



# NEW *Beginnings*

Daniel's Courageous Obedience

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# Daniel 1:1-2

*In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.*



# Daniel 1:3-4

*Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.*



A lush green landscape with a bird's nest on a tree branch and a spiderweb in the foreground. The scene is set in a field of tall grass and wildflowers, with a large tree trunk on the right and a spiderweb in the lower left. The background is a soft, hazy sky.

# Daniel 1:8

*But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.*



A nature scene with a bird on a nest, a spiderweb, and various plants.

## Daniel 2:17-19

*Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.*



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## Daniel 3:16-18

*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”*



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## Daniel 3:28

*Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God."*



A lush green landscape with a bird's nest on a tree branch and a spiderweb in the foreground. The scene is filled with vibrant green foliage, including tall grasses and various flowers. A small bird is perched on a nest of twigs on a tree branch, with two blue eggs visible. In the lower-left foreground, a delicate spiderweb is visible among the grass. The background shows a soft, hazy sky and more trees, creating a serene and natural atmosphere.

## Daniel 3:29

*Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”*



A lush green landscape with a bird on a nest and a spiderweb. The background is a soft-focus scene of a forest or garden with tall grasses, a spiderweb in the lower left, and a bird sitting on a nest of eggs on a branch in the upper right. The text is overlaid in the center.

## Daniel 6:3-4

*“Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him.”*



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# Daniel 6:5

*Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.”*



A lush green forest scene with a bird on a nest and a spiderweb in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus view of a forest with tall trees and green foliage. In the upper right, a small bird is perched on a nest of twigs, with two light-colored eggs visible. In the lower left, a delicate spiderweb is visible among the grass and leaves. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

## Daniel 6:19-21

*“Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever!*



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## Daniel 6:22-23

*My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God."*



A lush green forest scene with a bird on a nest and a spiderweb in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus view of trees and foliage. In the upper right, a small brown and white bird is perched on a nest of twigs, with two white eggs visible. In the lower left, a delicate spiderweb is visible among the green leaves and grass. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

## Daniel 6:25-27

*Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:*

*“Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”*





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