

DANIEL
THE RISE AND FALL OF KINGDOMS
PERSONAL HISTORY OF DANIEL

1. THE TIMES HE LIVED IN

- a. Daniel 1:1-2 (NIV)** 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 delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

I. THIRD YEAR

(1) THE REALIZATION OF GOD'S KINGDOM

II. JEHOIAKIM

- (1) Jehoiakim = . Y^howyaqiym, yeh-ho-yaw-keem';** from Hebrew 3068 (Y^hovah) abbreviation and Hebrew 6965 (quwm); *Jehovah will raise; Jehojakim*, a Jewish king :- Jehoiakim. Compare Hebrew 3113 (Yowyaqiym).

(2) AN ANCESTOR OF JESUS

- (a) Matthew 1:11 (NIV)** and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon
(b) 1 Chron. 3:15 (KJV) And the sons of Josiah *were*, the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

(3) A EVIL KING OF JUDAH

- (a) 2 Kings 23:34-24:6 (NIV)** Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah and changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz and carried him off to Egypt, and there he died. ³⁵Jehoiakim paid Pharaoh Neco the silver and gold he demanded. In order to do so, he taxed the land and exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land according to their assessments. ³⁶Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. His mother's name was Zebidah daughter of Pedaiah; she was from Rumah. ³⁷And he did evil in the eyes of the LORD, just as his fathers had done. ^{24:1}During Jehoiakim's reign, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded the land, and Jehoiakim became his vassal for three years. But then he changed his mind and rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar. ²The LORD sent Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite and Ammonite raiders against him. He sent them to destroy Judah, in accordance with the word of the LORD proclaimed by his servants the prophets. ³Surely these things happened to Judah according to the LORD'S command, in order to remove them from his presence because of the sins of Manasseh and all he had done, ⁴including the shedding of innocent blood. For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD was not willing to forgive. ⁵As for the other events of Jehoiakim's reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? ⁶Jehoiakim rested with his fathers. And Jehoiachin his son succeeded him as king.
(b) 2 Chron. 36:4-8 (NIV) The king of Egypt made Eliakim, a brother of Jehoahaz, king over Judah and Jerusalem and changed Eliakim's name to

Jehoiakim. But Neco took Eliakim's brother Jehoahaz and carried him off to Egypt. ⁵Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD his God. ⁶Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked him and bound him with bronze shackles to take him to Babylon. ⁷Nebuchadnezzar also took to Babylon articles from the temple of the LORD and put them in his temple there. ⁸The other events of Jehoiakim's reign, the detestable things he did and all that was found against him, are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son succeeded him as king.

- (c) **Jeremiah 22:13-19 (NIV)** "Woe to him who builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his countrymen work for nothing, not paying them for their labor. ¹⁴He says, 'I will build myself a great palace with spacious upper rooms.' So he makes large windows in it, panels it with cedar and decorates it in red. ¹⁵"Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink? He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. ¹⁶He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?" declares the LORD. ¹⁷"But your eyes and your heart are set only on dishonest gain, on shedding innocent blood and on oppression and extortion." ¹⁸**Therefore this is what the LORD says about Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah:**"They will not mourn for him: 'Alas, my brother! Alas, my sister!' They will not mourn for him: 'Alas, my master! Alas, his splendor!' ¹⁹He will have the burial of a donkey— dragged away and thrown outside the gates of Jerusalem."
- (d) **Jeremiah 26:22-23 (NIV)** King Jehoiakim, however, sent Elnathan son of Acbor to Egypt, along with some other men. ²³They brought Uriah out of Egypt and took him to King Jehoiakim, who had him struck down with a sword and his body thrown into the burial place of the common people.)
- (e) **Jeremiah 36:1-32 (NIV)** In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. ³Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, each of them will turn from his wicked way; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin." ⁴So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the LORD had spoken to him, Baruch wrote them on the scroll. ⁵Then Jeremiah told Baruch, "I am restricted; I cannot go to the LORD'S temple. ⁶So you go to the house of the LORD on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll the words of the LORD that you wrote as I dictated. Read them to all the people of Judah who come in from their towns. ⁷Perhaps they will bring their petition before the LORD, and each will turn from his wicked ways, for the anger and wrath pronounced against this people by the LORD are great." ⁸Baruch son of Neriah did everything Jeremiah the prophet told him to do; at the LORD'S temple he read the words of the LORD from the scroll. ⁹In the ninth month of the fifth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, a time of fasting before the LORD was proclaimed for all the people in

Jerusalem and those who had come from the towns of Judah. ¹⁰From the room of Gemariah son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper courtyard at the entrance of the New Gate of the temple, Baruch read to all the people at the LORD'S temple the words of Jeremiah from the scroll. ¹¹When Micaiah son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the words of the LORD from the scroll, ¹²he went down to the secretary's room in the royal palace, where all the officials were sitting: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Acbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials. ¹³After Micaiah told them everything he had heard Baruch read to the people from the scroll, ¹⁴all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to say to Baruch, "Bring the scroll from which you have read to the people and come." So Baruch son of Neriah went to them with the scroll in his hand. ¹⁵They said to him, "Sit down, please, and read it to us." So Baruch read it to them. ¹⁶When they heard all these words, they looked at each other in fear and said to Baruch, "We must report all these words to the king." ¹⁷Then they asked Baruch, "Tell us, how did you come to write all this? Did Jeremiah dictate it?" ¹⁸"Yes," Baruch replied, "he dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them in ink on the scroll." ¹⁹Then the officials said to Baruch, "You and Jeremiah, go and hide. Don't let anyone know where you are." ²⁰After they put the scroll in the room of Elishama the secretary, they went to the king in the courtyard and reported everything to him. ²¹The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and Jehudi brought it from the room of Elishama the secretary and read it to the king and all the officials standing beside him. ²²It was the ninth month and the king was sitting in the winter apartment, with a fire burning in the firepot in front of him. ²³Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe's knife and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire. ²⁴The king and all his attendants who heard all these words showed no fear, nor did they tear their clothes. ²⁵Even though Elnathan, Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. ²⁶Instead, the king commanded Jerahmeel, a son of the king, Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But the LORD had hidden them. ²⁷After the king burned the scroll containing the words that Baruch had written at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁸"Take another scroll and write on it all the words that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim king of Judah burned up. ²⁹Also tell Jehoiakim king of Judah, 'This is what the LORD says: You burned that scroll and said, "Why did you write on it that the king of Babylon would certainly come and destroy this land and cut off both men and animals from it?"' ³⁰Therefore, this is what the LORD says about Jehoiakim king of Judah: He will have no one to sit on the throne of David; his body will be thrown out and exposed to the heat by day and the frost by night. ³¹I will punish him and his children and his attendants for their wickedness; I will bring on them and those living in Jerusalem and the people of Judah every disaster I pronounced against them, because they have not listened.' " ³²So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to the scribe Baruch son of Neriah, and

as Jeremiah dictated, Baruch wrote on it all the words of the scroll that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And many similar words were added to them.

(I) SOME OF THE ARTICLES FROM THE TEMPLE OF GOD.

1) THE REST WILL FOLLOW

- a) **2 Kings 24:13 (NIV)** As the LORD had declared, Nebuchadnezzar removed all the treasures from the temple of the LORD and from the royal palace, and took away all the gold articles that Solomon king of Israel had made for the temple of the LORD.
- b) **2 Chron. 36:10 (NIV)** In the spring, King Nebuchadnezzar sent for him and brought him to Babylon, together with articles of value from the temple of the LORD, and he made Jehoiachin's uncle, Zedekiah, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

2. DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS CHOSEN

- a. Daniel 1:3-6 ³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility-- ⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. ⁶Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.
- b. **Daniel 1:3-6 (KJV)** And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; ⁴Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. ⁵And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. ⁶Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

- i. **Daniye'l, Hebrew 1840, Strong's Daniye'l, daw-nee-yale'; in Ezekiel Dani'el, daw-nee-ale'; from Hebrew 1835 (Dan) and Hebrew 410 ('el); judge of God; Daniel or Danijel, the name of two Israelites :- Daniel.**

II. OF THE ISRAELITES FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE NOBILITY

- (1) **Isaiah 39:6-8 (NIV)** The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. ⁷And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." ⁸"The word of the LORD you have spoken is good," Hezekiah replied. For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my lifetime."

III. THE REQUIREMENT OF THE YOUNG MEN

- (1) THEY MUST BE PRINCES

- (2) THEY MUST BE YOUNG
 - (3) WITH OUT BLEMISH
 - (4) HANDSOME - GOOD IN APPEARANCE
 - (5) WELL EDUCATED - HAVE WISDOM
 - (6) SKILLED IN KNOWLEDGE
 - (7) PROFICIENT IN SCIENCE
 - (8) REFINED
 - IV. TONGUE OF THE CHALDEANS.
 - (1) THIS IS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FIRST ENLIGHTMENT OF SCIENCE WHICH WAS FROM 600 BC TO 200 AD. WE ARE IN THE SECOND PERIOD OF ENLIGHTMENT.
 - (A) THE BIRTH OF MATHEMATICS, METALLURGY, ANATOMY, AND ASTRONOMY CAME FROM THIS TIME.
 - (I) THESE ARE THE SUBJECTS THAT DANIEL WOULD HAVE WORKED AT.
 - V. THEY WERE TO EAT FROM THE KINGS CHIEF.
 - VI. THEY WERE TO TRAIN THREE YEARS.
 - (1) AT THAT TIME THEY WOULD STAND BEFORE THE KING AND ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS. HELP HIM RULE.
3. CHANGE OF THEIR NAMES
- a. Daniel 1: ⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.
 - I. THIS WAS TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE CAPTIVES UNDER SUBJECTION TO THERE CAPTORS
 - (1) **Genesis 41:45 (NIV)** Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphra, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.
 - (2) **2 Kings 23:34 (NIV)** Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah and changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz and carried him off to Egypt, and there he died.
 - (3) **2 Kings 24:17 (NIV)** He made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place and changed his name to Zedekiah.
4. BUT DANIEL KNOWS HIS PURPOSE
- a. Daniel 1:⁸⁻¹¹But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." ¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah
 - I. WE ARE NOT TOLD HERE WHAT WOULD DEFILE THE BODY OF DANIEL. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT HE ASKED NOT TO DEFILED IN THIS MANNER.
 - II. ⁹NOW GOD HAD CAUSED THE OFFICIAL TO SHOW FAVOR AND SYMPATHY TO DANIEL,
 - (1) BEFORE DANIEL ASKED, GOD HAS CAUSED HIM TO FIND FAVOR.
 - III. THE KING WOULD THEN HAVE MY HEAD BECAUSE OF YOU.
 - (1) DANIEL WAS A VALUED PIECE OF PROPERTY.

5. THE TEN DAY TEST

- a. Daniel, ¹²⁻¹⁴"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

I. TEST YOUR SERVANTS

(1) THIS WAS NOT A REBELLIOUS MOVE

II. TEN DAYS

(1) TEN = THE PERFECTION OF DIVINE ORDER

6. THE RESULT OF THE TEST - HEALTH

- a. Daniel 1: ¹⁵⁻¹⁶At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

- i. 1: ¹⁵⁻¹⁶At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food

(1) THIS IS NOT A FOOD THING - IT IS A GOD THING.

7. AND WHAT DID GOD DO?

- a. Daniel 1: ¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

I. BECAUSE THEY WERE OBEDIENT IN THE MATTER OF FOOD, GOD BLESSED THEM FIRST IN BODY AND NOW IN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

II. HE GAVE DANIEL THE LEADER AND SPOKESMEN OF THE GROUP SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE IN VISIONS AND DREAMS OF ALL KINDS.

8. WHAT DOES GOD DO FOR HIS PEOPLE?

- a. Daniel 1: ¹⁸⁻²¹At the end of the time set by the king to bring them in, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. ²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

I. THIS IS 70 YEARS AFTER ENTERING SERVICE.

(1) THE FIRST YEAR OF KING CYRUS IS WHEN HE WROTE THIS BOOK.