

# THE KING IS COMING

Survey of Judah Alone, Captivity, Return, and Years of Silence

LESSON 10: THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL (PART 1: DAN 1-4)  
... *PROPHECY*

**MEMORY.** Memorize in order the world empires that interact with the Jews: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. (For an additional challenge, know which empires correspond to the dream of Nebuchadnezzar in Dan 2: Babylon = head of gold; Medo-Persia = chest/arms of silver; Greece = belly/thighs of bronze; Rome = legs of iron, feet of iron/clay.)

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**READING.** Read Dan 1-4. After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting or important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or something that you want to remember and apply.

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## DISCUSSION.

1. *Background.* The events of Dan 1-4 begin in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim (606/5 BC) and end with the restoration of Nebuchadnezzar (562/1 BC). Who were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah? (Dan 1:6; cf. vv. 1-5, 7)

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- 2. *Faithfulness #1.*** The Babylonians tried to conform the captive Jews (Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah) by forcing them to do what? (Dan 1:1-7) What did Daniel refuse to do? (v. 8) What did God do for Daniel because of his faithfulness? (v. 9; cf. vv. 10-21)

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- 3. *Dream #1.* Who had a troubling dream(s), wanted an interpretation of it, and was ready to kill those who could not interpret it for him? (2:1-13) How did Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah respond to the threat of death? (vv. 14-24) Who gave Daniel the interpretation of the dream? (vv. 25-30) Summarize the dream and its interpretation (vv. 31-49).**

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4. *Faithfulness #2.* What did Nebuchadnezzar make, and why did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego refuse to bow down to it? (Dan 3:1-18) What was the consequence of their disobedience toward Nebuchadnezzar (but obedience toward God)? (vv. 19-27) How did Nebuchadnezzar respond? (vv. 28-30)

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5. *Dream #2.* What did Nebuchadnezzar want his empire to learn from his temporary humiliation? (Dan 4:1-3; cf. v. 37)  
Summarize the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, its interpretation, and its fulfillment (vv. 4-36). How can we personally apply the record of the humbling of Nebuchadnezzar?