

Daniel 3

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(This chapter is an example to the Elect who will be brought up before the synagogue of antichrist. They will be told to worship him. But instead, the Holy Spirit of God will speak through them, in all languages at one time)

(This will wake people up who have been deceived into thinking that antichrist is Jesus, returned. As the Elect testify, one after another, antichrist's one world system will crumble into nothing)

(At this time Daniels companions are in Babylon and Daniel is in Shusham, overseeing the king's business)

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. (This statue was possibly influenced by the dream he had)

(It is 60 tall, 6 wide – this thing has Satan's number <6> all over it)

²Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. (The kings other officials will use this opportunity to setup Daniel's companions. They envy them and want them gone)

³Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

⁴Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

⁵That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: (This is prophetic for antichrist – 6 instruments – Satan's number; also the statue is 60 cubits tall and 6 cubits wide <666>)

Revelation-13:18 (Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six <666>)

⁶And whoso falleth not down and worshipping shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. (The order is - worship the statue or die. The burning fiery furnace is symbolic for hell)

NOTE: (This is Nebuchadnezzar prophetically playing the role of antichrist. People will be told to worship antichrist in the end days. Those who refuse will be persecuted by the one world system)

⁷Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. (This is just like it will be in the end days. The people of Babylon obeyed and worshipped the statue)

(Most people will be deceived by antichrist. They will gladly worship him as if he was God)

⁸Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews. (The astrologers, wizards, counselors, astrologers sorcerers have been reduced in power and in the king's favor, because they couldn't interpret the dream. This was their chance to get rid of Daniel and his companions; who had been promoted above them when Daniel interpreted the king's dream)

⁹They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. (Flattery is Satan's MO. He uses flattery to boost peoples' ego in order to draw them into making mistakes)

¹⁰Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

¹¹And whoso falleth not down and worshipping, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. (All true)

¹²There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (This is their chance to have

Daniel and his companions put to death. They resented having Jews promoted above them, by the king)

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. (The king's ego got the best of him. It is human nature – that absolute power corrupts absolutely. That is why only God is fit to be our King. HE cannot be corrupted)

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? (The king felt betrayed by these three Israelites. After all, they were captives of Babylon)

(This would be an impossible situation for these three, if not for God's help. The king sees this as an insult because of all the favors that he has granted these three. He is not thinking about how their God was the one that interpreted his dream; when none of the Babylonian idols could)

Matthew-4:8-10 (Satan wanted Jesus to worship him in the wilderness, after Jesus had fasted 40 days. This is Satan's dream – to be worshipped and to sit on the mercy seat of Jesus Christ. It's not going to happen)

¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? (ye fall down and worship the image which I have made – this is the very definition of idol worship. They will refuse)

(The king's ego is out of control. He's taking this as a personal offence. He believes that these three should be grateful to him for all the favors that he did for them. He's about to find out whose God can deliver them. Yahoveh is the living God and creator of the universe. Nebuchadnezzar's god is a metallic statue)

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. (Their mind was already made up. They were not apologetic for disobeying, because they knew that this would be going against God. Always choose to follow God, not man)

¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. (There is no need to blow the trumpets and play all the instruments. We're not going to worship the statue. It is their faith in God that will save them. Jesus taught us that lesson many times)

¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (They are a type for the Elect who will be delivered before antichrist when he is in charge of the world system & religion. He will try to force people to worship him) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

¹⁹ Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. (He wants to make an example of these three)

²⁰ And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. (These mighty men could be a type for Satan's fallen angels during the tribulation of Satan. They will enforce Satan's one world system) see chapter-2:43

²¹ Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

²² Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flames of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (The heat of the furnace was so intense that it killed the mighty men who threw the 3 Jews into the furnace)

(This is a prophecy for the fallen angels in the end days. They will die at the instant that Jesus' feet touch down on the Mount of Olives)

Revelation-20:10 (And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever)

²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (They are in the fiery furnace)

See the Goodspeed Apocrypha (The Song of the Three Children. They were signing this song as they were in the furnace)

²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. (Jesus was with them. They were temporarily transfigured into their spiritual bodies. Fire had no effect on a spiritual body)

Ephesians-6 (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were wearing the gospel armor of Jesus Christ. The fire had no effect on them)

Luke-21 (The antichrist will not be able to harm one hair on the heads of the Elect when they refuse to worship him. Jesus will be with them also)

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. (Finally, the king wakes up out of his egoist delusion)

²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. (It was as if they had never approached the fire)

(You would think that this would have convinced the people of Babylon that witnessed this; that Yahoveh is the one true God. It didn't)

See Luke-21:18 (The Elect also won't be harmed by the antichrist)

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. (Nebuchadnezzar was converted by this miracle, even if the Babylonians weren't)

(Also see the Prayer of the Three Children – in the Goodspeed Apocrypha. Their words help Nebuchadnezzar to understand that it was Almighty God that was protecting them from the fire)

NOTE: (In the end days, it will be God's words that the Elect will speak that will turn the people away from antichrist, back to God)

²⁹ Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. (This backfired against those who tried to set up the three Israelites against the king. They've just been warned not to try to set up Daniel and his companions ever again)

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon. (God's plan cannot be stopped, or even changed, by any man or by any nation. Not only did God save these three; but He influenced the king to promote them even further)

NOTE: (This inserted chapter is a prophecy for the time of Jacob's trouble, when the one world system is in place and antichrist is the leader. He will persecute those who refuse to worship him)