Daniel Bible Study 10/19/22

Daniel 1 NKJV

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the articles of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the articles into the treasure house of his god.

3Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king’s descendants and some of the nobles,

4young men in whom *there was* no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king’s palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.

5And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king’s delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king.

6Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

8But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

10And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the young men who *are* your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king.”

11So Daniel said to [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=dan+1%3A1-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-21749d)]the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12“Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king’s delicacies; and as you see fit, *so* deal with your servants.”

14So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king’s delicacies.

16Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

17As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

18Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.

20And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who *were* in all his realm.

21Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

*Daniel’s case is similar to Joseph’s in some respects, being a captive from his own people.*

# Genesis 37:28 NKJV

# 28Then Midianite traders passed by; so *the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

# *Receiving favor from his captors.*

# Genesis 39:21 NKJV

# 21But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gavehim favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

# *Interpreting dreams*

# Genesis 37:5-11 NKJV

# 5Now Joseph had a dream, and he told *it* to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

# 6So he said to them, “Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

# 7There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.”8A

# nd his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

# 9Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, “Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

# 10So he told *it* to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What *is* this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”

# 11And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter *in mind.*

# *Being exalted by a ruler.*

# Genesis 41:37-41 NKJV

# 37So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.

# 38And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?”

# 39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you.

# 40You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.”

# 41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

# *Holy living.*

# Genesis 39:12 NKJV

# 12that she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.