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DANIEL'S DANGEROUS DIET



- Assyrian Empire
- Babylonian Empire
- Main Roads





Pharaoh Neco sets out to help the Assyrians at Carchemish, and King Josiah of Judah tries to stop him at Megiddo. Neco kills Josiah in battle and continues on to Carchemish.

The Medes and the Babylonians combine forces to attack the Assyrians and defeat them at Haran. Pharaoh Neco arrives too late to assist the Assyrians at Carchemish, and the city falls to the Medes and the Babylonians.

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¹In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it. ²The Lord handed King Jehoiakim of Judah over to him, along with some of the vessels from the house of God. Nebuchadnezzar carried them to the land of Babylon, to the house of his god, and put the vessels in the treasury of his god.

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³The king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the Israelites from the royal family and from the nobility— ⁴young men without any physical defect, good-looking, suitable for instruction in all wisdom, knowledgeable, perceptive, and capable of serving in the king's palace . . .

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...He was to teach them the Chaldean language and literature.⁵The king assigned them daily provisions from the royal food and from the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and at the end of that time they were to attend the king.

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⁶Among them, from the Judahites, were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷The chief eunuch gave them names; he gave the name Belteshazzar to Daniel, Shadrach to Hananiah, Meshach to Mishael, and Abednego to Azariah.

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⁸Daniel determined that he would not defile himself with the king's food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief eunuch not to defile himself.

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⁹God had granted Daniel kindness and compassion from the chief eunuch, ¹⁰yet he said to Daniel, “I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and drink. What if he sees your faces looking thinner than the other young men your age? You would endanger my life with the king.”

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¹¹So Daniel said to the guard whom the chief eunuch had assigned to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ¹²“Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then examine our appearance and the appearance of the young men who are eating the king’s food, and deal with your servants based on what you see.”

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¹⁴He agreed with them about this and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵At the end of ten days they looked better and healthier than all the young men who were eating the king's food. ¹⁶So the guard continued to remove their food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables.

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¹⁷God gave these four young men knowledge and understanding in every kind of literature and wisdom. Daniel also understood visions and dreams of every kind. ¹⁸At the end of the time that the king had said to present them, the chief eunuch presented them to Nebuchadnezzar.

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¹⁹The king interviewed them, and among all of them, no one was found equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they began to attend the king. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king consulted them about, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and mediums in his entire kingdom. ²¹Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

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The World's "Game Plan"

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Psalm 137:1-4

LAMENT OF THE EXILES

¹By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and wept
when we remembered Zion.

²There we hung up our lyres
on the poplar trees,

³for our captors there asked us for songs,
and our tormentors, for rejoicing:

“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”

⁴How can we sing the Lord’s song
on foreign soil?

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... He was to teach them

- Indoctrination

the Chaldean language and literature.

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Romans 12:1-2

¹Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

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- Indoctrination
- Seduction

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- Confusion

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Isaiah 43:1-3

¹Now this is what the Lord says—
the one who created you, Jacob,
and the one who formed you, Israel—
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name; you are
mine.

²When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you

and the rivers will not overwhelm you,
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be scorched
and the flame will not burn you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, and your Savior.
I have given Egypt as a ransom for you,
Cush and Seba in your place.

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- Delayed Ultimate Glory

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