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International Sunday School Lesson for July 28

THE STORY OF DANIEL
Daniel 1:1-4, 19, 20; 2:17-24
Rev. Samuel D. Price, D.D.

This book, which will be studied for three weeks is rich in thrills. Youth is particularly fascinated in reading accounts which help to emphasize the fact that truth is stranger than fiction. Portions especially indicated for study this time by the Lessons Committee are 1:1-21; 2:13-19; 4:19; 7:28; 8:15-18; 9:20-23; 10:1-19; 12:9.

Daniel did not follow the saying which is an excuse for many extras when away from home: "When in Rome do as the Romans do." Had he even observed the example of his own people when back in Palestine he would have followed the base customs of the Babylonians. Here is a lad who was deported as a captive and who held to the ways he had learned in his home back in Judaea.

This fine young fellow was soon noted by Aspenaz, the keeper of the king's household of Nebuchadnezzar. When the king asked that the lads be searched out and brought to him for special favor this young man was chosen, as well as three of his companions. The specifications were a youth in whom is no blemish but self-control and skill in the study of the art of conduct with knowledge and understanding science, medicine and every thing to stand in the king's palace. At once these four, well chosen in Babylon, were invited to eat the king's food. This was possible on the right side.

He refused himself above the desire to gain a place in the house of the king. He refused the meats that had been offered to idols and he refused to eat the king's food. He refused to follow a pagan god and he refused to follow the customs of the king's household. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian system. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian world. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian life. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian death. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian hell. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian damnation. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian punishment. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian curse. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian judgment. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian condemnation. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian sentence. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian decree. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian law. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian ordinance. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian statute. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian commandment. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian precept. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian injunction. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian edict. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian proclamation. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian declaration. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian ordinance. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian statute. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian commandment. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian precept. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian injunction. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian edict. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian proclamation. He refused to be a part of the Babylonian declaration.