

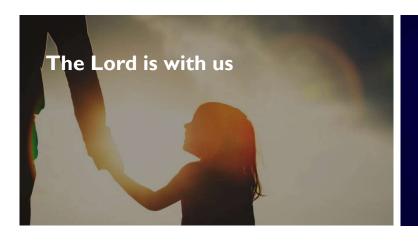
'Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure-house of his god.' (Dan.1:1-2)

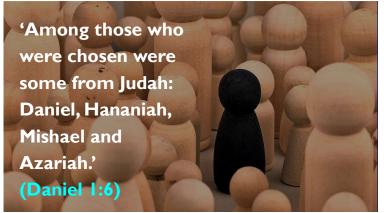
'the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...' (Dan. 1:2)

'God had caused the official to show favour and compassion...' (Dan. 1:9)

'To these four young men God gave knowledge...' (Dan.1:17)



'Then the king ordered Ashpenaz... to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility...He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians...They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.' (Dan.1:1-5)





'But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way.' (Daniel 1:8) "Please test your servants for ten days: give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink"...At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food.' (Daniel 1:12, 15)



