## Three Righteous Men

Through the prophet Ezekiel, God was prophesying about the coming destruction of the Israelites and Jerusalem. And in Ezekiel 14:12-14, God tells Ezekiel the terrible and sinful state of the nation.

<sup>12</sup> And the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>13</sup> "Son of man, when a land sins against me by acting faithlessly, and I stretch out my hand against it and break its supply of bread and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast, <sup>14</sup> even if these three men, **Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver but their own lives by their righteousness**, declares the Lord God.

But, why were these men counted as righteous?

NOAH: Genesis 6:5-13, Genesis 6:17-22

Noah found favor with God. He was blameless. He was righteous. Noah walked with God.

**DANIEL:** Daniel 1:8-9, Daniel 6:1-11

Daniel found favor with God. He was faithful. He was without blemish. He was skillful in wisdom.

JOB: Job 1:1-3
Job was blameless. He was upright. He feared God. He was considered the greatest of the east.

They were considered righteous because they:

1. Did not compromise the faith. Hebrews 10:23

2. Always guarded their words. Proverbs 18:21. James 3:5-8

3. Trained their children to follow the Lord. Proverbs 20:7, Proverbs 22:6

4. Demonstrated steadfastness in times of distress.
James 1:2-4