2. Always remember you're a child of God, a vital member of God's people!

**V. During uncertain times, look to God for wisdom and strength.**

1. God gave favor (vs. 18-19).
2. God gave knowledge and understanding (vs. 17).
3. God gave the ability to interpret visions and dreams (vs. 17).
4. God gave a *greater* wisdom (vs. 20).

**VI. Concluding thoughts and prayer ministry.**