

Backstage Pass  
The Show Must Go On

“The Show Must Go On” – **Regardless of what happens the show must still be put on for the waiting patrons**

It's the things that drive us **crazy** about other people that we wish we had **more** of in our own lives

Daniel **Stood Out When Everyone Else Blended In**

Daniel 1:15 At the end of the ten days they looked better and more robust than all the others who had been eating from the royal menu.

2 Kings 23:25 ...The world would never again see a king like Josiah.

2 Kings 23:30 ... By popular choice Jehoahaz son of Josiah was anointed and succeeded his father as king. 31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to rule. He was king in Jerusalem for a mere three months.

2 Kings 23:32 In GOD's opinion, he was an evil king, reverting to the evil ways of his ancestors.

2 Kings 23:36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to rule; he was king for eleven years in Jerusalem.<sup>37</sup> In GOD's opinion he was an evil king, picking up on the evil ways of his ancestors.

2 Kings 24:1 It was during his reign that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded the country.

Daniel **Had Answers When Everyone Else Had Questions**

Daniel 2:24 So Daniel went back to Arioch, who had been put in charge of the execution. He said, "Call off the execution! Take me to the king and I'll interpret his dream."

Daniel 5:26 This is what the words mean: "Mene: God has numbered the days of your rule and they don't add up. 27 "Teqel: You have been weighed on the scales and you don't weigh much. 28 "Peres: Your kingdom has been divided up and handed over to the Medes and Persians." 29 Belshazzar did what he had promised. He robed Daniel in purple, draped the great gold chain around his neck, and promoted him to third-in-charge in the kingdom. 30 That same night the Babylonian king Belshazzar was murdered.

Daniel **Was Known For What He Did, Not What He wished He Did**

Daniel 6:4 The vice-regents and governors got together to find some old scandal or skeleton in Daniel's life that they could use against him, but they couldn't dig up anything. He was totally exemplary and trustworthy. They could find no evidence of negligence or misconduct.

Daniel 6:10 When Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and posted, he continued to pray just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he knelt there in prayer, thanking and praising his God.