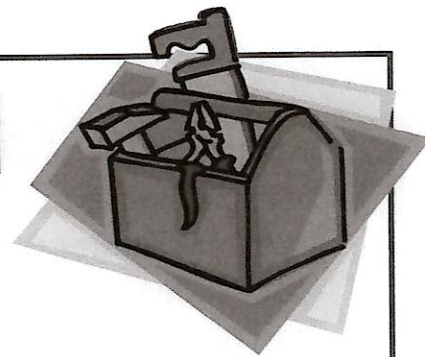


# Building Your Life for God



Lesson 3

## Daniel and Babylonian Kings

**Theme:** Faith—Trusting the Word of God spoken through prophets

### Memory Verses

“If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”  
Daniel 3:17-18

### Daily Bible Readings

Thursday Daniel 4:4-18  
Friday Daniel 4:19-27  
Saturday Daniel 4:28-37  
Monday Daniel 5:1-12  
Tuesday Daniel 5:13-30

**K**ing Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream that made him afraid and troubled. None of the wise men of Babylon could tell him the meaning of the dream. Daniel was known for his ability to tell the meaning of dreams. Finally, the king called Daniel to tell him about his dream.

The king’s dream disturbed Daniel because the meaning was not good. Daniel did not want to tell the meaning to the king, but the king wanted to know.

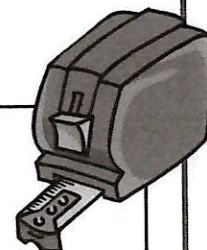
### Daniel 4:4-18

*True or False?*

The wise men of Babylon knew the meaning of the dream, but they would not tell the king.

In the king’s dream, the strong and beautiful tree

- grew bigger and stronger.
- was chopped down.
- was struck by lightning.





### Daniel 4:19-27

*Circle all the correct answers.*  
What was the meaning of the king's dream?

- all trees would die
- the king would act like a beast
- God would teach the king who really rules

Daniel advised the king to

- turn from his sins.
- put people in prison.
- escape to another country.

### God Humbled Nebuchadnezzar

The dream showed that Nebuchadnezzar was a great and strong king, like a huge tree over the whole earth. But the tree was chopped down and became a stump! Daniel explained that God would bring down the proud king and make him act like a beast. God would humble the proud king until he knew that heaven rules.

Nebuchadnezzar didn't think much more about the dream. One day he was looking over his kingdom and became proud of himself and his power. The king forgot that God is the real ruler, but God showed him.

Suddenly, the king started acting strange. He began eating grass like cows and his skin was like eagle feathers. The king who was so high was brought low. Nebuchadnezzar finally learned that heaven rules. He humbled himself and honored God, and then he started being normal again.

### God Punished Belshazzar

Nebuchadnezzar's son Belshazzar became king. He threw a big party and gave his guests wine. Belshazzar thought about the golden cups his father had brought from the temple in Jerusalem. He ordered that the cups be brought so he and his friends could drink their wine from them.

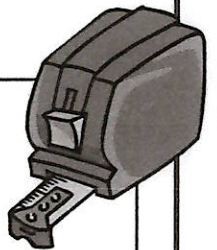
All of a sudden, Belshazzar saw a hand writing on the wall! The king was terrified and called his wise men to tell him what the words meant. The wise men came, but they could not read the words or tell their meaning. The queen remembered how Daniel had interpreted dreams, and she mentioned him to the king. Belshazzar called for Daniel and promised to make him powerful if he would tell the meaning of the mysterious words on the wall.

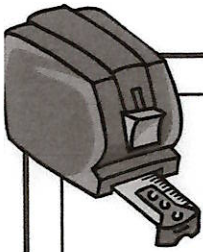
### Daniel 4:28-37

When King Nebuchadnezzar became proud of himself, he became like

- a fish in the sea.
- a beast of the field.
- a king of Assyria.

The king finally learned that \_\_\_\_\_ is really in charge?





### Daniel 5:1-12

*Cross out the incorrect answer:*

How did Belshazzar react when he saw the hand writing on the wall?

- his face was pale
- his hands were sweating
- his knees were knocking
- his legs went limp

What did the queen know Daniel could do?

Daniel said he didn't want the rewards the king offered, but that he would tell the meaning of the words. Daniel told Belshazzar the story about Nebuchadnezzar's pride. He told how Nebuchadnezzar had been unfair and unkind toward people he ruled. Daniel told Belshazzar that God humbled Nebuchadnezzar and made him eat grass to teach him who is really in charge. Belshazzar knew all this, but he was proud anyway. He was so proud he used containers from the house of God as his own drinking containers.

had been written on the wall. The words meant that God did not approve of Belshazzar and He would take the kingdom of Babylon away from him and give it to two other countries. And it happened that night! Once again, God showed the world that Heaven rules.

We must honor and obey God every day and never forget that He is in charge!

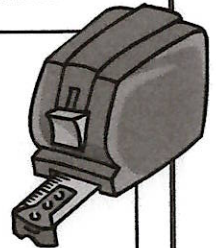
Daniel then read the words that

### Daniel 5:13-30

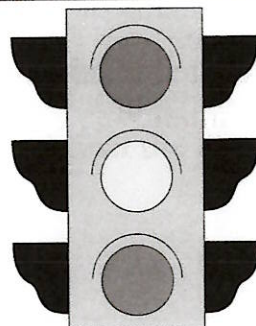
What had King Belshazzar not learned from what happened to his father Nebuchadnezzar?

- how to eat grass
- who was really in charge
- how great Babylon was

What happened to King Belshazzar that night?



I think I am better than some people.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red** — often

Yellow — sometimes

**Green** — never

# Think About It ...



On the left side below, write a list of things you have or you can do that you are really proud of. On the right, write where you got these things.

Things I'm proud of	Where I got these things

How can this list help you be humble?



## Nail Down the Bible Facts

Fill in the blanks of Galatians 5:22-23.

“But the fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, peace, patience, \_\_\_\_\_, goodness, \_\_\_\_\_, gentleness, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_; against such things there is no law.” NASB

Which book of the Old Testament is about a Jewish queen rescuing her people?

On the map of the United Kingdom located inside the back cover, mark the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Zebulun with a small ✓.