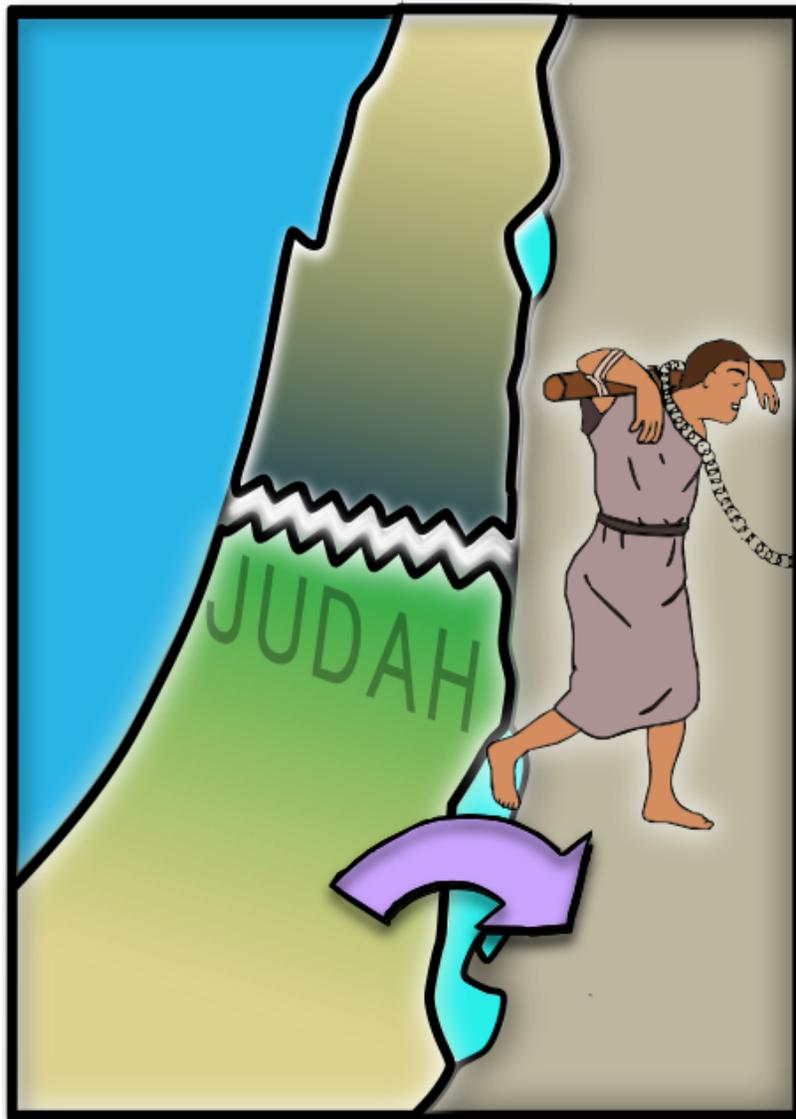


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2 Kings 25

Daniel 1- 6

Lesson 16: Removal From The Land

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BIBLE

Book	Chapters	Author	Date
2 Kings	25	Uncertain	550 B.C
Daniel	1- 6	Daniel	537 B.C.

SUMMARY

2 Kings 25 recounts the destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon—its walls are torn down, the temple is burned, and the people are taken into exile. Daniel 1–6 follows Daniel and his friends in Babylon, where their faithfulness to God leads to divine protection, wisdom, and influence amid trials like fiery furnaces and lion’s dens

NOTES

Exile to Babylon

- Daniel and other young Israelites are taken captive to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. - Daniel 1:1-4
- Daniel and his friends refuse the king's food and thrive on vegetables and water, gaining favor. - Daniel 1:8-16
- God grants them knowledge and understanding, and Daniel has the ability to interpret dreams - Daniel 1:17-21

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

- The king has a troubling dream and demands interpretation, threatening the wise men. - Daniel 2:1-13
- Daniel interprets the dream of a statue representing successive kingdoms, with God’s eternal kingdom destroying them - Daniel 2:24-45
- Nebuchadnezzar honors Daniel and promotes him and his friends to high positions. - Daniel 2:46-49

The Golden Image

- Nebuchadnezzar sets up a golden image and commands all to worship it - Daniel 3:1-7
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship the image and are thrown into a fiery furnace but are miraculously unharmed. - Daniel 3:8-27
- Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges the power of their God and promotes them - Daniel 3:28-30

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream of a Tree

- The king dreams of a great tree that is cut down, representing his future downfall - Daniel 4:1-18
- Daniel interprets the dream, warning Nebuchadnezzar of his impending madness and fall if he does not repent. - Daniel 4:19-27
- Nebuchadnezzar loses his sanity and lives like an animal until he acknowledges God’s sovereignty Daniel 4:28-37

Belshazzar’s Feast/ The Fall of Babylon

- King Belshazzar uses sacred temple vessels for a feast, and a mysterious hand writes on the wall - Daniel 5:1-9
- Daniel is called to interpret the writing, predicting the fall of Babylon. - Daniel 5:10-28
- That night, Belshazzar is killed, and Darius the Mede takes over the kingdom. - Daniel 5:29-31

Daniel in the Lion’s Den:

- Under Darius, Daniel is elevated but is trapped by a decree against praying to any god but the king. Daniel continues to pray to God and is thrown into a lion’s den. - Daniel 6:1-16
- God protects Daniel, and he emerges unharmed from the den. - Daniel 6:17-23
- Darius acknowledges God’s power and issues a decree honoring Him. Daniel prospers under Darius and Cyrus - Daniel 6:24-28

KEY POINTS

1. God is sovereign over nations. He allows nations to rise and fall according to His purposes.
2. God honours faithfulness and reveals his power even when His people are in exile.
3. We don’t need perfect conditions to live with purpose, just a steady heart trusting in God.