

# SHADOWS

## GLIMPSES OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Daniel

Week 8 | Daniel 6:1-28

All throughout the Old Testament, we see story after story of faithful yet flawed men and women whose lives reflect glimpses of the **glory** of the coming King, Jesus Christ.

After the reign of David, his son Solomon took the throne, who was the third and final king over the united Israel. Following Solomon's death, Israel was split into two nations: Israel and Judah. Each had their own succession of kings: in Israel, all were wicked; and in Judah, all but a few. Eventually, the enemy nation of Babylon attacked Jerusalem, the capital of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon's king, took 70 young, healthy men back to Babylon to be his servants. One of these men was Daniel, who grew in favor with Nebuchadnezzar and rose in influence in Babylon, before Nebuchadnezzar died and was replaced by a new king named Darius.


#### BEFORE YOU START


Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.


What's the biggest animal you think you could beat in a fight?

Read **Daniel 6:1-28**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. What stands out to you?

 In what ways did Daniel's reputation help him? In what ways did it hurt him?

 Daniel forfeited his earthly reputation in order to preserve his reputation before God. Which reputation do you find yourself trying to protect more? Why?

 What does it look like to live in a way that prioritizes your reputation before the Lord over your earthly reputation? How can you do this intentionally this week?

 How is Jesus the true and better Daniel?

#### BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?