

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

### BACKGROUND

1. Who was the king of Judah when the Babylonians (Chaldeans) first attacked Jerusalem? What type of king was he? 2 Kings 23:36-24:1a; Daniel 1:1
2. Who was the king of Babylon? What did the Babylonian king demand of Judah's king? 2 Kings 23:36-24:1b; Daniel 1:1
3. What caused Babylon to attack Jerusalem a second time? What happened to Judah's king? 2 Kings 24:1c-2; 2 Chronicles 36:5-6
4. Who gave Jehoiakim and Judah into Nebuchadnezzar's hand? Daniel 1:2a
5. What did Nebuchadnezzar do with some of the articles of the temple? Daniel 1:2b (The name of the Babylonian chief god was Bel.)
6. Why was Judah defeated and exiled to Babylon? 2 Kings 24:3-4; 2 Chronicles 36:15-17; Jeremiah 24:8-9
7. Who was Ashpenaz? What order did he receive from Nebuchadnezzar? How do you think the king's order affected Judah? Daniel 1:3
8. What qualifications did the king of Babylon place on the youth (young men) who were to serve in his royal court? Daniel 1:4a
9. What did the Babylonians do to try to reeducate, indoctrinate, or brainwash the captives from Judah? How long did this training last? What do you think were the underlying reasons of this process? Daniel 1:4b, 5
10. What four youth are mentioned in Daniel that were brought from Judah to Babylon? Daniel 1:6
11. What further did the Babylonians do to try to totally transform the four Hebrew young men from Judaism to the Babylonian culture and ways? Daniel 1:7
12. Discuss the Jewish religious meanings of four young men Jewish names to their pagan new names.
  - Daniel ("God is my judge") – Belteshazzar ("O Bel, protect his life" or "favored by Bel" the national god of the Babylonians)
  - Hananiah ("God is gracious") – Shadrach ("Under the command of Aku, the moon god")
  - Mishael ("Who is like God?") – Meshach ("Who is like Aku?")
  - Azariah ("Whom God helps") – Abednego ("Servant of Nego or Nebo, a Babylonian god of wisdom")
13. Why do you think we remember Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah mainly by their pagan names (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)? How do you think they would want to be remembered?

### I. THE POWER OF RESISTANCE: DANIEL 1:8-14

14. What did Daniel resolve to do about the temptations of the Babylonian royal food and wine? Daniel 1:8

15. What principle was Daniel upholding? Daniel 1:8a; Leviticus 3:17; 11:46-47
16. What did Daniel request? To whom was the request given? Why do you think he made the request? Daniel 1:8b
17. What can we learn from Daniel's resolve, courtesy and respect?
18. How did the chief official regard Daniel? Why do you think so? Daniel 1:9
19. How can our godly character affect non-Christians? Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12
20. Why was the chief official reluctant to grant Daniel's request? Daniel 1:10

v. 10a \_\_\_\_\_

v. 10b \_\_\_\_\_

v. 10c \_\_\_\_\_

## II. THE PROPOSAL OF DANIEL: DANIEL 1:11-14

21. What proposal did Daniel make for himself and his three friends? To whom was the proposal given? Daniel 1:11-13

v. 11 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 12a \_\_\_\_\_

v. 12b \_\_\_\_\_

v. 13 \_\_\_\_\_

22. How did Daniel's proposal display his faith along with his three friends in God? Psalm 37:3; Romans 12:2
23. What delicacies of the world today are believers called to resist as Daniel and his friends did?
24. What was the guard's decision? Why do you think he made such a decision? Daniel 1:14

## III. THE PROOF OF VICTORY: DANIEL 1:15-21

25. What was the outcome of the experiment Daniel proposed? What do you think were the causes of the outcome? Daniel 1:15
26. What did the guard allow Daniel and his friends to do because of the results? Daniel 1:16
27. How did the Lord further bless the young Hebrew men for their faithful obedience? Daniel 1:17a
28. What special ability did God give Daniel? Daniel 1:17b
29. What happened after the three years of training of the Hebrew young men? Daniel 1:18
30. What assessment did Nebuchadnezzar make about Daniel and his friends? Daniel 1:19ab, 20
31. What position did the king give Daniel and his friends? Daniel 1:19b
32. How long did Daniel remain in Babylon? Who was the king at the time? Daniel 1:21; 10:1