3 Themes Of Daniel:

- 1. God is in control of all things at all times.
 - Daniel 5:21b
- 2. God's people always have a role to play.
 - Daniel 1:8
- 3. The spirit of the anti–christ is marked by a spirit of rebellion, that leads to desolation.
 - Daniel 8:12-13

The Spirit of the anti-christ is marked by a spirit of rebellion, that leads to desolation:

Because of rebellion, the Lord's people and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground. Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, Daniel 8:12-13 (NIV)

The Spirit of the anti-christ is marked by a spirit of rebellion, that leads to desolation:

"How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled—the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, the surrender of the sanctuary and the trampling underfoot of the Lord's people?"

Daniel 8:12-13 (NIV)



¹In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ²And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

Daniel 1:1-8 (NIV)



³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— ⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. Daniel 1:1-8 (NIV)

⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. ⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

Daniel 1:1-8 (NIV)



⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. 8But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:1-8 (NIV)

THE TIME FOR CONSECRATION



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- 1. The sacred vessels of the house of God were taken.
- 2. The names of the Jews were changed.
- 3. New customs were imposed.



The Heart Of Consecration

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Daniel 1-8 (NIV)



The Heart Of Consecration

Definition of Consecration:

- 1. A separation to the purposes, plans, and person of God
- 2. A separation motivated by our affections
- 3. A deep love and loyalty that flows from within the heart