

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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Daniel and his three close companions were foreigners, but had been elevated to high position among what group in the king’s court?

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What did the king then decree concerning the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

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