

### Chapter 3

(1) Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* sixty cubits {about 90 ft.; 27.4 m.},<sup>a</sup> *and* its width was six cubits {about 9 ft.; 2.74 m.}:<sup>b</sup> 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.

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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





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.