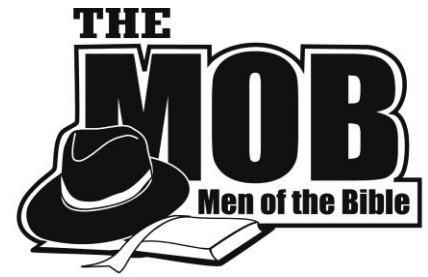




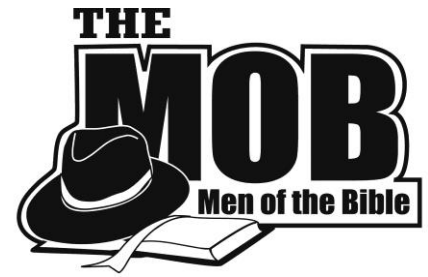
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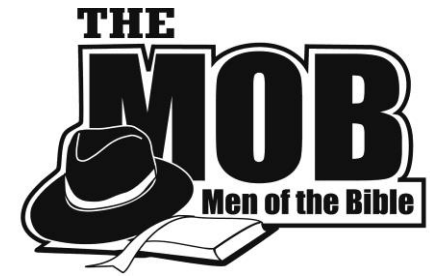
Daniel 3:28 (ESV)

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said,
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Daniel Outline

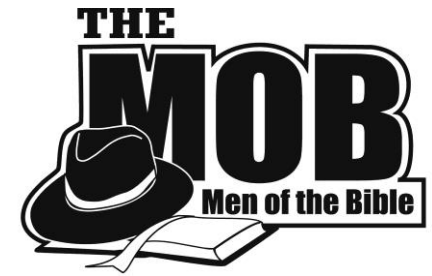


Focus	Daniel's History	Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles				Prophetic Plan of Israel		
Reference	1	2 - 4	5	6	7	8	9	10 - 12
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Topic	Daniel's Background	Daniel Interprets Others' Dreams				Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams		
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Time	Written in Babylon or Persia around 605 – 536 BC							





Last Week



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

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God Reveals the Dream

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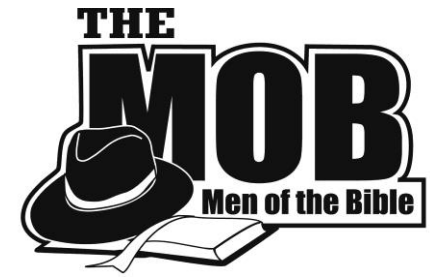
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Daniel Is Promoted

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This Week



**Nebuchadnezzar's
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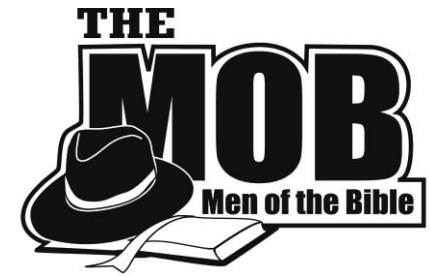
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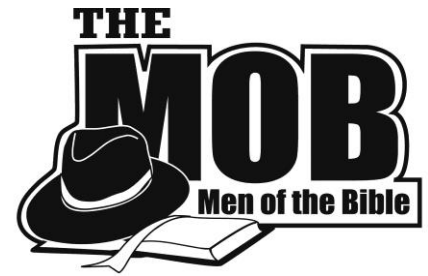


Hebrew Name	Hebrew Meaning	Babylonian Name	Babylonian Meaning
Daniel	God is my judge	Belteshazzar	Bel protect his life
Hananiah	The Lord shows grace	Shadrach	Command of Aku (the moon-god)
Mishael	Who is like God?	Meshach	Who is as Aku is?
Azariah	The Lord is my help	Abednego	Servant of Nebo



Daniel 3:1-7 (ESV)

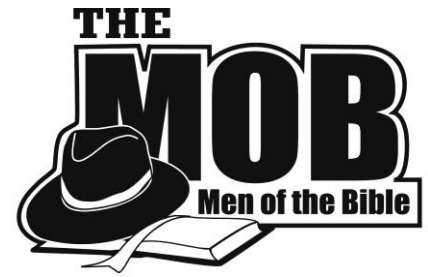
The Golden Image



¹ 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. ² 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. ³ Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” ⁷ 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.



Daniel 3:8-30 (ESV) The Fiery Furnace

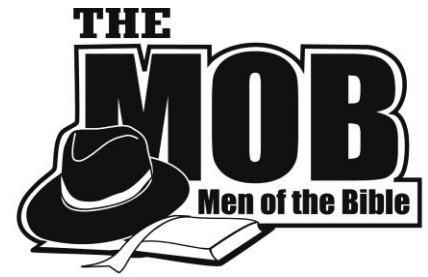


⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. 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.”



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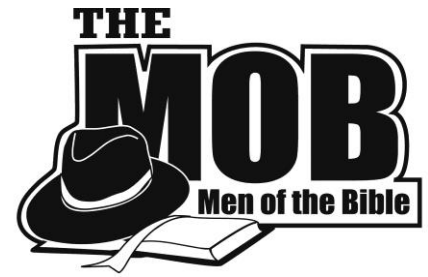
The Fiery Furnace



¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ 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? 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?”



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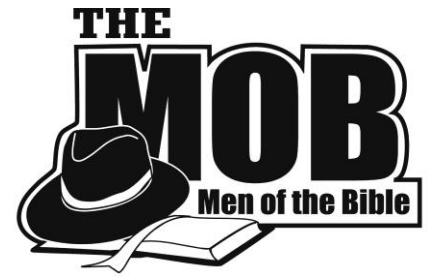


¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known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



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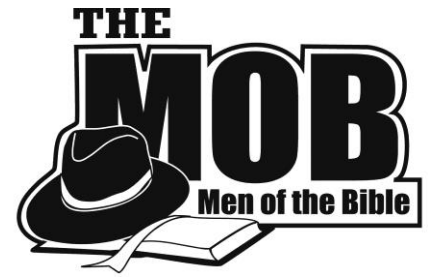


¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.



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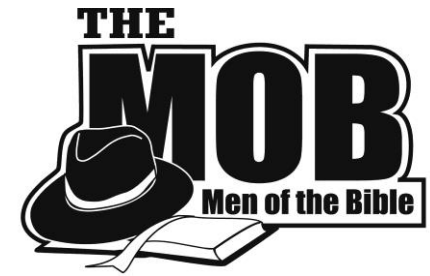


²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”



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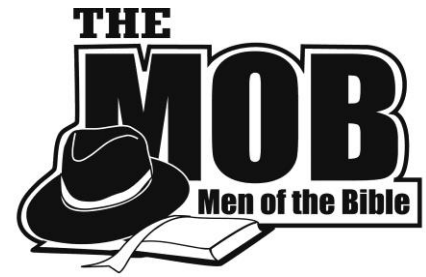


²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's 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. 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. ²⁹ 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.” ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.



Daniel 3

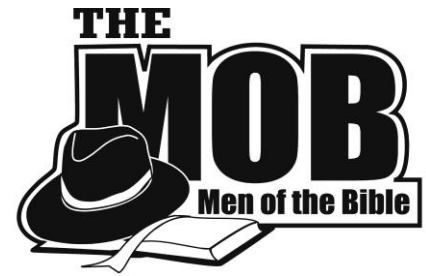
Observation



- How much time may have passed since the activities in [Daniel 2](#) and the activities of [Daniel 3](#).
- Do [Nebuchadnezzar's](#) initial actions in [Daniel 3](#) suggest a longer or shorter passage of time between [Daniel 2](#) and [Daniel 3](#)?
- What was the nature of the image that [Nebuchadnezzar](#) created?
- Why is Daniel not mentioned in [Daniel 3](#)?



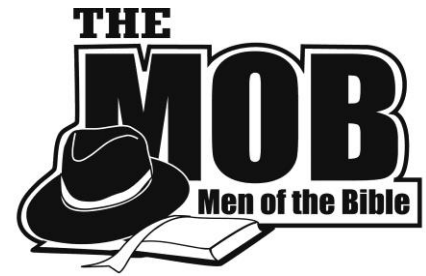
Daniel 3 Observation



- Possible location of “Dura” in the province of Babylon (Daniel 3:1).
- What was the purpose of the meeting to dedicate the image?
- What might have been the importance of music in the worshiping of the image?
- Was the requirement for people to fall down and worship the image only given at the time of the dedication?



Daniel 3 Observation



- Would the command to worship the image have been viewed as an unusual command to the Babylonians?
- What was the demeanor of the three Hebrew officers when challenged by the king?

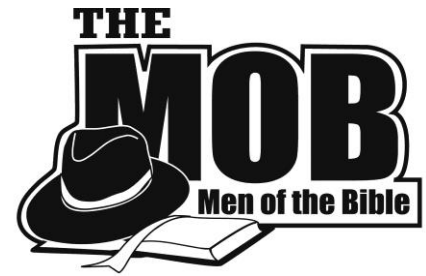
Any parallels in their demeanor in [Daniel 3](#) with Daniel's demeanor in [Daniel 1 & 2](#)?

- What might the three officers have meant by their response to the king that, "...we have no need to answer you in the matter..."? ([Daniel 3:16](#))



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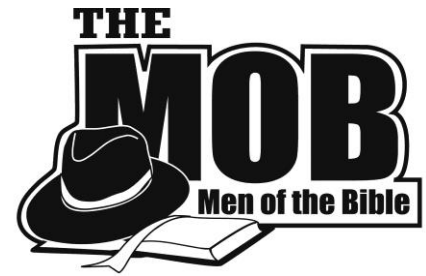
Interpretation



- Were the three Hebrew officers certain about what the outcome would be from the king's punishment? Would a lack of certainty have changed their response?
- Who is possibly the fourth person witnessed by Nebuchadnezzar in the furnace? (Isaiah 43:2)
- Has Nebuchadnezzar been converted to believing in the one true God by the end of Daniel 3?



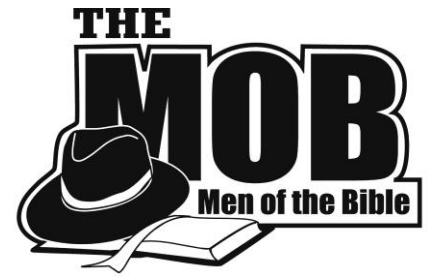
Daniel 3 Interpretation



- Do the Apostles later speak of the actions of these three Hebrew officers? If so, why? ([Hebrews 11:34](#))
- Should the delivery of the three Hebrew officers from the furnace lead us to the conclusion that those who risk sacrifice in the name of God will always experience physical deliverance? ([Hebrews 11:13,36-40](#))



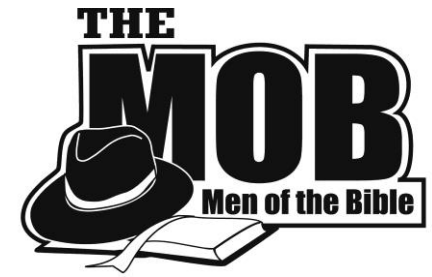
Daniel 3 Application



1. How can we know when it is right to submit to authority and when it is right to challenge authority? If we think it is right to challenge authority, what should our demeanor be during a challenge?
2. While today we may not face a requirement to worship a gold statue, but are there other idols to which we “bow down” today? If so, how do we remove them?
3. We may criticize [Nebuchadnezzar](#)’s action in the first part of chapter, but do we also have certain negative traits in common with him which may also cloud our judgement? If so, how should we deal with those traits?



Closing



- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer