

Chiasmus of Daniel 1:1-21

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- A (1:1) The beginning of Daniel's career.
- B (1:2) Articles taken from the house of God [to demonstrate the inferiority of Israel's God.
- C (1:3) Master of the eunuchs brings young men to Babylon [at the end of the siege].
- D (1:4) Young men are shown to be capable of learning Chaldean language and literature.
- E (1:5) The king chooses their diet and training.
- F (1:6) Daniel and his three friends among the sons of Judah chosen.
- G (1:7) New names are given to the four.
- H (1:8) Daniel fears God and chooses not to be defiled.
- X (1:9) God had granted Daniel favor with the master of eunuchs.**
- H' (1:10) Chief of eunuchs fears the king.
- G' (1:11-14) New diet of clean food given to the four.
- F' (1:15) Daniel and his three friends compared to their peers--better health.
- E' (1:16) King's diet discarded.
- D' (1:17) God gives the young men ability in all literature and knowledge.
- C' (1:18,19) Master of eunuchs brought Daniel and friends to the king at the end of days.
- B' (1:20) Daniel and friends shown to be superior to Babylonian worship leaders.
- A' (1:21) The end of Daniel's career.