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(44) And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom, which will never be destroyed: and the kingdom will not be left to other people, *but* it will break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever.

(45) Just as you saw the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.

(46) Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshiped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer a sacrifice and sweet aromas to him.

(47) The king answered Daniel, and said, Most certainly your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.

(48) Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon.

(49) Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.

Chapter 3

(1) Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.},^a *and* its width was six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.74 m.}:^b he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

(2) Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

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

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

(5) *That* when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up:

(6) And whoever does not fall down and worship shall that same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

3:1a - sixty cubits - about 90 feet or 27.4 meters tall
 3:1b - six cubits - about 9 feet or 2.74 meters wide
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(7) Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

(8) Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.

(9) They spoke and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever.

(10) You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

(11) And whoever does not fall down and worship, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

(12) There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded you: they do not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

(13) Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego be brought. Then they brought these men before the king.

(14) Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

(15) Now if you are ready that when you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if you do not worship, you shall be cast that same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and Who is this God Who will deliver you out of my hands?

(16) Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer you in this matter.

(17) If it is to be, 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, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

(19) Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and his appearance was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: *therefore* he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was normally to be heated.

(20) And he commanded the strongest men who *were* in his army bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

(21) Then these men were bound in their coats, their shoes, and their hats, and their *other* clothing, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

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(22) Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed the men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

(23) And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

(24) Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up quickly, *and* spoke, and said to his counselors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king.

(25) He answered and said, Look, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no harm; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

(26) Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, you servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *here*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth from the midst of the fire.

(27) And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor did they have the smell of smoke upon them.

(28) *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spoke, and said, Blessed is the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, Who has sent His Angel, and delivered His servants who 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.

(29) Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God Who can deliver in this way.

(30) Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

Chapter 4

(1) Nebuchadnezzar the king, to all people, nations, and languages, who live in all the earth;

May peace be multiplied to you.

(2) I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God has performed towards me.

(3) How great *are* His signs! and how mighty *are* His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and He rules from generation to generation.

(4) I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace: