

# Daniel

# Chapter 3

# Homework

As we begin Chapter 3, Daniel is prospering and has an important position in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, he has appointed his three friends to administrative posts, he has made good impressions on the king's other advisors by saving their lives and livelihood, and Jehovah has been recognized by the king as "a superior god who reveals mysteries." Things are looking pretty good for them. But . . .

**Daniel 3:1—7** In these verses the polytheism of Babylon continues.

Scripture does not tell us what this image is, but we do know the dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ cubits high by \_\_\_\_\_ cubits wide. A cubit is 18 inches, so that would be \_\_\_\_\_ feet high by \_\_\_\_\_ feet wide.

it was made of \_\_\_\_\_ and installed on the plain of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Who is invited to the dedication? Name eight titles of officials:

\_\_\_\_\_

When everyone had gathered, the ceremony began with a proclamation by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is addressed in this proclamation? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (and that would include \_\_\_\_\_)

What are they required to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Well, now, this is a problem for the Jews.

Ex. 20:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 20:4—5 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah had something to say about idol worship. What does Isa. 44:9—17 teach?

\_\_\_\_\_

What musical instruments are used in this idol worship? v. 7

\_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of music are used? \_\_\_\_\_

The people are told to \_\_\_\_\_ and worship.

What is the penalty for refusal to worship? \_\_\_\_\_

That must be motivating, because all the peoples, nations and men of every language

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 3:8—18** Consequences of rejecting the king's command.

Sometimes it is hard for us to comprehend the absolute power of the king and his status as a god who could never be wrong. King's edicts were not recalled or changed—after all, he spoke as a god.

Who brought charges? \_\_\_\_\_ Against whom? \_\_\_\_\_

What had happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the named offenders? \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

What are the three charges against them? 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

How would their actions have offended the king? \_\_\_\_\_

He is said to have reacted with rage and anger. How would you further describe this and what action would you expect? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

So, the offenders were brought before the king and the trial began.  
In the king's confrontation with them, he used personal pronouns two times with reference to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What opportunity did the king give them to avoid punishment?

What would be the result of their continued refusal? \_\_\_\_\_

What avenue of appeal would they have according to the king? \_\_\_\_\_

What would it mean when they said they did not need to give the king an answer?

What deliverance could God provide? 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
and 2. \_\_\_\_\_

However, the king could not test God—as pointed out by the defendants.

Their resolve is expressed when they told the king, in his own vocabulary, that they would not serve \_\_\_\_\_ or worship the \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_.

Have you ever considered how you would react if challenged and threatened concerning your faith in God? Many believers have been martyred for refusing to deny Jehovah or Christ.

What does Jesus say in Matt. 10:32—33? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Stephen doing as recorded in Acts 6:8? \_\_\_\_\_

What were the charges against him? Acts 6:11 \_\_\_\_\_

After Stephen's lengthy defense, what resulted? Acts 7:59—60 \_\_\_\_\_

Paul describes his hardships and suffering for Christ in 2 Cor. 11:23—28. Which of these do you consider most difficult? \_\_\_\_\_

What was Paul's assessment of his sufferings? Rom. 8:18 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dan. 3:19—27 The king's penalty is carried out.**

In anger, the king ordered them condemned to death. Describe the process:

v. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

What articles of clothing were they wearing? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the rush? \_\_\_\_\_

How hot was the furnace? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the condemned avoid the fire? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the king and other onlookers expect to happen?

What did the king observe? \_\_\_\_\_

What was distinctive about the fourth man? \_\_\_\_\_

How did the king address the three men? By name and as \_\_\_\_\_

They were commanded to come \_\_\_\_\_ and to come \_\_\_\_\_!

The men were examined by the king's officials who observed:

the fire had no \_\_\_\_\_, their hair was not even \_\_\_\_\_,

their clothes were not \_\_\_\_\_, and they did not even \_\_\_\_\_ of fire!

Isaiah had prophesied concerning Israel. Because they belonged to the LORD, (See Isa. 43:2b—3a) \_\_\_\_\_

Although these three men did not require rescue by God to confirm their faith, they would have attributed the outcome of their faithfulness to a faithful God.

**Dan 3:28—30                      The king’s proclamation.**

Nebuchadnezzar had earlier recognized Daniel’s God in three respects. Dan. 2:21

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

In 3:28 how does Nebuchadnezzar identify God? \_\_\_\_\_  
what action does the king recognize as being from their God?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How does the king describe Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ who  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

For the express purpose of not \_\_\_\_\_

The king’s decree:

Recognized God’s power: \_\_\_\_\_

Commanded everyone to respect (not speak against) God or suffer the penalty of  
physical harm: \_\_\_\_\_

and economic harm: \_\_\_\_\_

The outcome for Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego was certainly not what they expected.

The king caused them to \_\_\_\_\_.

Their riches and their position in Babylon have long been forgotten, but their testimony stands as a standard for all who are under persecution for their faith:

“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

We are engaged in spiritual warfare. What kind of things attack to challenge your faith?

The king used music to get the people to worship the idol. In what ways today is music used to build allegiances to something or someone?

How would music in true worship differ from the music which is not holy?

What made the difference between the Jews who fell down and worshiped the idol and those who did not?

How are we expected to compromise within our culture in order to fit in with the general public?  
What helps you not conform?

How does the testimony of these three men affect your commitment to be faithful?