

# The Kings Meat

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### Daniel 1:1-14

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which *are* of your sort? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. 16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. 17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Daniel refused to eat of the kings meat for it was against the laws of God as delivered by Moses to eat unclean animals and to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols; in this case to the Babylonian god Bel. Daniel and his companions were to be prepared to stand before the king by the eating of the kings' meat and by the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans (ver 4); but God had a plan for Daniel and Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, and it was to be prepared to serve Him and He would provide them with knowledge, skill in all learning, and wisdom. (ver 17). Daniel would also have understanding in all visions and dreams. They forsook the king's meat and partook of the true King's meat and were blessed physically but more important they were blessed spiritually. You are what you eat.

**1 Corinthians 10:20** But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

**Acts 15:29** That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

As Daniel did; we will do well to nourish ourselves at the true King's table; feasting upon His Holy word. It is the true King's meat that nourishes the body soul, and spirit. This obedience to God would not only lead to their gaining wisdom and understanding; but also would lead them to great faith. A faith they would later need to again stand against Nebuchadnezzar and the flames of the fiery furnace.

Many of us today spiritually defile ourselves with the world's food which feeds the flesh but does little for the spirit. There are all kinds of health gimmicks that are popular to help one live healthier, lose weight, etc.; but the spirit is neglected. We feed the lusts of the flesh and neglect the spirit.

**Deuteronomy 8:2** And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

**Matthew 4:3** And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.4 But he answered and said, *It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

Man puts in much preparation for this life and little for the next. This life in the flesh is but a temporary existence for a short time and there is little preparation made for eternity. We feed the flesh and make little provision for the spirit. It is by feasting upon the true King's meat (the LORD Jesus Christ and His Holy Word) that we prepare ourselves for eternity; feasting upon the worlds food does little; for the grave still awaits the flesh. The end shall come for us all; time is a great deceiver; do not let it deceive you.

**James 4:14** Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

### **The Devils Table**

Many feast at the king's table accepting the delicacies which feed the lusts of the flesh and never give much thought to the feeding of the spirit with the spiritual food from the real King's table. There is great harm in this as we have seen from the word of God

**Genesis 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

**Genesis 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Satan placed before Eve the forbidden food; and it appealed to the senses; for it was pleasant to the taste, and pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired for wisdom; oh but only had Eve been obedient as had Daniel and refused the offer and ate only of the food God allowed. Daniel refused the king's table and excelled in service to the LORD; Eve accepted the forbidden food and did eat of it and ruin was the end for mankind.

### **The Lord's Meat**

No matter how much of the world's delicacies we eat; the flesh will still die and return to dust. Our spirit and soul however; shall live for all eternity in either Heaven or Hell. Our destination will be determined by how well we feed the spirit. We must partake of the right meat and sit at the right table.

### **1 Corinthians 10:1 -4**

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

**John 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

### **John 6:47-58**

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. 52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. 58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

**John 4:14** But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Spiritually speaking beloved what meat shall you partake of; the king's meat with all the delicacies of the world that feeds the flesh and yet the flesh will still consume away; or will you as Daniel forsake the king's meat for the true King's meat that will sustain the spirit and soul to everlasting life!

### **The Lord' Table**

It is of much importance not only of what meat we partake of and what we choose to feed; the flesh or the spirit; but also of what table shall we sit at; the LORDS table at the marriage supper of the Lamb or at the table of devils?

### **Revelation 19:6-9**

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

**1Corinthians 10:21** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

The choice is yours; you are what you eat.

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