

Book of Daniel

Class for September 10, 2023

Daniel – Chapter 3

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Aug 27, 2023 - Daniel Introduction and Ch 1*
- ✓ *Sep 3, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 2*
- ✓ *Sep 10, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 3*
- *Sep 17, 2023 - Daniel Chapter 4*
- *Sep 24, 2023 – **Wade Williams** to teach*
- *Oct 1, 2023. - **Wade Williams** to teach*
- *Oct 8, 2023. - Daniel Chapter 5*

*We will be on vacation for the 2 Sundays Wade is teaching,
And we will be Zooming all of these lessons, God willing.*

Before we start

- Randy Harrison is coming to share some of his trip to Guatemala a few weeks ago, with pictures.
- Randy..

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Quick Recap from Chapter 2

- *Crisis in Babylon for the wise men. It was a life or death situation*
- *What was it?*
 - *Nebuchadnezzar had had a recurring dream that no one could interpret for him. It worried him so much that he could not sleep, so he searched for answers.*
 - *He summoned his wise men to tell him, but he insisted they tell him both his dream, and what it meant. They could not do that and made him angry with them. He did not trust them anyway. Nebuchadnezzar ordered them All to be put to death.*
 - *Daniel was not there, and when they came to kill him, he persuaded the guard to take him to the King and ask for time so he could interpret the dream for the King. It was granted.*
 - *Daniel and the three Hebrews went directly to God and prayed for an answer to what the dream was, and what it meant*
 - *God honored that prayer and request, and Daniel went back to the King and shared the dream and its interpretation.*

The Dream and the Statue – Kingdoms to come...



- Gentile Kingdoms after Babylon
- All come one after the other as in the statue
- All have the characteristics mentioned
- End with the Kingdom of God, not created by human hands destroying the others and filling the earth
- We ended last week with Daniel being promoted and his 3 friends being made regional administrators
- All was good and the King was Happy

About 10-20 years pass between Chapter 2 and Chapter 3

Daniel Ch 3:1-3 Time and Feelings move on...

***3** King Nebuchadnezzar made an **image of gold**, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide (**90 ft by 9ft**) and set it up on the **plain of Dura** in the province of Babylon.*

***2** He then **summoned** the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and **all the other provincial officials** to come to the **dedication of the image** he had set up.*

***3** So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.*

Daniel Ch 3: The Image of Gold



Daniel Ch 3: Who is commanded to attend?

Officials invited to the Dedication		
KJV	NIV	Meaning
		Persian
Princes	Satraps	Satrap
Governors	Prefects	Prefect
Captains	Governors	Governor
Judges	Advisors	Counsellor
Treasurers	Treasurers	Treasurers
Counsellors	Judges	Law official/Judge
Sheriffs	Magistrates	Magistrates

- *I have the Meaning in Persian listed because this part of the text was written using Persian names for the officials.*
- *This indicates this chapter was written after the Persians took over and Daniel just used the names they used.*
- **Notice – Daniel nor Shadrach, Meshach, or Abednego were there.**

Daniel Ch 3:4-6 The Herald Announces

*⁴ Then the **herald** loudly proclaimed, “**Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do:***

⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

*⁶ **Whoever does not fall down, and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”***

Daniel Ch 3:7-8 The music plays

*⁷ Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, and all kinds of music, **all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.***

*⁸ At this time some **astrologers** came forward and **denounced the Jews.***

Daniel Ch 3:9-12 *The vengeance is done...*

⁹ *They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “**May the king live forever!***

¹⁰ *Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe, and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold,*

¹¹ *and that whoever does not fall down, and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace.*

¹² *But there are **some Jews** whom **you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—**who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty.*

They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel Ch 3:13-15 Rage prevails for now

13 Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So, these men were brought before the king,

14 and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?”

15 Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. **Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”**

Daniel Ch 3:16-20 They answer the King

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.

*¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and **he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.***

*¹⁸ **But even if he does not,** we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”*

*¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was **furious** with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and **his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual***

*²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to **tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.***

Daniel Ch 3:21-24

21 So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.

22 The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,

23 and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

The Furnace



- *Like a Lime Kiln furnace pictured here.*
 - *LARGE OPENING*
 - *VIEWING WINDOW*
 - *STONE WALLS AND TOP*

The Kings furnace was likely similar with a bigger viewing window so they could sit far away and see inside the flames, but with a large door that shut.

Daniel 3:25-27 Protection in the Fire

²⁵ He said, “Look! I see **four men** walking around in the fire, **unbound and unharmed**, and the **fourth looks like a son of the gods.**”

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!**”

So, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire,

²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors, and royal advisers crowded around them. **They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.**

Two verses come to mind...

PS 105:14-15

***14 He allowed no one to oppress them;
for their sake he rebuked kings:
15 “Do not touch my anointed ones;
do my prophets no harm.”***

Isa 41:2-3a

***2 When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior***

Daniel 3:28-30 What does the King do now?

*28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent **his angel** and rescued his servants! They trusted in him, and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.*

*29 Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, **for no other god can save in this way.**"*

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3 Things that relate to today

Point of tension between all the Gentile Societies and Empires and the God of Israel

- *True of Babylon, Medes/Persia, Greece, Roman Empire*
- *Revived Roman Empire today*
- *Even in the US now in 2023, it is getting worse*

*In Matthew, and other places the Bible tells us **that these things MUST happen, but that God is on His Throne, and in total control. He controls events, Kings, and Kingdoms. We are waiting for the Kingdom of God to smash the previous ones and become that mountain that covers the earth for eternity.***

Thankful to be here at FRC, at this time of life, and at this point in the Church Age. We are blessed.

Next Week