

APPENDIX M

AN OUTLINE *Of The Book of Daniel*

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- B. Nebuchadnezzar's Attempt to Reprogram Daniel and His Friends (1:3-7)
- C. Daniel's Resolve Not to Compromise His Faith (1:8-16)
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