

Introduction: The Definition of “Uber” according to Webster’s dictionary:
“being a superlative example of its kind or class”.

- Today we will begin to look at what it will take for America to wake-up and understand what is happening to it. We will also look at one solution: Become an Uber Leader. There is only one way to become an Uber Leader: Become a superlative example of the kind of Leader that Follows God, The One who can lead us into Victory, despite an evil culture. Lead us to joy, in a day of sorrow. Lead us to courage in an age of fear and anxiety. Lead us to serve Him – GOD – in a godless culture.

→ **Daniel grew up in Judah, during the reign of King Josiah. King Josiah had sought to bring the people of Judah back to God, but after his death, the nation continued in their idolatry. Despite many warnings from prophets of God, the people refused to change. As a result, God sent Nebuchadnezzar to invade and conquer Judah.**

Text: Daniel 1:1-4; 17-21

Outline:

I. From Judah to Babylon

A. “Digital Babylon” We have been brought captive into a land we don’t even recognize, largely. Why? Because we are in a time where Schools don’t teach the truth of God. Colleges and Universities don’t teach the Truth of God. The majority of homes do not teach the truth of God. Yet a godless medium now dictates what is thought, believed and **Walter Lippmann said of “culture” - *Culture is the name for what people are interested in, their thoughts, their models, the books they read and the values they appreciate.***

- **These are set by digital means today:** Kids learn more from youtube and snapchat and Instagram more than they learn from school or home.
- **They have been taken captive,** AND so have we and our culture.

B. Daniel – what does Daniel teach us? That even when we are taken captive into a new reality, we can still stand for God, follow God’s lead and even when it goes against everything that new reality teaches... The Uber Leader can rise to the top!

- **Charles Spurgeon said:** *"Right is right, though all condemn, & wrong is wrong though all approve."*
- **This is what this Uber Leader, named Daniel, believed! And he did not change just because he was taken captive into a different culture.**
- Even when others tried to entrap him... for Praying! He came out victorious. One aspect of Daniel that raises him to the top was that he was the only prophet in the Bible found blameless!
 - Abraham had his Hagar incident. Moses struck the rock and was banned from Canaan. David committed adultery and murder. Noah and Job? Noah got drunk and naked (Gen 9:21). Even Job repented because of how he spoke about God (Job 38:2; 42:1-6).
- This was a foreshadow of Jesus...the sinless/spotless lamb.

II. Season of the Remnant

We can't just focus on the masses today...we must think of, what God called "a remnant".

A. **Godly Leaders, Mentors, Preachers, Missionaries, Politicians, Law enforcement, First Responders, church leaders, Bible teachers,**

→ There will be a Remnant that will boldly proclaim and with Joy shout: I Serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! I will stand for God's word! I will Worship God Almighty and Him alone will I worship!

- What this Generation needs is to have one-on-one relationships with people of God...Men and Women of Faith. Not men and women of Gossip, Drama, discontentment, and worldliness! But Men and Women of Faith!

→ You think it is impossible? FAITH is the Language that the Impossible understands! God works and even specializes in the impossible!

B. **The Remnant** – will stand when all else fall. They will pray when everyone else is silent! Like Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (better known as Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego) When the whole nations bows... these three young leaders remained standing! And God was there with them! They experienced Victory!

→ We need to help this generation with **spirit-led conversations** and **experiences!**

- **Only a Remnant will be able to do this! But they will be the world changers! They will be the difference makers! They will be the Uber Leaders! That set a superlative example among their peers!**
- **Many Jewish captives did not survive, but according to Daniel 1:21** "Daniel remained in the royal service until the reign of King Cyrus." Under 4 kings! Meaning, Daniel lived to see the end of the captivity! (King Darius) **1 Timothy 4:12**