



Judah Falls, Daniel Exiled

2 Kings 23-25, Daniel 1-2

Lesson 86 Visuals

- **More than any other king, Josiah turned to the LORD with all his heart, soul and strength.**
- **God's fierce anger was directed at Judah because of all the evil that Manasseh had done.**
- **Years before, King Manasseh had murdered many innocent people in the streets of Jerusalem.**
- **The LORD said He would reject Jerusalem and the temple of the LORD built by Solomon.**
- **Josiah was the last good king in Judah.**
- **King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon led the Babylonian army to invade Judah.**



- **When King Jehoiakim rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, Judah was destroyed by raiders.**
- **According to the Bible, the LORD was the One who sent these raiders to destroy Judah.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar took articles from the LORD's temple and put them in the temple of his god in Babylon.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar also took some of the upper-class Jewish young men who were handsome and smart.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar wanted these young men to serve him. The prophet Daniel was one of those young men.**
- **Daniel and his three friends were all deported and forced to live as exiles in Babylon.**



- **The new Babylonian names of Daniel's three friends were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**
- **All the elite young men including Daniel and his friends were given royal food and wine.**
- **Daniel did not want to eat the royal food and drink the royal wine because he didn't want to sin against God by eating foods that God had forbidden the Israelites from eating.**
- **Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego ate vegetables and drank water for ten days before being tested.**
- **After ten days, they looked better than the others who ate the royal food and wine.**
- **God gave Daniel and his three friends knowledge and understanding of all kinds.**
- **God gave Daniel the special ability to understand visions and dreams.**



- Daniel and his friends spent three years in training to serve king Nebuchadnezzar.
- In every matter of wisdom and understanding, Nebuchadnezzar found Daniel and his friends to be ten times better than all the magicians or wise men in Babylon.
- King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream in the night that he could not understand.
- Nebuchadnezzar wanted to know the meaning of his dream, but he refused to tell his wise men what happened in his dream and demanded that they tell him what happened in his dream.
- Nebuchadnezzar demanded that someone tell him his dream and interpret it or he would cut all the wise men into pieces.



- **The wise men said, “There is not a man on earth who can do what the king asks.” This made Nebuchadnezzar so angry that he ordered all the wise men in Babylon to be executed.**
- **If all the wise men in Babylon were executed, that meant Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would be killed.**
- **When Daniel heard that all the wise men including him and his friends would be executed, he went to King Nebuchadnezzar and asked for more time so that he might interpret the dream for him.**
- **Daniel then returned to his friends and urged them to pray and plead God for mercy concerning this mystery.**
- **Daniel and his friends knew God Almighty is the One in ultimate control.**



- **God and Nebuchadnezzar were the only ones who knew what Nebuchadnezzar had dreamed.**
- **And God is the only One who knew the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.**