

## LESSON 15 Daniel Dares to Do Right

### I. Preparing to Read

#### Pointer Questions

1. Who took Johoahaz captive, and where did he take him?
2. Who took Jehoiakim captive, and where did he take him?

### II. Reader

“What did the Jews have to learn before they could be helpful in Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom?”

“What was wrong with the king’s wine and meat? How would they defile Daniel? [The defilement would be spiritual. It would be sin for him to disobey God’s commands.]”

“Does a diet of vegetables and water make people wiser? [Healthy eating habits will have an effect on mental abilities, but this was more than that. The wisdom of Daniel and his friends was a gift from God; He blessed them for their obedience.]”

### III. Workbook

Discuss the change in map scales. Notice the smallness of the Dead Sea, Jordan River, and Canaan area which often constituted the complete map in workbook exercises. Help the children realize that if those areas were as big as usual, the rest of the map would be so much bigger, indicating the great distance to Babylon.

### ANSWER KEY

- A.
1. (line from Jerusalem to Babylon)
  2. (*EAST, SOUTH, and WEST* printed in correct place. Three points in grading.)
  3. east
  4. Euphrates
- B.
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| 1. C | 6. C  |
| 2. C | 7. C  |
| 3. H | 8. H  |
| 4. H | 9. C  |
| 5. H | 10. C |
- C.
1. a. The captives could not speak his language.
    - b. He chose wise, healthy young people who could learn the language.
  2. a. He was given wine and meat that God did not want His people to drink and eat.
    - b. He asked one of the princes to excuse him from eating these things.
  3. a. If they did what Daniel wanted they might be killed for not following the king’s orders.
    - b. They agreed to a ten-day test to see how a different diet would work.