

# Figure It Out

# DANIEL 3:19-30

## *Part-2 Idol Worship Challenged*

# February 13<sup>th</sup>

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the wisdom of the prudent  
is to **FIGURE IT OUT**

Proverbs 14:8







5 "And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, <sup>1</sup>for a portion.

6 "And <sup>2</sup>for a portion to the tribe of Reuben, one portion.

7 "And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, <sup>3</sup>Judah, one portion.

## DANIEL 3:19-22

## THROWN INTO THE KILN

**7x hotter than usual** is *hyperbole* - exaggeration to make a point

[no way of actually measuring the temperature]

Open side-wall [air-vent] of the brick kiln was ground level to 20-30ft ceiling

*This is how heat could radiate out and be felt at various distances*

Warriors could have approached from the "closed-side" wall to ceiling level

in order to "throw" [cast violently] the 3 men down into the kiln

*Potash-Peat-Sulfur [lighting agent] like BBQ coals - invisible heat rises above flames*

... too close to the edge to throw them in **they get burned** and die from their injuries

**[could very well be that they were badly burned and succumbed afterward]**

**3 men tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and other clothes**

*Interesting that word for trousers and coats also mean "dubious"*

as if to emphasize the spiritual warfare happening in this physical action



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# DANIEL 3:23-25

*middle of the furnace* [brick-firing area encircled by the potash-peat-sulfur flames]

***still tied up*** [bound as they drop into that center area]

*then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste*

*and he said to his high officials* [looking right at the open-wall air-vent side]

*“Was it not 3 men we threw bound into the middle of the fire?”*

*They replied to the king, “Certainly, O king” - He then replied,*

*“Look! I see 4 men loosed and walking about in the middle of the fire without harm*

*and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods”*

*demaaw*

*a son of*

*bar*

singular

*the gods”*

אלה

*Ela* [Elohiym]

# Aramaic PLURAL

**4<sup>th</sup> man** *demaw* “resembles” “looks like” the ONE son of the PLURAL God!



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SON singular of GODS plural also in

Gen. 1:26

Gen. 11:7

Psalm 2

Matt. 3:16

Matt. 28:19

John 14:26

Acts 2:33

He is physically walking around with these 3 ex-pat Jews

NOT floating or hovering WALKING AROUND!

This is then another O.T. "theophany" – Jesus stepping back into Earth-time



# THEOPHANIES

Jesus [Jeho-shua] did not BEGIN on September 29, 2 BC in Bethlehem Ephrathah

John 1:1-3 in the beginning was the LOGOS – with God and was in fact God

Colossian 1:15-17 Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God

John 8:58 before Abraham even was [in present tense] I AM 30 AD referring to pre-2000 BC

## Common-Similar Accounts

- Stated identity is GOD “I have seen God face-to-face and lived”
- Masculine pronoun for the MAN
- Name is “Wonderful”
- Accepts WORSHIP from mortal men and women
- Openly Reasons separate from mere angels
- “Shall I hide from Abraham what I AM about to do”
- Angel of the Lord “speaks with Yahweh” Zech. 3:1-2

“Angel of the LORD” does not appear again after Jesus’ birth in 2 BC

Risen Lord appears after resurrection [40 days] after ascension [Saul of Tarsus]



# THEOPHANIES

*theo [God] phaneia [appearance]*

CONSIDER THESE ...

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:12 spoke to Elijah in the cave with "still low-voice"

Gen. 28:12ff standing atop Yakob's ladder "I AM the Lord"

Zech. 1:7-17 man standing among myrtle trees

Gen. 3:8 the LORD walked with Adam and Eve in the garden

Gen 11:5 the LORD came down to check out the tower of Babel

Gen. 12:1 + 7 the LORD appeared to Abram who built an altar there to commemorate it

Gen. 13:14 + 15:1 the LORD came to Abram and spoke with him

Gen. 17:1 when Abraham was 90 the LORD appeared to him

Gen. 18 Jesus the man and 2 angel-messengers - "the Lord appeared to Abraham"

Gen. 32 Jesus the man wrestles Yakob "I have seen God face-to-face and lived"



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**Exodus 3** *Jesus "I AM" speaks to Moses thru the bush that burns and is not consumed*

**Numbers 22** *Jesus confronts-intercepts Balaam [donkey sees the Lord, not Balaam]*

**Joshua 5** *Captain-Commander of the LORD's army – Joshua worshiped Him*

**Judges 6** *Did miracles and Gideon "I have seen the face of God and lived"*

**Judges 13** *Jesus meets unnamed woman about birth of Samson, then meets with her husband Manoah who sacrifices to the LORD "I have seen the face of the Lord"*

**Daniel 3** *this fourth man standing in the middle of the fire [confirmed later by the king]*

**aggelos ἄγγελος = "messenger"** used for 'dispatched envoys' and Jesus as messenger

*Can you imagine if you adjusted your reading of*

**ALL Scripture that state "messenger of the Lord"**

**and no longer picturing artists' winged images [paintings, statues, graphics]**



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8" Or, <sup>2</sup>portion.

9" And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, <sup>1</sup>portion.

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14" Moreover, they shall not <sup>1</sup>sell or exchange any of it, or alienate this <sup>2</sup>choice portion of land; for it is holy to the LORD.

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16" And these shall be its <sup>1</sup>measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side 4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits, and the west side 4,500 cubits.

17" And the city shall have <sup>1</sup>open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

18" And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment

# Idol Worship Challenged

**DANIEL 3:26-27**

Nebuchadnezzar came near the door of the furnace of blazing fire

he responded and said,

[as close as he could get]

"Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego, come out you servants of the Most High God and come here!"

אֵלֶּה "il-la-ee elaw"

Then Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego came out [they exited, walked out] of the middle of the fire

The satraps, prefects, governors and high officials gathered around and saw that the fire had:

NO effect on the bodies of these men

NOR was the hair of their head singed

NOR were their trousers damaged

NOR smell of fire [smoke] upon them

SKIN not burned

HAIR not burned

CLOTHES not burned

not even smell

Not slightly singed with some residual smoke – there's NOTHING related to the kiln

THEY ARE LITERALLY UNTOUCHED!

It's as if they had been walking around a palace, grassy field, outside courtyard

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34" On the west side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

18,000 cubits shall be the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The LORD is there.'

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# Brave Firefighters AFTER In/Near the Blaze



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shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall be alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the city.

19" And the workers of the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

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# BIG QUESTION

## Where is Daniel?

Theologians have speculated for centuries:

1. Out of town on official kingdom business - Not around for decree [*maybe*]
2. Daniel did bow [*very implausible, unlikely given full context of this book*]
3. Daniel did not bow but no one saw him [*highly unlikely*]
4. He is *Rab Mag* - all other government officials afraid to accuse him
5. As *Rab Mag* he is above the *satraps, judges, Magistanes, prefects, judges, governors, counselors, treasurers, other rulers* . . .

This test is NOT for him but for layers of admin-bureaucrats

Daniel was not down at Dura – He was back in the capital city

*but his 3 friends he appointed into the admin-bureaucracy WERE THERE*

6. Daniel a “type” “foreshadow” of harpazo from **Rev. 4:I** no mention of Church

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Enoch “type” of harpazo prior to the flood

Noah “type” of Israel preserved going thru the judgment

70<sup>th</sup> Shabua for Israel preserved thru Great Tribulation



# Daniel as 'type' foreshadow

## Rev. 2:17 "hidden manna"

- Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah "type" of Israel preserved thru the judgment

- Enoch "type" of harpazo prior to the flood "laqach" = snatched away

Gen 5:21-24 taken Heb 11:5-6 God's commentary Jude 14-15 Enoch's prophecy

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- Luke 21:36 pray to be worthy to "Escape" the judgment - NOT go thru the judgment

- Gen 2:22 Eve was caught up & brought to Adam when he woke from his sleep

- Gen. 19 Lot literally taken out by angels before Sodom & Gomorrah

- Joshua 6 Rahab (Gentile) spared from judgment of Jericho

- Matt 25:5 "Ready" virgins go into the wedding feast

- 1st Sam 25 Abigail "hasted & arose/brought up" as bride of David

- Song of Songs 13 Fig tree [Israel] bloomed - Groom calls His bride to rise up

- 1st Thess 5:9 Romans 5:9 NOT appointed for wrath - Removed prior to judgment

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# Amazing Parallel

# 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18

*sorrow*

*believe*

# Jesus, God

*say to you*

## coming of the Lord

*caught up*

## meet the Lord

*forever be with the Lord*

- Smith, J. B., 1961, *Commentary on Revelation* [Herald Press]

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telligence in every branch of <sup>1</sup>litera-  
ture and wisdom; Daniel even un-  
derstood all kinds of <sup>b</sup>visions and  
dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days



# Idol Worship Challenged

**DANIEL 3:28-30**

Nebuchadnezzar responded and said,  
“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego who has sent His messenger and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him violating the king’s command and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God

Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego shall be torn limb from limb and their house reduced to a dung hill - inasmuch as there is NO other god who is able to deliver in this way.”

The king caused Shadrach Meshach Abed-Nego to prosper in province of Babylon

Istanbul Archaeological Museum displays clay prism with 5 names: Nebuchadnezzar – Neriglissar

Hanunu Meshallim-Marduk Ardi-Nabu  
Hananiah Mishael Abed-Nego









# Figure It Out

## Next Tuesday - February 21st

### DANIEL chapter 4:1-27



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9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials.

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11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence, and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

16 So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink, and kept giving them vegetables.

17 And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.

18 Then at the end of the days

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THINK OF DANIEL'S AS HE THOUGHTS AWAY IN THE CHOICE YOUNG MEN

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

And the LORD gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

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17 "Or, writing  
1 Kin. 3:12, 28;  
Job 32:8; Dan. 1:20, 2:21, 23;  
Dan. 2:19, 7:1;  
8:1

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