

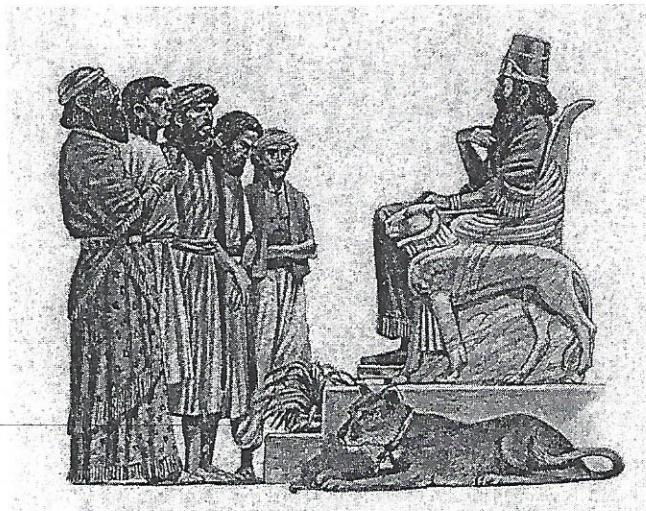
**IMPORTANT INFERENCES FROM INSPIRED INCIDENTS**  
**or**  
**SPIRITUAL SUPPOSITIONS BASED ON THE SILENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

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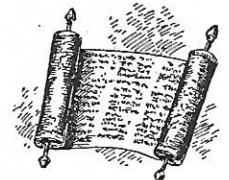
1. The debauchery of Judah was almost perpetual and pervasive.
2. Even in the darkest days there apparently was an uncompromised witness to the truth.
3. There must have been individuals in Israel whose testimony was clear and whose life was above reproach.
4. A case in point would be Daniel who was taken to Babylon as a teenager in 605 B.C.
5. Daniel's parents ostensibly belonged to the small nucleus of righteous Jews.
6. Daniel's parents, in turn, would have received spiritual instruction from their forbearers.
7. Daniel's three friends would likewise have had sound spiritual instruction.
8. We may rightly conclude that amid the depravity and idolatry of the nation there existed a number of righteous individuals.
9. The families of Jeremiah and Baruch would also have embraced the truth.
10. It appears that there was always a godly remnant in the northern and southern kingdom of Israel, leaving a clear witness to the truth.
11. According to Jeremiah 35, a group of godly individuals, descendants of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, followed their godly father in stemming the tide of luxury and license. The Rechabites (similar to the Nazirites of Amos 2:11) were tested by the Lord and blessed for their faithfulness.
12. These faithful witnesses to God's truth left the population without any excuse.



13. The people's failure to respond to spiritual light meant greater condemnation and more severe judgments (Matthew 10:15; 11:20-24).
14. The parents of Daniel and his three friends were not secret believers but rather instructed their children in godliness.
15. Daniel and his three friends demonstrate that it is possible to have a pure testimony for the Lord even at a time of moral declension and religious apostasy.



16. The Hebrew children further illustrate the possibility of a godly life and impeccable testimony even for young people who are separated from their parents and familiar surroundings. An evil environment does not necessarily produce iniquitous, immoral individuals.
17. Daniel knew Jeremiah's prophecy of the seventy years (Daniel 9:2), suggesting that as a teenager he not only knew the Scriptures but possessed copies of certain biblical books.
18. If Daniel possessed scrolls of Scripture, others would likewise have access to them or even possess them.
19. The personal tragedy experienced by the teenager Daniel as a captive brought about public triumph of God and His Word. God providentially and sovereignly elevated Daniel became a ruler in both Babylon and Media-Persia.
20. Daniel's testimony directly and indirectly brought about the salvation of King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3:28-29), the most powerful person on earth at the time, whom someday we shall meet in glory.



## DARE TO BE A DANIEL

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bass voice. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some lines appearing under the soprano staff and others under the alto staff. The score concludes with a chorus section.

1. Stand - ing by a pur - pose true, Heed - ing God's com - mand,  
 2. Man - y might - y men are lost, Dar - ing not to stand,  
 3. Man - y gi - ants, great and tall, Stalk - ing thru the land,  
 4. Hold the gos - pel ban - ner high! On to vic - ogy grand!

Hon - or them, the faith - ful few! All hail to Dan - iel's Band!  
 Who for God had been a host, By join - ing Dan - iel's Band!  
 Head - long to the earth would fall, If met by Dan - iel's Band!  
 Sa - tan and His host de - fy, And shout for Dan - iel's Band!

*Chorus*

Dare to be a Dan - iel, Dare to stand a - lone!

Dare to have a pur - pose firm!      Dare to make it known!