

# Daniel 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

## Analysis

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God's giving not just the king but 'part of the vessels of the house of God' emphasizes the religious dimension of judgment. These sacred items, made for Yahweh's worship, end up in Shinar (Babylon), in the house of Nebuchadnezzar's god. This desecration represents covenant cursing—Israel's God allows His temple treasures to be offered to idols, demonstrating judgment's severity. Yet 'part' (not all) hints at future restoration; the exile isn't final.

## Historical Context

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Temple vessels included golden and silver implements for sacrifices and worship (1 Kings 7:48-51). Their placement in Babylon's god's house (likely Marduk's temple) symbolically represented Marduk's victory over Yahweh in pagan thinking. Shinar refers to Mesopotamia, recalling Babel (Gen. 11:2) and representing human pride. These vessels were later returned under Cyrus (Ezra 1:7-11).

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's allowing sacred vessels in a pagan temple teach us about His willingness to humble His own name for redemptive purposes?
2. How does the partial confiscation ('part of the vessels') give hope that judgment, though severe, isn't final abandonment?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 36:7** (References Lord): Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

**Zechariah 5:11** (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

**Isaiah 42:24** (References Lord): Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

**Genesis 11:2** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

**Genesis 10:10** (Kingdom): And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

**Deuteronomy 32:30** (References Lord): How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

**Judges 2:14** (References Lord): And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

**Judges 4:2** (Kingdom): And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

**Judges 3:8** (Kingdom): Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.