

Lessons at-a-Glance

I. INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had a friend try to get you to do something you know would be harmful to you?

II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

1. God told the Jews they could live in Israel as long as they obeyed Him.
2. The Jews turned away from God and the prophet Jeremiah told them that God was going to allow their enemies to take over their land.
3. The Babylonians took over Jerusalem and captured young men from Israel who were taken to Babylon to learn and serve the king.



A. **Flashcard 1-1** (Daniel 1:6)
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the Israelites who had been captured.



B. **Flashcard 1-2** (Daniel 1:7)
Ashpenaz changed Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah's names to mean things about false gods.
☪ God cares about you and made a way for your sins to be forgiven through Jesus dying on the cross. [Revelation 1:5b]



C. **Flashcard 1-3** (Daniel 1:8-10)
1. The four men did not want to eat the king's food; they wanted to honor God.
☪ **God will give you strength to honor Him by doing what is right.** [1 Corinthians 10:31]
2. Daniel asked Ashpenaz if he and his friends could be excused from eating the king's food, but Ashpenaz was afraid he would be in trouble if he agreed.



D. **Flashcard 1-4** (Daniel 1:11-14)
1. Daniel asked the steward if they could be tested for ten days then compared to the other men.
2. The steward agreed to the test.
☪ Think! Pray! Say no! Go! [Ephesians 6:10]
3. The four friends trusted God for strength to do what was right.



E. **Flashcard 1-5** (Daniel 1:15-18)
1. At the end of the ten days, the steward saw the four friends were healthier and stronger than the other men, so he allowed the four friends to eat in a way that honored God.
2. During the three years of training, God gave the four men knowledge, skill, and wisdom about the things they were learning.
3. Finally their training was over and it was time for all the men to come before the king.



F. **Flashcard 1-6** (Daniel 1:19-21)
1. The king questioned the men about what they had learned.
2. Daniel and his friends were found ten times wiser than the other men!

III. CLIMAX

Daniel and his friends honored God, and God honored them by helping them in this land far from their home.

IV. CONCLUSION

The four men were given important jobs in the kingdom.

- ☪ Will you choose to honor God by using your "power words" and memory verse? [Ephesians 6:10]
- ☪ Will you believe on Jesus as your Savior today? [John 6:47]