

# Daniel 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

## Analysis

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The naming of the four youths—Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah—preserves their Hebrew identity. Their names incorporate 'El' (God) and 'Yah' (Yahweh), bearing witness to covenant faith: Daniel (God is my judge), Hananiah (Yahweh is gracious), Mishael (Who is what God is?), Azariah (Yahweh has helped). These theophoric names publicly proclaimed faith in Yahweh, setting up the coming conflict when Babylon attempts to erase this identity through renaming.

## Historical Context

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Hebrew naming practices reflected theology and family heritage. Names incorporating divine titles testified to covenant relationship with Yahweh. The listing of these four identifies the faithful remnant among many deportees. They came from Judah's tribe (v. 6), likely royal or noble lineage. Preserving their Hebrew names here emphasizes their original identity before Babylon's attempted transformation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How do Hebrew names incorporating God's titles remind us that our identity should publicly testify to our faith?
2. What does the preservation of original names in Scripture teach us about God remembering who we truly are despite worldly attempts to redefine us?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּנִים

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Now among these were of the children

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מִבְנֵי

בְּנֵי אֶלְיָהוּ

H3063

הַיְהוּדִים

H1840

Daniel

וְעֹזְרִיהוּ מִישָׁאָל צָרְנַיִת

Hananiah

Mishael

and Azariah

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 14:20** (Parallel theme): Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

**Ezekiel 14:14** (Parallel theme): Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

**Matthew 24:15** (Parallel theme): When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

**Daniel 2:17** (Parallel theme): Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: