

[Jer 52:28-30 ESV] 28 This is the number of the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year, 3,023 Judeans; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem 832 persons; 30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Judeans 745 persons; all the persons were 4,600.

According to Jewish tradition, all the gold taken from Jerusalem was needed to consolidate the statue.

The height attributed to the statue, sixty cubits or about ninety feet, is surpassed only by the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (seventy cubits). Made a few hundred years later than Nebs image

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4th man in the fire, Daniel Ch.3.

Clearly our passage this week shows King Nebuchadnezzar creating a nearly 100 ft. tall Statue that he had dreamed of in the last chapter, why is this surprising?

After hearing the Kings declarations about Daniels God, was he "saved"? [Dan 2:46-47](#), [Dan 3:28-29](#)

What did the King miss from Gods earlier dream?

Why did God give the dream to the King and NOT to Daniel originally?

How well do you listen to God?

There were peoples from every nation there, why did only 3 men refuse to bow?

Isn't it interesting that there were people ready to maliciously accuse the 3 Hebrew boys?!

The King wisely asked before he judged them and also offered another chance to avoid his wrath, but how did they answer?

They said we have "no need to answer you in this matter". What did they mean?

The Angry King responded, how?

What is the point of this story?

Did you know that Isaiah prophesied of this event? Where?

What are the applications for you and I?



Notice the Accuser on bottom left!

The 3 were not so much Defiant as they were Devoted!! (To Yahweh)

BTW, Could/would Nebuchadnezzar been as effective a Leader, and his empire, without the unparalleled wisdom and skill of Daniel and his friends??!!

There will always be accusers! Some jealous, Some malicious, Most are satanic but they will always be there!

Nebuchadnezzar missed the point!

- “his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.”
- He required them to tell the dream AND interpretation! (wisely)
- The King decreed all the wise men to be killed
- God has given you this Kingdom! And this Dream!
- Some dreams turn into Nightmares! It is not about us!

Did the King feel better when he heard the image, of which the head was him, wouldn't be destroyed until latter days?!!

[Dan 2:12-13 ESV] 12 Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. 13 So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

[Dan 2:10, 27-28, 37-38, 45, 47 ESV] 10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ... 27 Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, 28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ... 37 You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, 38 and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ... 45 just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by

no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure." ... 47 The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."



**Remember, When you stand for/with God, you never really stand alone!! Im not talking about his 2 friends
Its better to stand for God than fall for anything/everything**

id rather die on my feet than serve on my knees

Id rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Live comfortably

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold

- The Image is ALL Gold??!! An Idol! Silver/Bronze/Iron?
- It was near 90 feet tall! All leaders summoned!
- Death sentence for those who don't bow!
- Chaldeans maliciously accused the Jews?!
- These men, O king, pay no attention to you ...
- Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage

[Dan 2:32-33 The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

90ft tall

Fiery furnace

Where's the Gratitude??

[Dan 2:10-12, 14, 17-18, 24 ESV] 10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. 11 The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." 12 Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ... 14 Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. ... 17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18 and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ... 24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the

king the interpretation."



who is the god who will deliver you?

- Where was Daniel?? Conspicuous absence.
- Nebuchadnezzar...said to them, "Is it true?"
- Another chance, "if you are ready...well and good..."
- "who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"
- An Honest, non-defensive, fearless answer of Faith!
- "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us"!

Daniel records this story. But he is missing from it w/o explanation? Why is he missing? Because as great as Daniel is, Its about God and He will always have a people!!

[Dan 3:8-10, 12-13 ESV] 8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 10 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. ... 12 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." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.

[Dan 3:15 ESV] 15 **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. 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?"**

[Dan 3:16-18 ESV] 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."



What were the crowds thinking? Before, During and After?

The King couldn't deny what he saw!!!

The Promise and the Proof!

- Isaiah 43:2 – When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
- 1 Peter 1:7 – 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.

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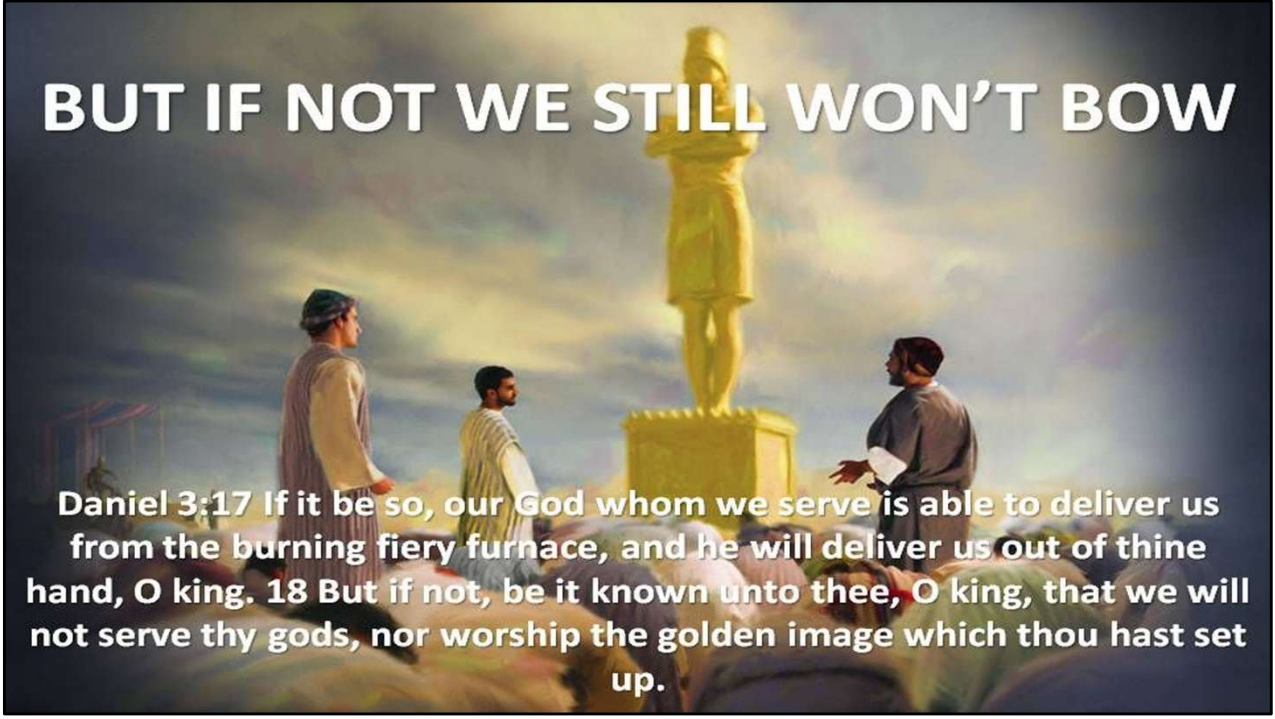
[1Co 3:12-15 ESV] 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

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- Daniel 3:16-18 -



BUT IF NOT WE STILL WON'T BOW



Daniel 3:17 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. 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.



The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion

- Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury,
- and the expression of his face was changed against...
- He ordered the furnace heated seven time more...
- he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind
- they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace.
- the flame of the fire killed those men who took up...

[Pro 20:2 ESV] 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion; whoever provokes him to anger forfeits his life.



Neb. Brought Everyone here for a grand Display!

He got One! One glorifying Yahweh!!!

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished!

- “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?”
- “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.” – Daniel 3:25
- “S, M, A servants of the Most High God, come out...”
- The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, no smell of fire had come upon them.

What do you think was Neb.s 1st question to S, M, A? Who was that guy?!!!

[Dan 3:24-27 ESV] 24 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." 25 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." 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. 27 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.



A Christophany!

- “No one...except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.” – Daniel 2:11
- “the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”
- Jesus often appeared in the Old Testament!
- Was Jesus already in the fire? He was ONLY In the Fire!
- The King saw ‘Jesus’, did the 3 Hebrews?
- Were the Guys lingering in the fire? King called them!

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[Dan 3:28 ESV] 28 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.

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah.
Were

1. Unbound!
2. Walking in the midst of the fire! Not necessarily out of!
3. Not hurt!
4. Not even the smell of smoke! An Aroma!!
5. the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men.
6. The hair of their heads was not singed,
7. their cloaks were not harmed,
8. and no smell of fire had come upon them.
9. Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
10. who has sent his angel and delivered his servants,
11. who trusted in him,
12. and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God



"Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego...'" (Daniel 3:28)

The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there are ancient stone ruins, possibly a city wall or temple. On the right, there is a modern city skyline with several skyscrapers. The sky is dark and cloudy, and the overall tone is dramatic and somewhat somber.

set aside the king's command, for the KING'S!

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 - who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command
 - and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any good except their own God.



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DANIEL CHAPTER 3

NEBUCHADNEZZAR BUILT A GOLDEN STATUE OF HIMSELF

The Bible tells us that Nebuchadnezzar built a golden statue of himself and required everybody in Babylon to bow down to it. And if they refused to bow, they would be thrown into the fiery furnace.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS THE KIND OF RULER WHO WANTED WORSHIP, NOT ACCOUNTABILITY.

-  He renamed things after himself.
-  He blamed past kings for what was wrong.
-  He used fear to control people.
-  He demanded loyalty, even when he was wrong.

BUT DANIEL CHAPTER 3 REMINDS US THAT GOD'S PEOPLE DO NOT BOW TO EVERY STATUE THE WORLD BUILDS.



SOMETIMES FAITH MEANS STANDING WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE IS BENDING.

DANIEL 3
STAND ON FAITH.
STAND ON TRUTH.
Stand with God.



Therefore I make a decree:

- Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of S, M, A...
 - shall be torn limb from limb,
 - and their houses laid in ruins,
- “there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”
- Then the king promised S, M, A? Already in charge!



THEN KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR PRAISED

Takeaways

- Yahweh can use anyone, He gets/deserves the Glory!
- Jesus always shows up! Sometimes we 'see' Him!
- The 1st 4 of the 10, Matter most! Personal Faith!
- Never compromise your loyalty! Serve the King!
- You can see and NOT really believe! Faith over Logic!
- Beware the dangers of Ego and Anger, James 1 Hear!

God hates Idols. We should too! Idols of the heart! Ezek. 6:9, 14:4, 7, 20:16

Extraordinary Faith invites Extraordinary blessings and God moments!

Yahweh can use anyone, He gets/deserves the Glory! God can use Daniel, or Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, or Isaiah or Jeremiah or Ezekiel or We are bit players in His grand Drama!

Jesus always shows up! Sometimes we 'see' Him! **Jesus existed before Bethlehem! (Heresies) Jesus is always with His people, Best seen IN THE FIRE!!!**

The 1st 4 of the 10, Matter most! Personal Faith! **The 10 Commandments. Many argue we only need the other 6 or 5 or 4... There is NO morality w/o relationship with God!**

Never compromise your loyalty! Serve the King! **The 4 Hebrews were always, only serving the King of Kings!! Yahweh's will was to seek the welfare of Babylon, for their own good**

You can see and NOT really believe! Faith over Logic! **Faith MUST be accompanied by Repentance! Many will shake their fists at God in the Apocalypse!**

Beware the dangers of Ego and Anger, Ja.1 Quick to Hear – Her God most of all and change!

Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely!

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a mans character, give him power. Abraham Lincoln

I say: Power doesn't corrupt us, We are already corrupt, power only reveals us!

[Jas 1:19-25 ESV] 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



What would you have done??

Imagine IF all Gods people stood together!!! They would be forced again and again to back down!!

[Rom 13:1-7 ESV] 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

[Act 4:19 ESV] 19 But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

[Act 5:29 ESV] 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

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**Sued a 3rd time
 Same sex wedding'
 Transgender transitioning**

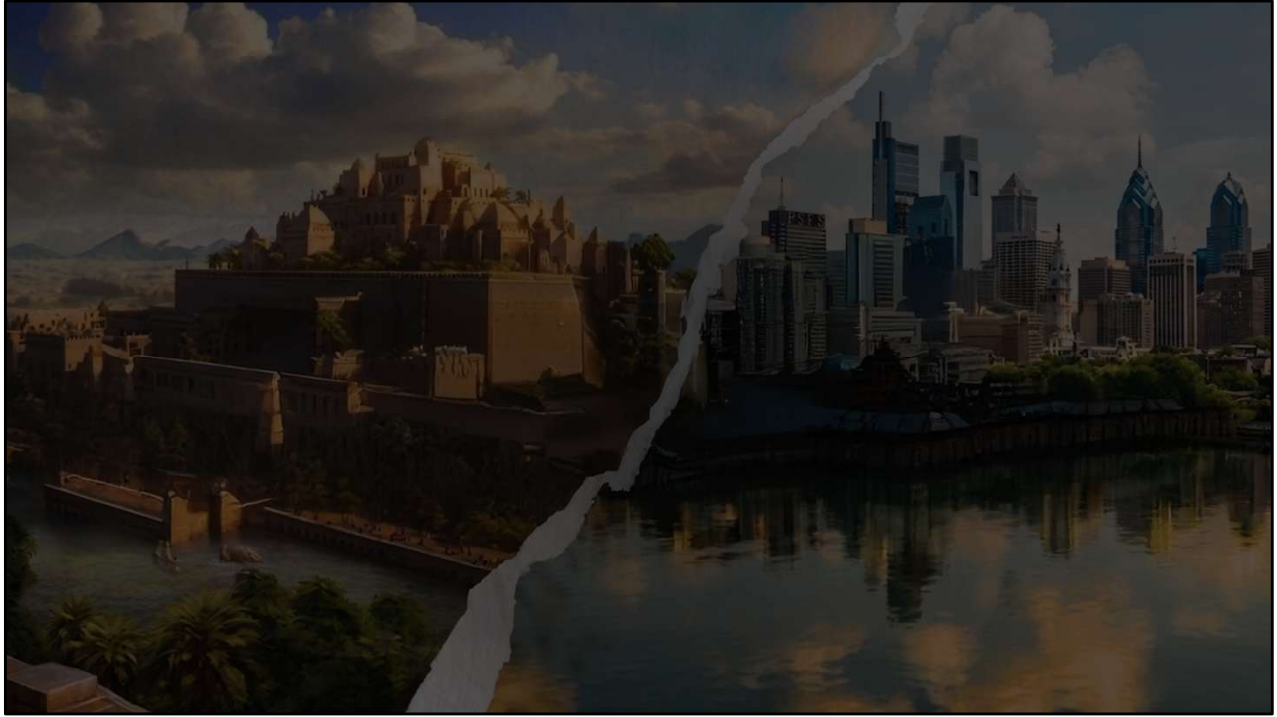
[1Pe 4:12-13 ESV] 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

[Phl 1:29 ESV] 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,



[Isa 43:1-5 ESV] 1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.





THE SETTING

King Nebuchadnezzar sets up a giant golden image in the plain of Dura and commands everyone to bow down when the music plays. Those who refuse will be thrown into a blazing furnace.

DANIEL 3:1-7

DANIEL 3

FAITH THAT STANDS. FIRE THAT CAN'T CONSUME.

“Our God is able to deliver us from the blazing furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image you have set up.”
— DANIEL 3:17-18



THE THREE YOUNG MEN

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow. Their loyalty is to God alone.

DANIEL 3:12, 15-18

- THE STORY IN 7 KEY MOMENTS**
- 1 **THE GOLDEN IMAGE IS SET UP**
A 90-foot golden image is erected. When the music sounds, everyone must bow down.
DANIEL 3:1-7
 - 2 **THE COMMAND TO WORSHIP**
Nebuchadnezzar's command is given. All the people are to worship the golden image.
DANIEL 3:8-11
 - 3 **THE REFUSAL!**
The three young men refuse to bow. They will not compromise their faith, no matter the cost.
DANIEL 3:12, 16-18
 - 4 **THE ACCUSATION & ORDER INTO THE FIRE**
Angry officials accuse them. The king orders the furnace heated seven times hotter!
DANIEL 3:19-22
 - 5 **INTO THE FIRE**
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.
DANIEL 3:23
 - 6 **THE FOURTH MAN**
The king looks and sees four men walking in the fire—the fourth looks like a son of the gods!
DANIEL 3:24-25
 - 7 **DELIVERED & HONORED**
The three come out unharmed—no smell of fire, no hair singed. The king honors their God and promotes them.
DANIEL 3:26-30



THROWN INTO THE FIRE. TRUSTING THEIR GOD.

THE MIRACLE

- The fire had no effect.
- No hair was singed.
- No smell of fire on them.
- God's presence was with them.

GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL WHEN WE REMAIN FAITHFUL.
Courage isn't the absence of fear—it's the decision to trust God anyway. ✝

THE HEART OF DANIEL 3
It's not about the furnace, it's about WHO we trust before we ever get there.

“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him...”
→ DANIEL 3:28 ←

- WHAT WE LEARN**
- GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP**
We worship God alone, not idols or the approval of man.
 - FAITH IS A CHOICE**
We choose obedience to God, even when it's costly.
 - GOD SEES, HEARS & ACTS**
He sees our faith and moves on our behalf.
 - GOD CAN DELIVER**
He is able to save us physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
 - GOD DESERVES THE GLORY**
He gets the glory when we trust Him in the fire.
- A PICTURE OF OUR GOD**
- SOVEREIGN**
He rules over kings. Daniel 3:29
 - PRESENT**
He is with us in the fire. Daniel 3:25
 - POWERFUL**
He can deliver. Daniel 3:17
 - FAITHFUL**
He keeps His promises. Deut. 31:6
 - WORTHY**
He deserves all glory. Rev. 4:11

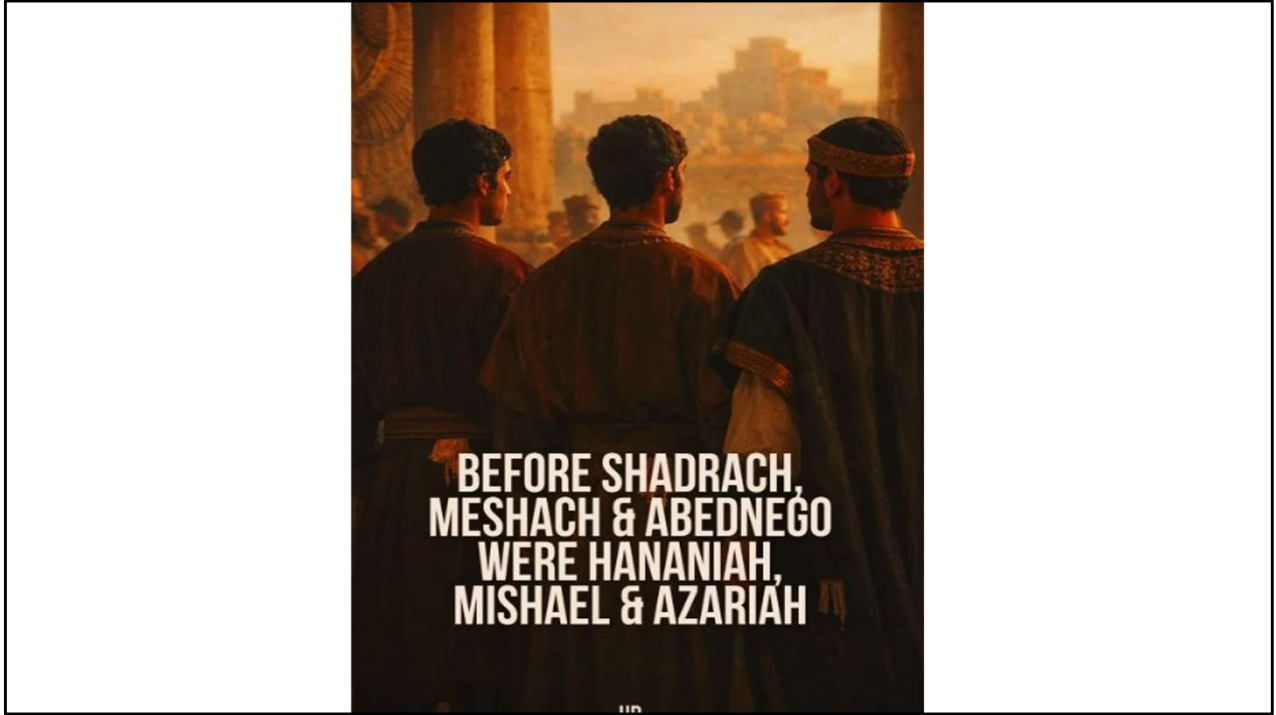


🔥 WHEN YOU WALK WITH GOD, THE FIRE MAY COME—BUT YOU WILL NEVER WALK ALONE. 🔥



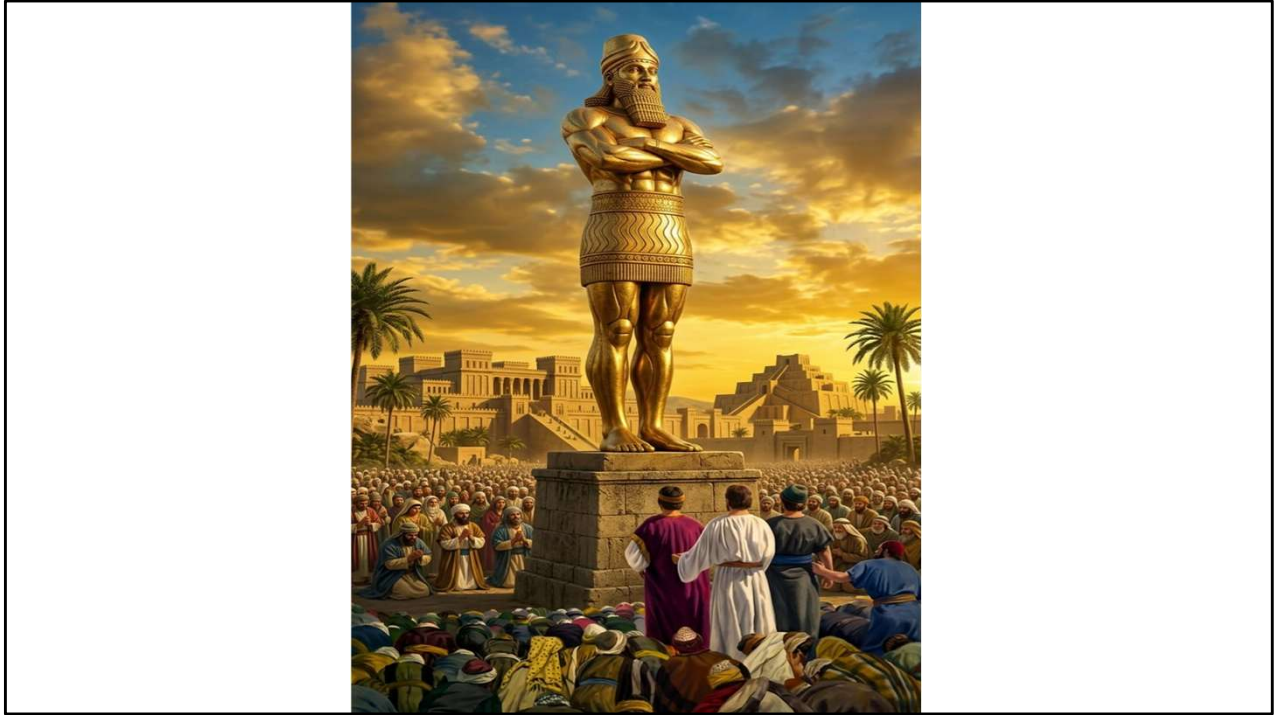


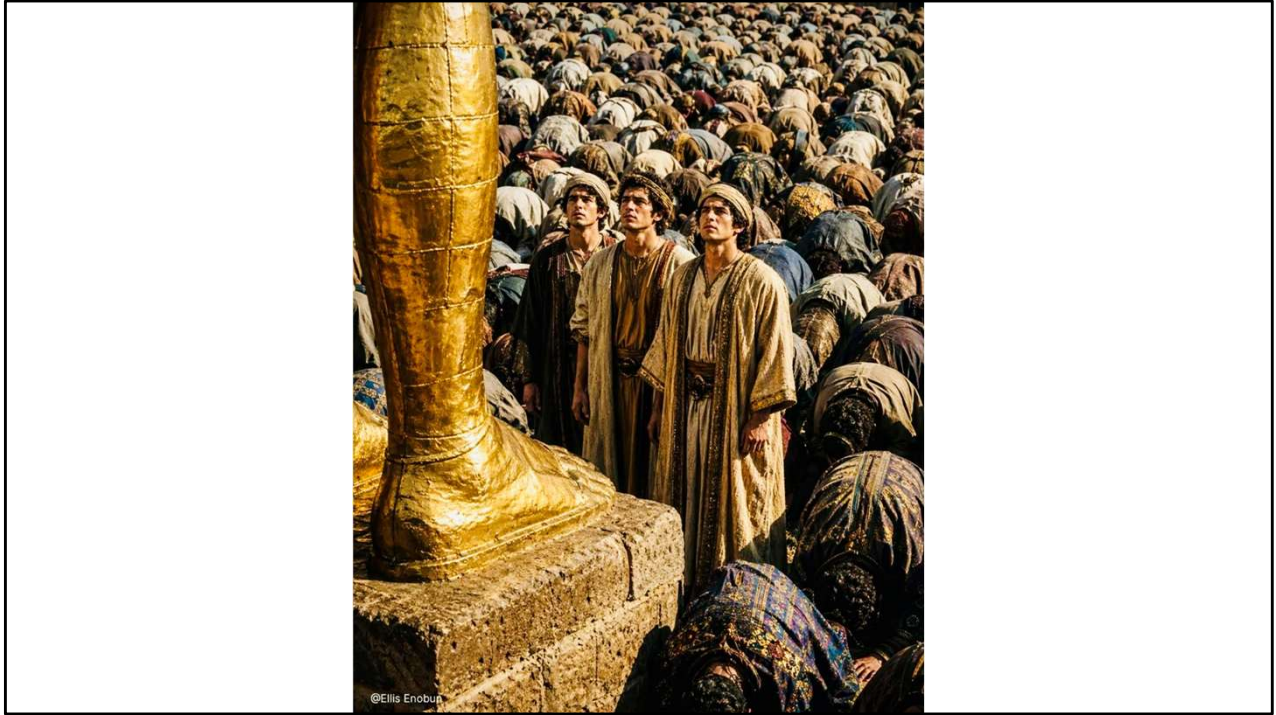


















THE STORY OF
SHADRACH, MESHACH,
AND ABEDNEGO
(DANIEL 3)





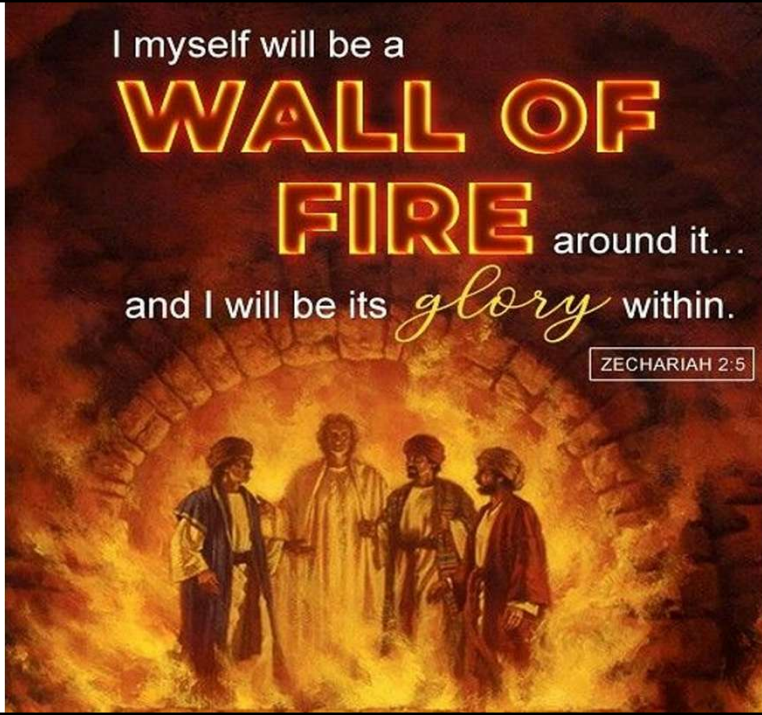
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WALL OF FIRE

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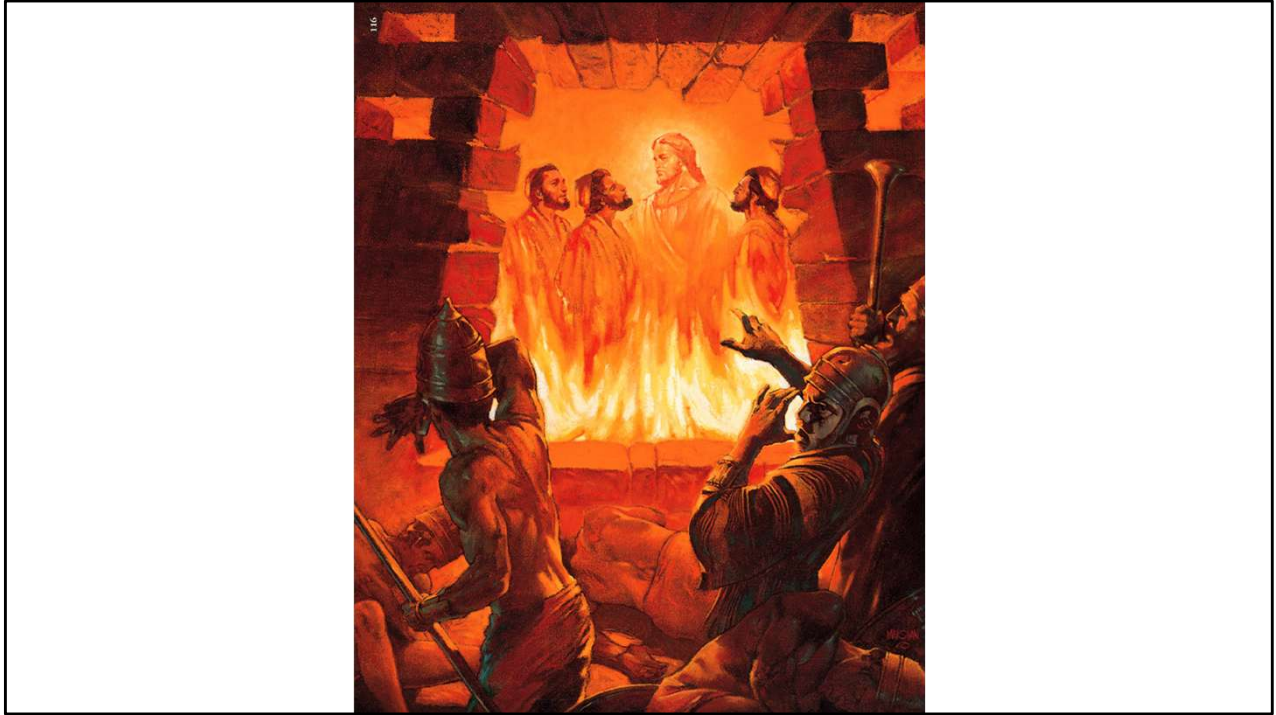
and I will be its *glory* within.

ZECHARIAH 2:5











**'He who has been with God in the closet
will find God with him in the furnace'**

Charles Spurgeon





GOD DELIVERS
HIS FAITHFUL PEOPLE

DANIEL 3





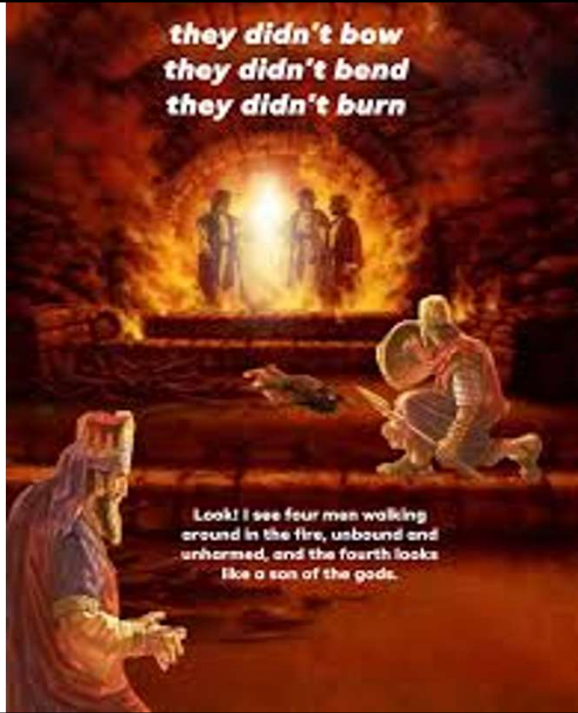


KING NEBUCHANEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE STATUE THE FOURTH KINGDOM

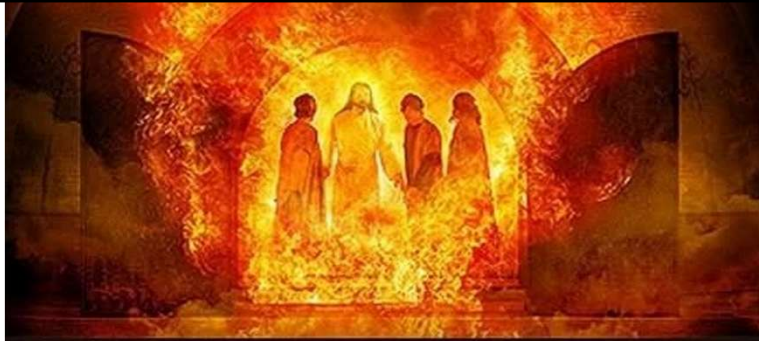




**they didn't bow
they didn't bend
they didn't burn**



Look! I see four men walking
around in the fire, unbound and
unharmd, and the fourth looks
like a son of the gods.



He
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FAITH THAT STANDS. FIRE THAT CAN'T CONSUME.

“Our God is able to deliver us from the blazing furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image you have set up.”
— DANIEL 3:17-18



THE THREE YOUNG MEN

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow. Their loyalty is to God alone.
DANIEL 3:12, 17-18

- THE STORY IN 7 KEY MOMENTS**
- 1 THE GOLDEN IMAGE IS SET UP**
A 90-foot golden image is erected. When the music sounds, everyone must bow down.
DANIEL 3:1-7
 - 2 THE COMMAND TO WORSHIP**
Nebuchadnezzar's command is given. All the people are to worship the golden image.
DANIEL 3:8-11
 - 3 THE REFUSAL!**
The three young men refuse to bow. They will not compromise their faith, no matter the cost.
DANIEL 3:12, 16-18
 - 4 THE ACCUSATION & ORDER**
Angry officials accuse them. The king orders the furnace heated seven times hotter!
DANIEL 3:19-22
 - 5 INTO THE FIRE**
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.
DANIEL 3:23
 - 6 THE FOURTH MAN**
The king looks and sees four men walking in the fire—the fourth looks like a son of the gods!
DANIEL 3:24-25
 - 7 DELIVERED & HONORED**
The three come out unharmed—no smell of fire, no hair singed. The king honors their God and promotes them.
DANIEL 3:24-30



**THROWN INTO THE FIRE.
TRUSTING THEIR GOD.**

THE MIRACLE

- The fire had no effect.
- No hair was singed.
- No smell of fire on them.
- God's presence was with them.

GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL WHEN WE REMAIN FAITHFUL.
Courage isn't the absence of fear—it's the decision to trust God anyway. ✝

THE HEART OF DANIEL 3
It's not about the furnace. It's about WHO we trust before we ever get there.

“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him.”
→ DANIEL 3:28 ←

- WHAT WE LEARN**
- GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP**
We worship God alone, not idols or the approval of man.
 - FAITH IS A CHOICE**
We choose obedience to God, even when it's costly.
 - GOD SEES, HEARS & ACTS**
He sees our faith and moves on our behalf.
 - GOD CAN DELIVER**
He is able to save us physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
 - GOD DESERVES THE GLORY**
He gets the glory when we trust Him in the fire.

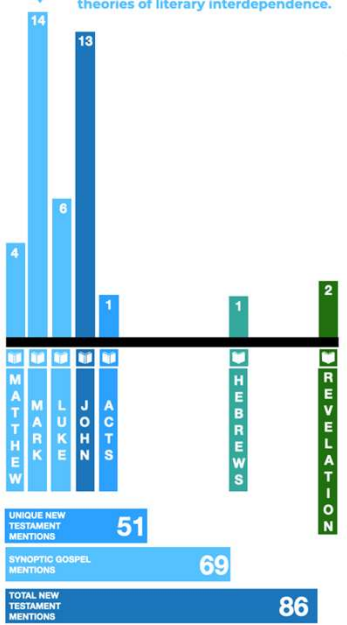
- A PICTURE OF OUR GOD**
- SOVEREIGN**
He rules over kings. Daniel 3:29
 - PRESENT**
He is with us in the fire. Daniel 3:25
 - POWERFUL**
He can deliver. Daniel 3:17
 - FAITHFUL**
He keeps His promises. Deut. 31:6
 - WORTHY**
He deserves all glory. Rev. 4:11



🔥 WHEN YOU WALK WITH GOD, THE FIRE MAY COME—BUT YOU WILL NEVER WALK ALONE. 🔥

THE "SON OF MAN" SAYINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are referred to as the *Synoptic Gospels* due to their similar content, sequencing, wording, and language, which has led to theories of literary interdependence.



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Q is an abbreviation for the German word *Quelle*, meaning "source." Q represents a hypothetical source of Jesus sayings drawn from both Matthew and Luke. Matthew and Luke have 235 virtually identical verses that are not found in Mark. These 235 verses are collected together in what is referred to as Q.

- FROM JESUS
 - MATTHEW
 - LUKE
 - MARK
 - JOHN
- FROM OTHERS
 - REVELATION
 - ACTS
 - HEBREWS
 - JOHN

THE "SON OF MAN" AS DIVINE

The only figures who "come on the clouds of heaven" in both Ancient Israelite and Ancient Near Eastern literature are divine. (Michael Heiser, *The Unseen Realm: Recovering the Supernatural Realities of the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015), p. 201).

"Yahweh has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereign power rules over all." (Psalm 103:19)

"... for you shall not worship any other... for Yahweh, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." (Exodus 34:14)

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the **clouds of heaven**. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was **given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him**. His dominion is an **everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**"

"I am Yahweh; that is my name; I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to carved idols." (Isaiah 42:8)

"For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with skillful psalm. God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne." (Psalm 47:7-8)

"Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting." (Psalm 93:2)

"They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power... Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations." (Psalm 145:10-13)

DANIEL 7:13-14

