

ORDINARY PEOPLE

DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

DANIEL 1:1-8

DANIEL 3:1-30

DANIEL 1:1-2 NIV

- **1** IN THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REIGN OF JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH, NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON CAME TO JERUSLAEM AND BESIEGED IT. **2** AND THE LORD DELIVERED JEHOIAKIM KING OF JUDAH INTO HIS HANDS ALONG WITH SOME OF THE ARTICLES FROM THE TEMPLE OF GOD. THESE HE CARRIED OFF TO THE TEMPLE OF HIS god IN BABYLONIA AND PUT IN THE TREASURE HOUSE OF HIS GOD.

DANIEL 1:3-4 NIV

- **3** THEN THE KING ORDERED ASHPENAZ, CHIEF OF HIS COURT OFFICIALS, TO BRING INTO THE KINGS SERVICE SOME OF THE ISRAELITES FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THE NOBILITY **4** **YOUNG MEN** WITHOUT ANY PHYSICAL DEFECT, HANDSOME, SHOWING APTITUDE FOR EVERY KIND OF LEARNING, WELL INFORMED, QUICK TO UNDERSTAND, AND QUALIFIED TO SERVE IN THE KINGS PALACE. HE WAS TO TEACH THEM THE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE OF THE BABYLONIANS.

DANIEL 1:5-8 NIV

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3 ENCOURAGING POINTS

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NAME BREAK DOWN

- **HEBREW NAME**

DANIEL: MEANS GOD IS MY JUDGE

HANANIAH: MEANS YAHWEH IS GRACIOUS

MISHAEL: MEANS WHO IS LIKE GOD

AZARIAH: MEANS YAHWEH HAS HELPED

BABYLONIAN NAME

BELTESHAZZAR: MEANS A
BABYLONIAN god

SHADRACH: MEANS COMMAND
OF AKU (SUN/MOON) god

MESHACH: MEANS WHO IS
LIKE AKU

ABEDNEGO: MEANS SERVANT OF
NEGO/NABU A BABYLONIAN god
OF WISDOM

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- **I SAY, STAND ON BUSINESS!**

- **DANIEL 3:1-29**

DANIEL 3:1-29 NIV

- **1** KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR MADE AN IMAGE OF GOLD, SIXTY CUBITS WIDE, AND SET IT UP ON THE PLAIN OF DURA IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON **2** HE THEN SUMMONED THE STRAPS, PREFECTS, GOVERNORS, ADVISERS, TREASURERS, JUDGES, MAGISTRATES AND ALL THE OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TO COME TO THE DEDICATION OF THE IMAGE HE HAD SET UP.

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- **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 SE UP AND THER STOOD BEFORE IT.

DANIEL 3:4-10 NIV

- **4** THEN THE HERALD LOUDLY PROCLAIMED, “NATIONS AND PEOPLE 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.”

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- **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 PEOPLE 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. **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,

DANIEL 3:11-15

- **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.” **13** FURIOUS WITH RAGE, NEBUCHADNEZZAR SUMMONED SHADRACH MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO. SO THESE MEN WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE KING.

DANIEL 3:11-15

- **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 3:16-21

- **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."

DANIEL 3:16-21

- **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. **21** SO THESE MEN, WEARING THEIR ROBES, TROUSERS, TURBANS AND OTHER CLOTHES, WERE BOUND AND THROWN INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE.

DANIEL 3:22-26

• **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 ABEDNEGEO **23** AND THESE THREE MEN, FIRMLY TIED, FELL INTO THE BLAZING FURNACE. **24** THE KING NEBUCHADNEAR 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."

DANIEL 3:22-26

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 HERE!” SO SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO CAME OUT OF THE FIRE,

DANIEL 3:27-30

- **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. **28** THEN NEBUCHADNEAR 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

DANIEL 3:27-30

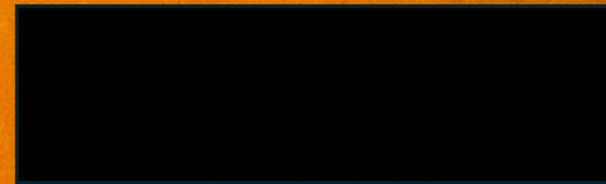
- **29** THEREFORE I DECREE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ANY NATION OR LANGUAGE WHO SAY ANTHING AGINST THE GOD OF SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO BE CUT INTO PIECES AND THEIR HOUSES BE BURNED INTO PILES OF RUBBLE, **FOR NO OTHER GOD CAN SAVE IN THIS WAY.** **30** THEN THE KING PROMOTED SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO IN THE PROVINCE OF BABYLON.

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