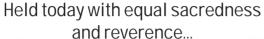


She refused and the deceitful elders did what they threatened to do. Susanna was sentenced to death for committing adultery with a fictitious young man. She prayed to God for help and Daniel presented himself asking each elder to identify the type of tree under which the deed took place. Answers differed and the elders were sentenced to death.

When finishing this meal the dragon burst. "...The King has become a Jew; He has destroyed Bel, and killed the dragon..." (Bel and the Dragon 28) It was at this specific point in time that the Babylonians insisted Daniel be handed to them by the king and they promptly threw Daniel into the lion's den.

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Additions to Esther

Concluding the Holy Book of Daniel, the Prophet Daniel proves that Bel, the god of the Babylonians was not a "living" god who could eat and drink by scattering ashes on the temple floor and the next day showing King Cyrus the footprints of the priests who had entered through a hidden passage and eaten the food left for Bel.

Daniel also destroyed the "great dragon" worshiped by the Babylonians by feeding it cakes of fat, tar, and hair.



Includes additional passages related to the visions and prayers of Esther and Mordecai proclaiming God's active role in the Jew's deliverance.

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Esdras 1 draws its background from the Holy Book of Ezra. A debate is found within this writing which occurred among Persian guardsmen as to what was the most powerful force upon the earth. Among the answers were wine, the king, women, and truth. Truth was decided upon.