



DANIEL'S LIFE



REIGN OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

- Daniel was exiled from Judah, taken to Babylon to be educated and to serve in the king's palace (Daniel 1:3-6)
 - Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah also exiled with Daniel
- Given the Babylonian name Belteshazzar (1:7)
 - Daniel's friends given the names Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
- Requested vegetables and water as his diet so as not to defile himself with the king's meat and wine (1:8-16)
- Blessed by God with knowledge and understanding in every kind of literature and wisdom; also understood visions and dreams of every kind (1:17)
- Served in the king's court and excelled in counseling the king in every matter of wisdom and understanding (1:19-20)
- Recounted and interpreted the king's dream by the wisdom of God (2:26-45)
- Promoted to ruler over the entire province of Babylon and chief governor of all the wise men of Babylon (2:48)
 - Requested the king appoint Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to manage the province of Babylon (2:49)
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the king's statue; thrown into the furnace but saved by God (3:8-30)
- Interpreted the king's dream regarding God's punishment for his pride (4:19-27)

REIGN OF BELSHAZZAR

- **First Year:** Daniel's vision of four beasts representing four kings of the earth (7:1-28)
- **Third Year:** Daniel's vision of a ram and a goat representing the kings of Medo-Persia and of Greece; interpreted by Gabriel, but Daniel could not understand it (8:1-27)

- Called before the king and interpreted the handwriting on the wall (5:13-31)
- Promoted to third ruler in the kingdom (5:29)

REIGN OF DARIUS THE MEDE / CYRUS THE PERSIAN

- **First Year:** Daniel prayed for the conclusion of Jeremiah's prophesied seventy years; received understanding from Gabriel of God's decree of "seventy weeks" (9:1-27)
- Appointed as an administrator over the satraps of the kingdom (6:1-2)
- Ignored the king's edict and prayed to God as was his custom, so accused by his enemies before the king (6:10-15)
- Thrown in the lions' den but saved by God (6:16-23)
- **Third Year:** Daniel's vision of a glorious Man dressed in linen and of the last days, which he did not understand (10-12)
- Told to go to his end when he would rest in death and to await his resurrection at the end of the days (12:13)

TREASURED BY GOD: Daniel, a man greatly loved, was faithful to his God even in the midst of exile from his homeland. He experienced both blessing and extreme hardship in the land of Babylon. For his faithfulness, he was given knowledge and understanding by God and granted the ability to understand visions and dreams, which he used to serve and even rebuke the foreign kings who ruled over him. He was recognized as someone who had "the spirit of the holy gods in him," but he always attributed his wisdom to God in heaven, the Most High God.

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