

DANIEL

(5) The Fiery Furnace

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3:8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews...

3:13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king...

3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated...

3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. *ESV*

The king's arrogance...Dan.3:1-23

What does Nebuchadnezzar do first? **3:1; 4:28-30**

What is his next step? 3:2-3 (satrap=ambassador; prefect=mayor; justices=judges; etc)

But it's far more than a mere 'dedication'. What does the king demand? **3:4-7; 6:6-7**

What do the Chaldeans do next? **3:8-12** Who are these Chaldeans? **2:1-11**

What is Nebuchadnezzar's furious response? **3:13-15; 2:12; Luke 21:10-18**

Application-The action of Nebuchadnezzar is prophetic of what? **IPet.4:12-13; Rev.13:11-15**

Faced with the fiery furnace, what is the Jew's reaction? **3:16-18** And the king's? **3:19-23**

God intervenes...Dan.3:24-30

What astonished (alarm w/fear) the king? **3:24-25; Job 38:7**

When the king calls them to come out, what's their state? **3:26-27; 6:23**

So what is the king's response (all people, nation, or language)? **3:26-30; 4:34; 6:36**

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What does Nebuchadnezzar do first? **3:1; 4:28-30**

He made an image (idol) of gold (overlay?), 90 ft high x 9 ft wide; at highly visible spot.

What is his next step? 3:2-3 (satrap=ambassador; prefect=mayor; justices=judges; etc)

He calls all of his 'government' officials to a dedication service, w/orchestra and peoples.

But it's far more than a mere 'dedication'. What does the king demand? **3:4-7; 6:6-7**

Everyone must (when music plays) fall down and worship the image...or fiery furnace!

What do the Chaldeans do next? **3:8-12** Who are these Chaldeans? **2:1-11**

These sorcerers accuse the Jews of not 'paying attention to you'. Not worshipping idol.

What is Nebuchadnezzar's furious response? **3:13-15; 2:12; Luke 21:10-18**

Gives them one last chance. Bow or burn! And who's the god who can deliver from me?

Application-The action of Nebuchadnezzar is prophetic of what? **IPet.4:12-13; Rev.13:11-15**

It's prophetic of persecution of believers today, then everyone under the antichrist.

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Regardless, we will not worship the image! King is filled w/fury. Violently forces his will.

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4 men, unbound in the furnace instead of 3. They're walking, unhurt, 4th, supernatural.

When the king calls them to come out, what's their state? **3:26-27; 6:23**

3 come out, totally untouched by the fire. Ropes gone. Not even the smell of smoke!

So what is the king's response (all people, nation, or language)? **3:26-30; 4:34; 6:36**

Praises them for their faith in their God. No other god could do this; promotes them!