

Daniel confronted Susanna's two accusers,
two elderly Jewish men.

Daniel had the two men separated.
He then asked them individually
where the alleged crime took place.

One of them said "under a mastic tree."
The other said "under an oak tree."

The people then realized the men were lying.
The people praised God for giving such wisdom to Daniel.
Susanna was freed.

The two men were executed, as required by the Law.

Lord, please help people
who have been falsely accused of crimes

Chapter 14

In Babylon there was a temple with an idol named Bel
to which lots of food and drink were offered each day.
70 priests and their families used to eat the food each night,
having entered the temple by a secret door.

The king believed Bel ate the food.

Daniel told him that an idol cannot eat anything.

The 70 priests called for Daniel to be executed
if he could not prove the idol was not eating the food.

Daniel got his servants to spread ashes
over the temple floor. Next morning he showed the king
the footprints in the ashes.

The king had the 70 priests and their families executed.
The king had Bel destroyed.

Lord, please help people turn away from lifeless idols
and serve you, the Creator of the world