The story of Daniel begins with his homeland of Judah being invaded by a foreign power and Daniel being captured. The overthrow of Judah had been prophesied, and was a punishment sent by God because of the disobedience of His people.
Look up Jeremiah 25: 1, 2 \& 8-11, and answer the following:
Who was the prophet on this occasion? $\square$
For how long would the people of Judah serve Babylon? $\square$
$\square$
Look at the Bible Readings and complete the 'FACT FILE' concerning the capture of Judah.

## Fact

King of Judah

In which year of his reign did the attack occur?

## File

King of Babylon

Which city did he attack?

Daniel, and three other young men, were among those taken to be trained to serve the foreign king. As well as being moved to a strange new land and being taught a new language, they were also given new names, so that they would completely lose their original identity.
Put the letter of each new name in the boxes next to their original names.
A - Abed-nego
B - Shadrach
C - Meshach
D - Belteshazzar
$\square$ Mishael $\square$ Daniel

Azariah $\square$ Hananiah

Write out four of the qualities which the Babylonians were looking for in the young men who would be chosen for the special course of training.

| 1. | 2. |
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| 3. | 4. |

One night, Nebuchadnezzar could not sleep because of a dream he had.
Answer TRUE or FALSE:-
The king had told his wise men what the dream was.
The wise men were able to give the interpretation of the dream.
$\qquad$

The king ordered that all the wise men be killed.
(This would also include Daniel and his friends.)
Daniel and his friends sought God's help.
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$\qquad$ -

## Clues Down

1. One night the king had this.
2. They couldn't help the king.
3. The four friends prayed to the God of $\qquad$ .
4. The king had not been able to do this.

## Clues Across

3. Captain of the king's guard.
4. He was used to help the king.
5. God gave him this.
6. Daniel's friends were put in charge of this province.

Daniel was able to know and interpret the king's dream because of God's help. (See the Key Verse.)

Write beside each number what each part of the statue was made of.
1 $\qquad$
2 $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$


Despite being taken away to a strange land, where false gods were worshipped, and being separated from their families, the four friends continued to ask for God's help in their daily lives. We, too, need to trust God for His help. As we face difficulties we should pray that He would give us strength and courage to say "No" to sinful temptations and "Yes" to things which are pleasing to God. We can be sure that He will always be there to help us, as a Friend, in every time of need.

## Lesson No. 2 Daniel - Standing for God

Suggested Further Reading<br>Exodus 20: 1-6<br>Acts 5: 27-32



Please put your name here
Having dreamed about an image, Nebuchadnezzar decided to make one. All the people were told that they had to bow down and worship it, when they heard the sound of music being played. This was something Daniel's friends refused to do.
Answer the following questions, then fit your answers into the Grid provided. There is only ONE possible solution. (Hint: Start with the longest and shortest words.) The number in the brackets at the end of each question indicates the number of letters in each word.

What was the nationality of each of those who refused to bow? (3)
What was the image made of? (4)

What did the people do before the image? (10)
 bow down to the true God? (7), (8), (8)


The king was furious when he heard that they had disobeyed his command. When they were brought before him and questioned, what did they say?


Which verse tells us that they would not worship the golden image?


## Daniel's three friends were prepared to pay the price of being true to God. They would rather die than

 disobey God! They believed their God could deliver them and were not afraid to tell the king of their faith in God! It's the same for us. Being a Christian is never easy. Sometimes it may mean standing firm against the crowd. If we truly love the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we will want to please Him, whatever the cost. Let us remember how much it cost Him when He gave His life on the cross for our sins!What were the two things they said they would not do?
1.
2.


Write in the boxes beside the flames the answers (all numbers), to the following questions.

3. How many men were cast into the furnace?


What three things were noticed by everyone when the three friends came out of the furnace?

| 1. | 2. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3. |  |

Read verses 28-30 and complete the paragraph with suitable words, to discover what the king did next.
King $\qquad$ praised the $\qquad$ of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego because they had been $\qquad$ . They had $\qquad$ in Him. The king ordered that no one should ever $\qquad$ against their God. He also $\qquad$ the three men in the province of Babylon.

Summarize IN YOUR OWN WORDS some important lessons which we learn from this chapter of the book of Daniel.

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## Lesson No. 3 Daniel - Speaking for God



Daniel 5: 1-31

## Suggested Further Reading

Job 33: 14-30

Daniel is now much older. The king is no longer Nebuchadnezzar, but his son Belshazzar. Sadly, King Belshazzar had not learned from Nebuchadnezzar's mistakes, but was just as proud and arrogant. How many of his lords, or noblemen, did Belshazzar invite to the great feast he arranged? $\square$
Describe IN YOUR OWN WORDS what the king did at the great feast.


During the feast, the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace.

Write 'on the wall', what was written.

What verse tells us how frightened the king was when he saw this hand writing?


Verse
Check the correct boxes to indicate what the king said he would give to the man who could interpret this message.
White linen clothing $\square$ His daughter in marriage $\square$ A gold chain $\square$
$\square$ The position of third ruler in the kingdom $\square$
$\square$
Who told the king about Daniel? $\square$


Answer TRUE or FALSE and give the verse number to prove your answer:-
Belshazzar's wise men interpreted the writing.
Daniel told the king he didn't want any reward.
$\qquad$ Verse $\qquad$

Nebuchadnezzar had received his kingdom from God.
Because of his pride, he was removed from his throne.
$\qquad$ Verse $\qquad$
$\qquad$

God sent the hand which wrote the inscription.
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ Verse $\qquad$
What had Belshazzar not done, even though he knew all that had happened to Nebuchadnezzar?
$\square$
Write out the last part of the Key Verse.
$\square$
$\square$

Draw a line to link up the three words with their interpretation.
MENE (Number) You have been weighed in the balances and found wanting.
PERES (Division) God has numbered your kingdom and finished it.
TEKEL (Weight) Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.


Sometimes it is not easy to speak to others about the Lord Jesus, especially when the message we share involves bad news as well as good. Yet we must be faithful in reminding people of God's judgment upon sin.

Complete the
'FACT FILE' concerning the downfall of King Belshazzar.

## Fact

What happened to

Belshazzar?

Who took his kingdom?


God hates a proud heart, but He welcomes anyone who comes humbly to Him. Each of us needs to be humble before God, remembering who He is. We should aim to please Him in all we do.

# Lesson No. 4 Daniel - Suffering for God 

Suggested Further Reading Compare Joseph in prison - Genesis 39 \& 40



Yet another invasion had led to Daniel serving under a new king. Whether he lived under the Babylonians or Medes and Persians, Daniel continued to be trustworthy and hardworking. Above all, he remained faithful to God, who never let him down.

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| $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{I}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{L}$ | $\mathbf{I}$ | $\mathbf{O}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ |
| $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{V}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{Y}$ | $\mathbf{F}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{O}$ | $\mathbf{U}$ |
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| $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{N}$ | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ |
| $\mathbf{I}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{E}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{H}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | $\mathbf{O}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ | $\mathbf{J}$ |

Write the answers to the following, AND also circle them in the Word Maze.

The number of top men. (Verse 2) $\qquad$
The name of the king. $\qquad$
The $\qquad$ of God. (Verse 5) A den of $\qquad$ .
The number of days during which no one could ask of anyone but the king. What Daniel had opened. $\qquad$
The number of times Daniel prayed each day. $\qquad$
The city he prayed towards. $\qquad$
The law of the $\qquad$ and the

Now following the direction of the arrows, up and down from left to right on the Word Maze, write out the remaining letters to discover what Daniel continued to do despite the new law.
$\square$
What was the king's reaction when he learned that Daniel was accused of breaking this new law, and what did he do?
. (Verse 12)
$\square$

What did the king say to Daniel before throwing him to the lions?


Fit these words into the correct spaces.


Whose servant did Darius say Daniel was?


What word tells us how much Daniel served God? $\square$
Read the Key Verse and write out from it why Daniel was unharmed.
$\square$
By comparing Daniel chapter 3 (Daniel's friends in the furnace) with Daniel chapter 6 (Daniel in the den of lions), write down TWO important facts that were true of both situations.

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Look up Daniel 2: 48 \& 49; 3:30; 6: 28; and IN YOUR OWN WORDS, write out ONE thing which had happened because Daniel and his friends had always put God first in their lives.

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In these stories, we see that God honours those who honour Him. Is God first in your life? Have you allowed the Lord Jesus to become your Lord and Saviour by placing your trust in Him? As a Christian, does He have first place in your life? When we give time to prayer, reading the Bible, and attending church services, then God will bless us. Remember also that God's Word must be obeyed. Like Daniel and his friends, we should say:-

GOD ALWAYS FIRST!

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