



L2L54: Daniel Taken Captive

Daniel 1-2

The nation of Judah refused to repent of their sins, so God allowed the Jews to be carried away as captives to Babylon. Some of the first to be taken to Babylon were noblemen and their families; Daniel was most likely taken captive with this group. When they arrived in Babylon, Daniel was selected to be among the young men who would be taught the language, literature, and culture of the Babylonians.

Even though he was a captive, Daniel was determined to live according to God's laws which were certainly not practiced by the Babylonians. The first test came when Daniel's first plate of food was set before him.

Discuss:

- Who was the king of Babylon when Daniel was taken captive?
- Why do you think Daniel did not want to eat the king's delicacies? What did Daniel propose that he eat instead? Has there ever been a time when you have had to courageously stand up for your desire to follow God?
- What position did King Nebuchadnezzar give to Daniel? How did he get the position? What can we learn from this in relation to Proverbs 22:29?
- When the astrologers and magicians could not reveal to the king his dream, what did the king command be done to all the wise men? What did Daniel do when he heard about the proclamation?
- Who revealed to Daniel the dream and its meaning? What is important about Nebuchadnezzar's dream?



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Memory Challenge:

Daniel 2:20-22

Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His.

And He changes the times and the seasons;

He removes kings and raises up kings;

He gives wisdom to the wise

And knowledge to those who have understanding.

He reveals deep and secret things;

He knows what is in the darkness,

And light dwells with Him."