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# LIIONS

WE WALK AS



DANIEL



# DANIEL 3

“TRUST AMID TESTING”





# THE DREAM

A GREAT IMAGE

CHAPTER TWO

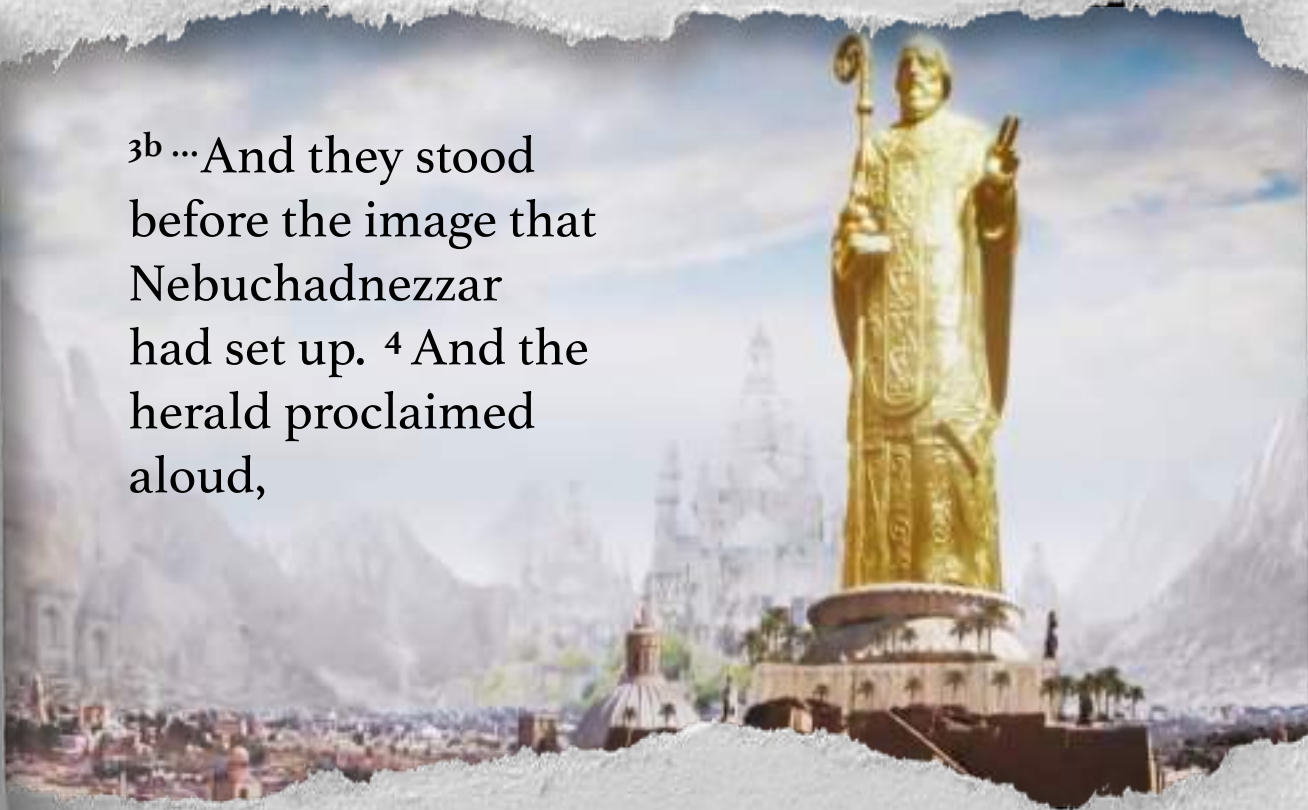
King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

**THE BOOK OF DANIEL 3**

<sup>2</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

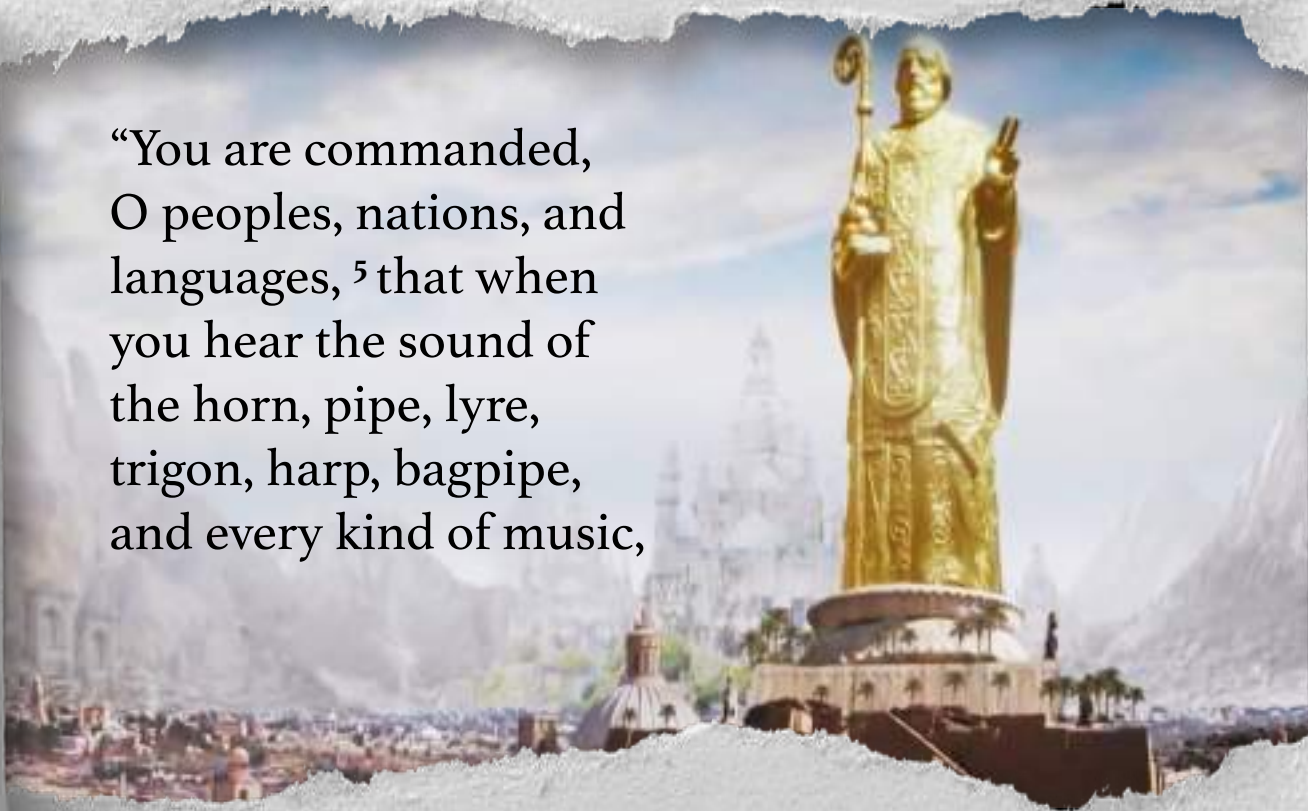
**IMAGE OF GOLD**

3<sup>b</sup> ...And they stood  
before the image that  
Nebuchadnezzar  
had set up. 4 And the  
herald proclaimed  
aloud,



**IMAGE OF GOLD**

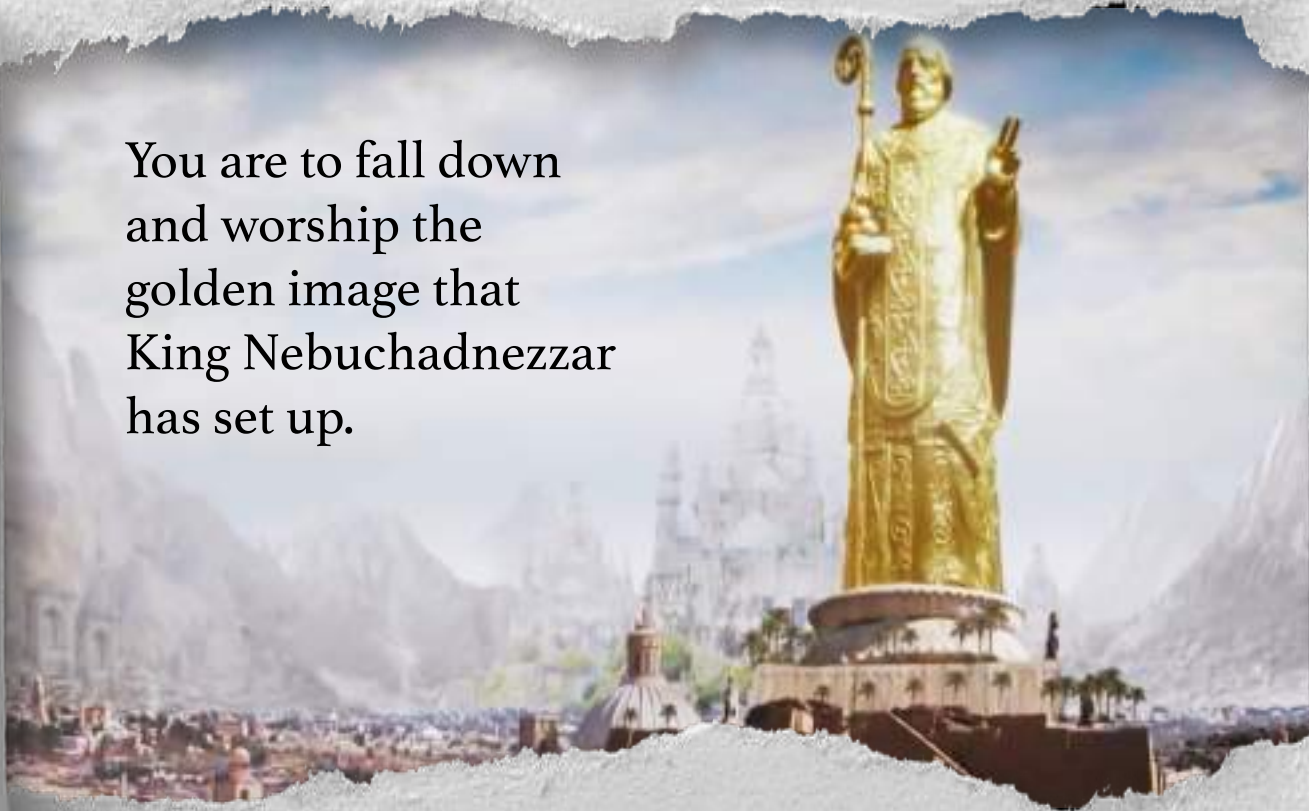
“You are commanded,  
O peoples, nations, and  
languages, <sup>5</sup> that when  
you hear the sound of  
the horn, pipe, lyre,  
trigon, harp, bagpipe,  
and every kind of music,



**IMAGE OF GOLD**

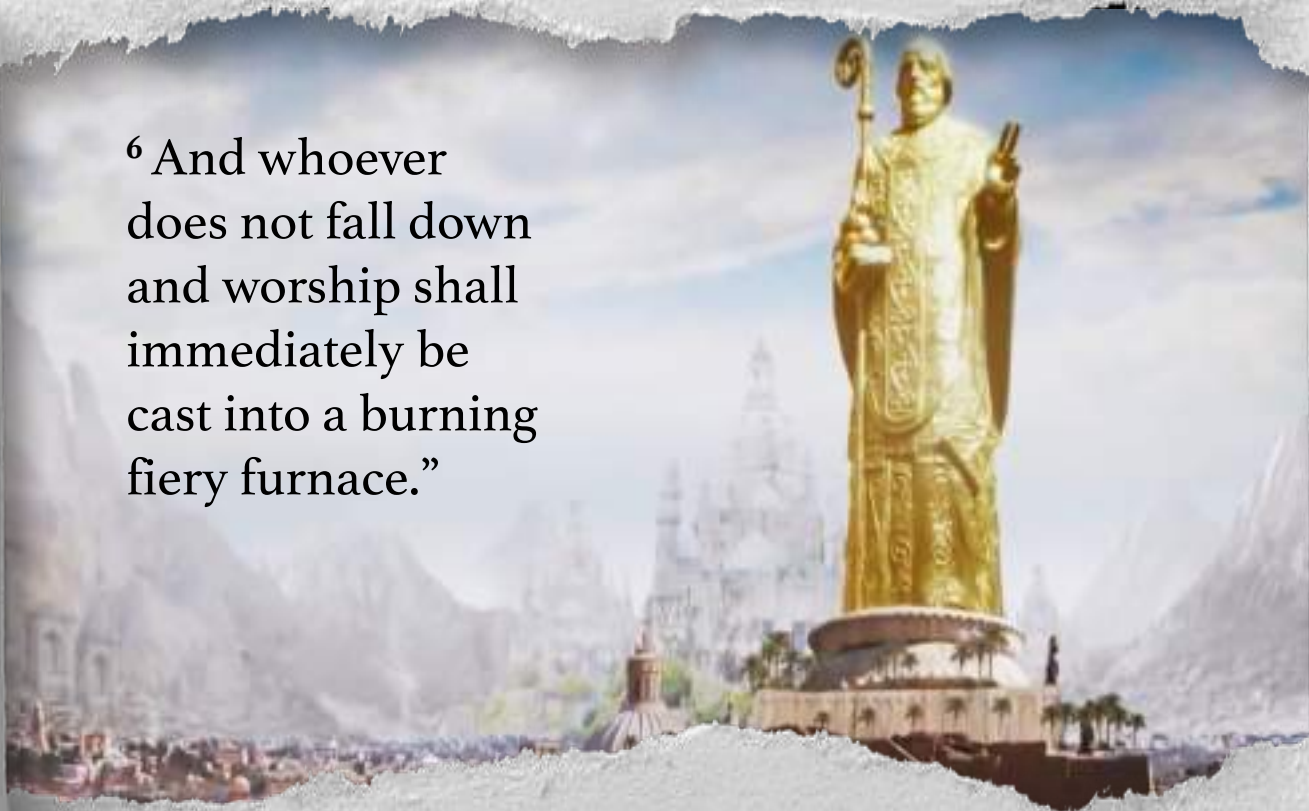


You are to fall down  
and worship the  
golden image that  
King Nebuchadnezzar  
has set up.



**IMAGE OF GOLD**

6 And whoever  
does not fall down  
and worship shall  
immediately be  
cast into a burning  
fiery furnace.”



**FIERY FURNACE!**



**STRICT**  
REGULATIONS  
**PUBLIC**  
PRESSURES  
**PERSONAL**  
RAMIFICATIONS

**SEVERE DECREES CAN IMPOSE...**

# GOLDEN IMAGE?

**Is there any idol  
I would worship  
besides the one  
true God?**



**FEARFUL**

REACTIONS

**DEFLIANT**

COMPLIANCE

**ASTONISHING**

TRUST



**SEVERE DECREES CAN EXPOSE...**



**CORD OF THREE STRANDS**

**“Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”**

**ECCLESIASTES 4:12**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

**EVERYONE FELL EXCEPT...**

<sup>8</sup>Therefore at that time  
certain Chaldeans came forward and  
maliciously accused the Jews.  
<sup>9</sup>They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar,  
“O king, live forever!”

**MALICIOUS AGENDA**



<sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. <sup>11</sup> And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace.

**REMEMBER YOUR DECREE?**

<sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

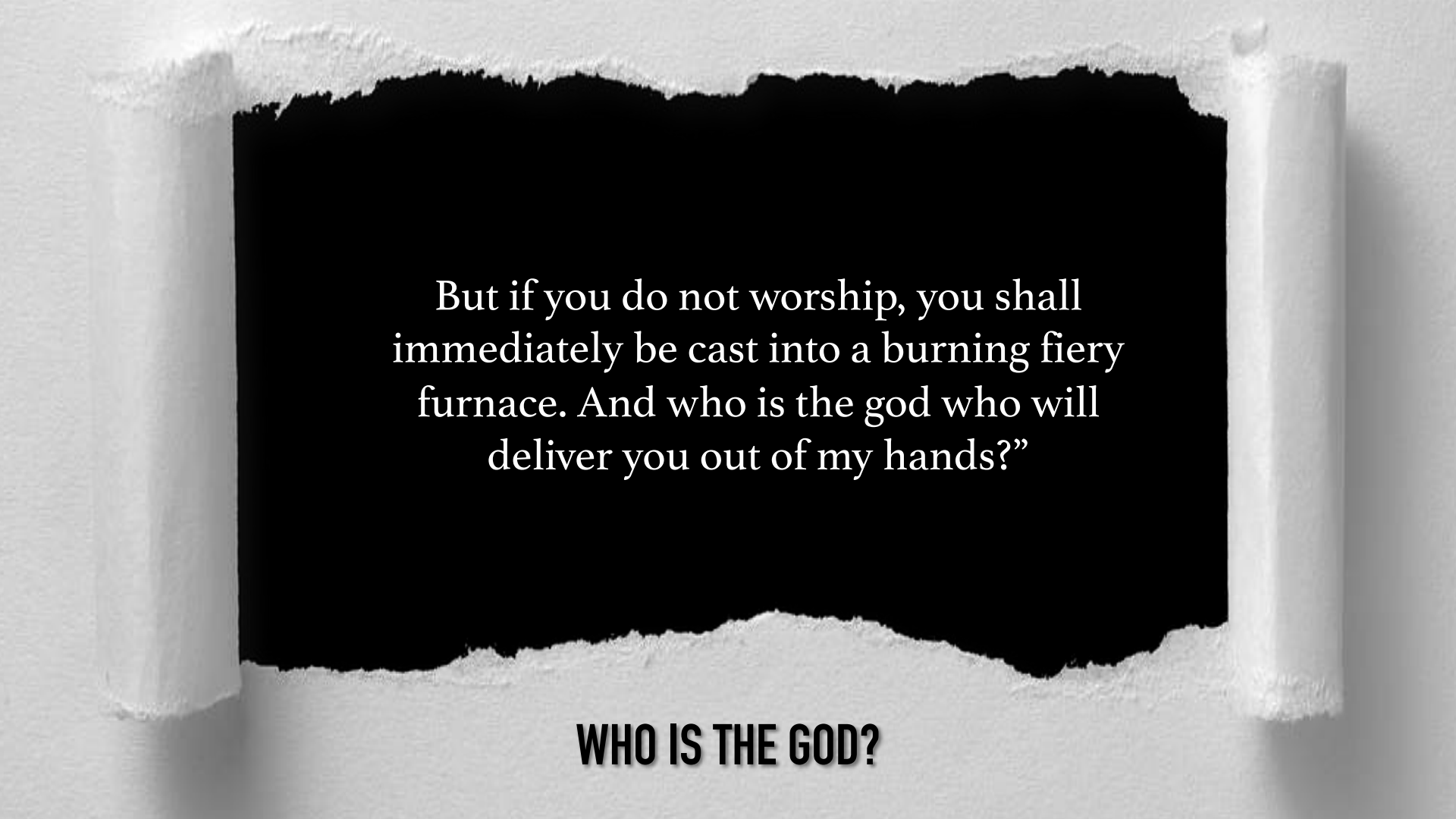
**THESE MEN PAY NO ATTENTION**

<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?”

**IS THIS TRUE?**

<sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good.

**ONE MORE CHANCE**



But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

**WHO IS THE GOD?**

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> 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.

**OUR GOD CAN SAVE US**

<sup>18</sup> *But even if He does 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.”

**BUT EVEN IF HE DOESN'T**

What  
**'WHAT IF'**  
is testing your  
**'EVEN IF'?**





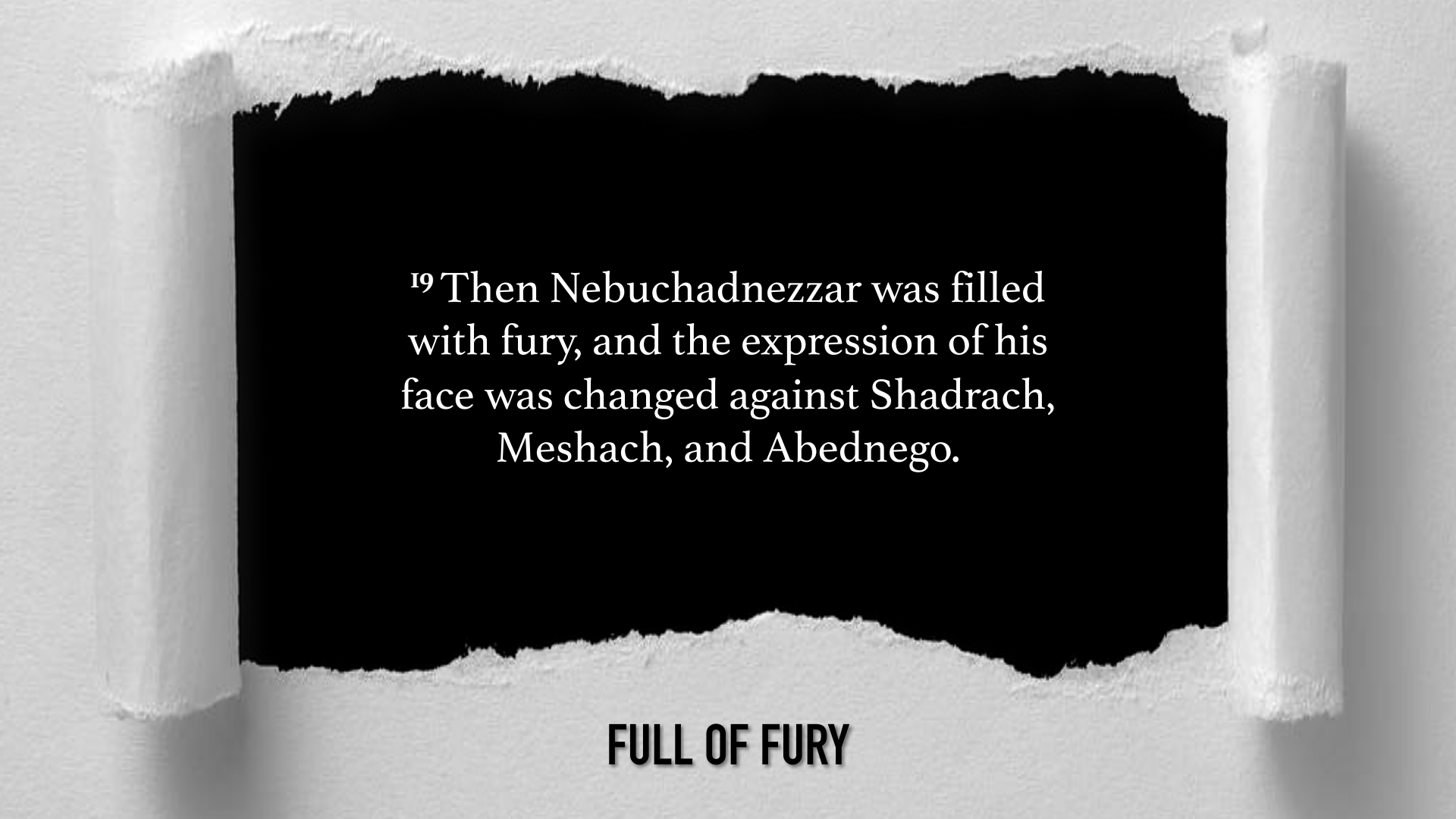


# KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

**“A king's wrath is like the roar of a lion;  
he who angers him forfeits his life.”**

PROVERBS 20:2



A black and white photograph of a piece of white paper that has been torn at the top and bottom edges. The torn edges are jagged and irregular. The central area of the paper is a solid black rectangle. Inside this black rectangle, there is white text. The text is centered and reads: "19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego." The text is in a serif font. Below the black rectangle, on the white background of the paper, the words "FULL OF FURY" are printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

<sup>19</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

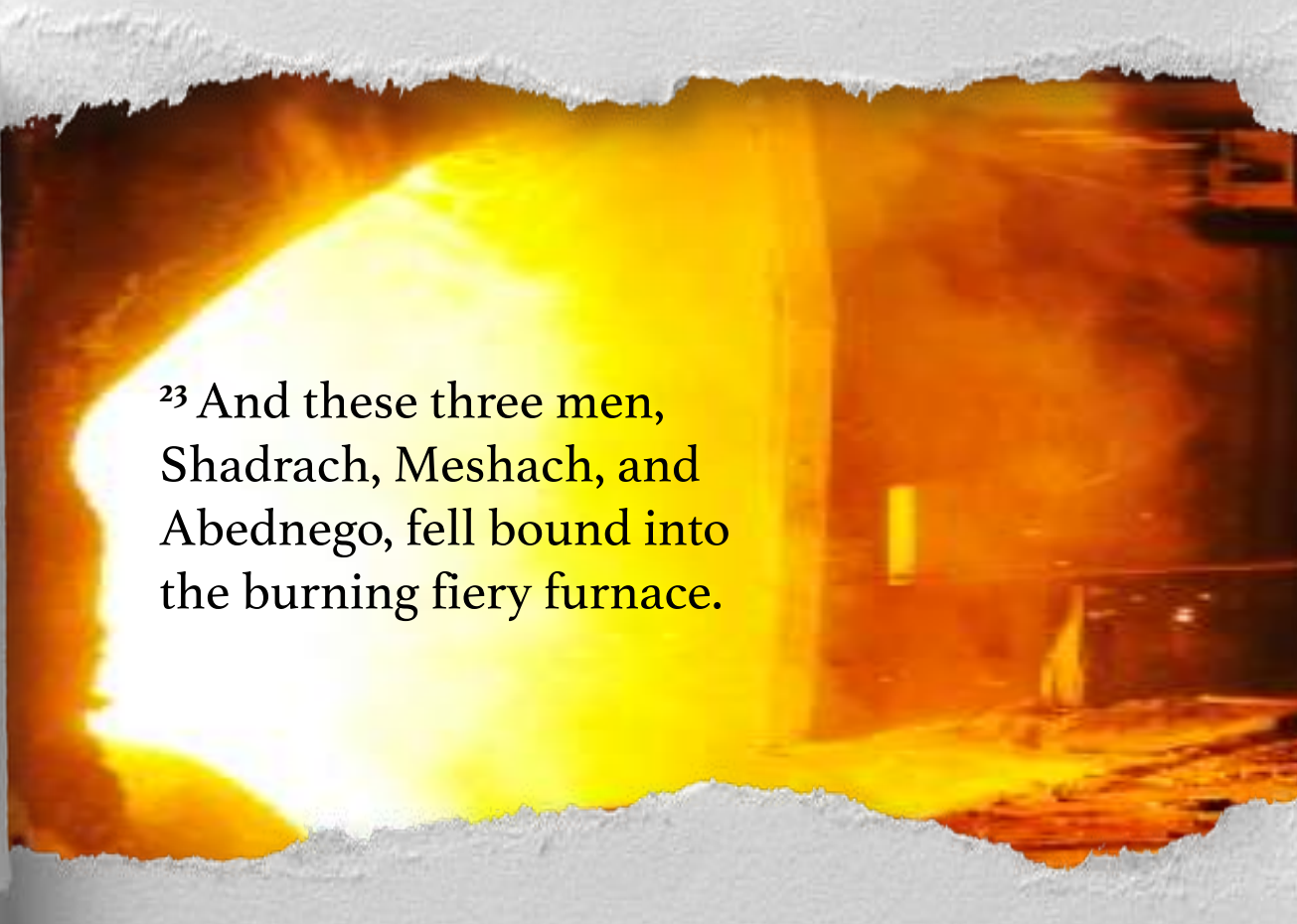
**FULL OF FURY**

He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup> And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

**FULL OF FURY**

<sup>21</sup> Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup> Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

**FULL OF FURY**

A piece of white paper is torn, revealing a scene of a fiery furnace. The fire is bright yellow and orange, with a large, glowing opening in the center. The background is dark and smoky, suggesting a large, industrial or ancient furnace. The paper is held in place by two white vertical strips on either side.

<sup>23</sup> And these three men,  
Shadrach, Meshach, and  
Abednego, fell bound into  
the burning fiery furnace.

**FIERY FURNACE**

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.”

**ASTONISHED**

<sup>25</sup> He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”



**ANOTHER IN THE FIRE**

<sup>26</sup> 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.

**COME OUT, COME HERE!**



<sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

**THE FIRE HAD NO POWER**

<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar answered and said,  
“Blessed be the God of Shadrach,  
Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his  
angel and delivered his servants,  
who trusted in him, and set aside the  
king's command, and yielded up their  
bodies rather than serve and worship any  
god except their own God.

**DELIVERANCE**



**FIERY  
FURNACE**



**TRUST AMID TESTING**



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“The devil tempts us to destroy our faith,  
but God tests us to develop our faith,  
because a faith that can’t be tested can’t be trusted.”

WARREN WIERSBE



## TRUST AMID TESTING

So that the tested genuineness of your faith—  
more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested  
by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and  
honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 PETER 1:7



## TRUST AMID TESTING

- TEST OF PRIORITIES** *Willingness to sacrifice*
- TEST OF INCONVENIENCE** *Willingness to be interrupted*
- TEST OF AUTHORITY** *Willingness to submit to authority*
- TEST OF CONTENTMENT** *Willingness to live with less*
- TEST OF COMFORT** *Willingness to change*
- TEST OF COMPROMISE** *Willingness to live with integrity*
- TEST OF SMALL STUFF** *Willingness to do the simple things well*

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**Character isn't  
just developed  
through testing;  
Character is  
revealed through  
testing.**



<sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree:  
Any people, nation, or language that  
speaks anything against the God  
of Shadrach, Meshach, and  
Abednego shall be torn limb from  
limb, and their houses laid in ruins,  
for there is no other god who is able  
to rescue in this way.”

**DECREE**



<sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach,  
Meshach, and Abednego in the  
province of Babylon.

**PROMOTED**

**FIERY  
FURNACE**



**I'M GOING TO SEE A VICTORY**