# THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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# Message

Times of the Gentiles are revealed prophetically (2, 7, 8-12) and ethically (1, 3-6)



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II. Prophetic (8-12):

Angel interprets, 1st person, Jewish nation, Hebrew

- A. Ram & Goat (8)
- B. 70 weeks (9)
- C. Final vision (10-12)



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CHAPTER AND VERSE IN DANIEL	CHRONOLOGICAL DATE	BIBLICAL DATE	
1:1	605	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of Jehoiakim	
2:1	603	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of Nebuchadnezzar	
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)		
7:1	553	1 <sup>st</sup> year of Belshazzar	
8:1	551	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of Belshazzar	
9:1	538	1 <sup>st</sup> year of Darius	
10:1	536	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of Cyrus	

# Daniel's Age

CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken into Babylonian Captivity	15
<u>2</u>	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream (huge image)	<u>17</u>
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
6	Delivered from the den of lions	c.83
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
10-12	Final dreams and visions	Mid-80's

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- 1-4: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- 5: Belshazzar of Babylon
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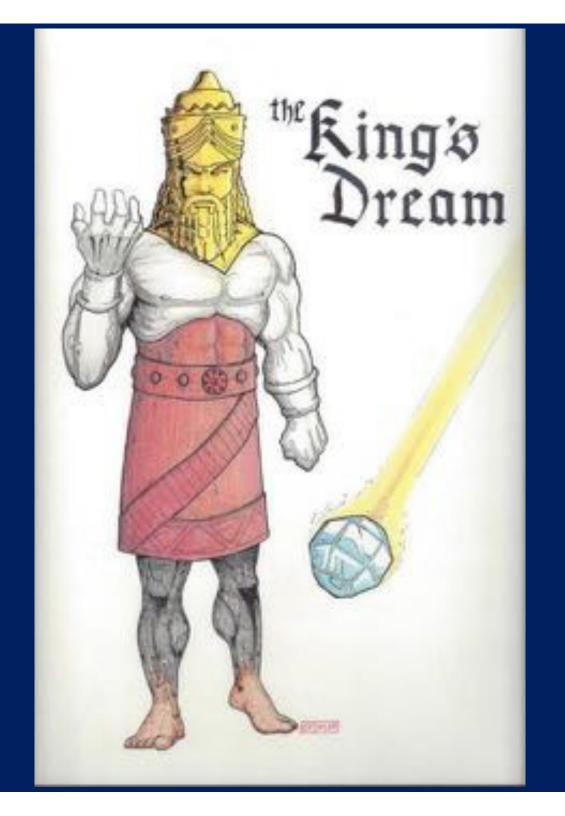
# Nebuchadnezzar's Image (3:1)



- 90 feet high & 9 feet wide
- 8 stories
- No internal chronological markers



Statue & Stone



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## Nebuchadnezzar's Summons (3:2-3)

- The administrators are gathered to dedicate the image
- 8 classes of administrators



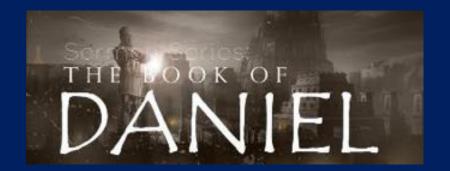
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#### Nebuchadnezzar's Command (3:4-6)

- Exodus 20:1-6
- Purpose of government (Gen 6:11; 9:6; Rom 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-4; 1 Pet 2:23-15)
- Civil disobedience (Dan 3; 6; Acts 5:29)



#### **Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants**

<u>Name</u>	<b>Noahic Covenant</b>	Abrahamic Covenant	<b>Mosaic Covenant</b>
Human agent	Noah	Abraham	Moses
<u>Scripture</u>	Gen. 8–9	Gen. 12–17	Exod. 19–40
Covenant (Berith)	Gen. 9:9	Gen. 15:18	Exod. 19:5
<u>Party</u>	World, humanity	Israel, Hebrews	Israel, Hebrews
<u>Israel</u>	Pre-Israel	Post-Israel	Post-Israel



#### Noahic vs. Abrahamic & Mosaic Covenants

	<b>Noahic Covenant</b>	<b>Abrahamic Covenant</b>	<b>Mosaic Covenant</b>
Conditional or unconditional	Unconditional	Unconditional	Conditional
<u>Promises</u>	No more flood judgment, enduring earth, capital punishment	Ownership of land, seed, and blessing	Enjoyment or possession of land, seed, and blessing
<u>Sign</u>	Rainbow	Circumcision	Sabbath
<u>Purpose</u>	Restrain & preserve	Redemptive	Redemptive
Directly binding today?	Yes	No	No

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#### Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake

"Jack Phillips is a baker who declined to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple because his Christian belief is that marriage exists only between a man and woman. Now a Colorado judge has ordered him to bake cakes for same-sex marriages, and if Phillips refuses, he could go to jail."

Ken Klukowski, "Baker Faces Prison for Refusing to Bake Same-Sex Wedding Cake," online: http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/12/Christian-Baker-Willing-to-Go-to-Jail-for-Declining-Gay-Wedding-Cake, 12 December 2013, accessed 16 May 2014.

#### Oregon Declares War on Aaron & Melissa Klein

"In yet another example of gay activist overreach, an Oregon official has not only burdened a Christian couple with a ridiculous fine, he has imposed a gag order on them...In one of the most egregious anti-Christian acts committed by a state official in recent memory, Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian not only upheld the ridiculous \$135,000 fine levied against **Aaron and Melissa Klein** for declining to bake a cake for a lesbian commitment ceremony, but he ordered the Kleins to 'cease and desist' from making any public comments about their religious convictions relative to this case."

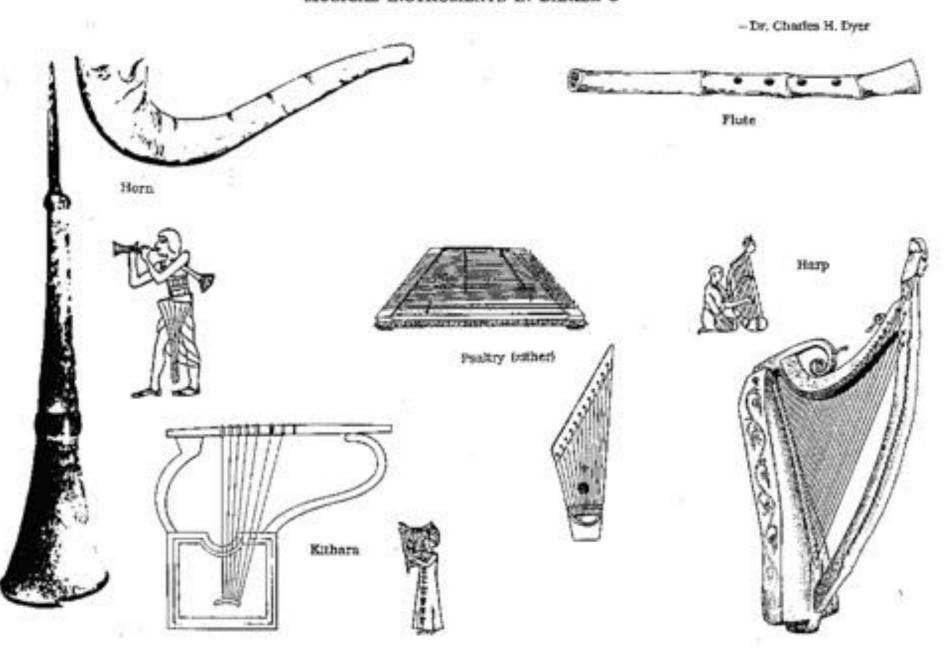
http://www.onenewsnow.com/perspectives/michael-brown/2015/07/06/oregon-declares-war-on-christian-faith

#### Nebuchadnezzar's Command (3:4-6)

- Musical instruments
- Dating Argument



#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN DANIEL 3



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#### II. The Accusation (3:8-12)

- Jealousy (2:49; 6:3-4; Acts 5:17)
- Monotheism (Esther 3:1-6)
- John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Tim. 2:5
- Where is Daniel? 2:49



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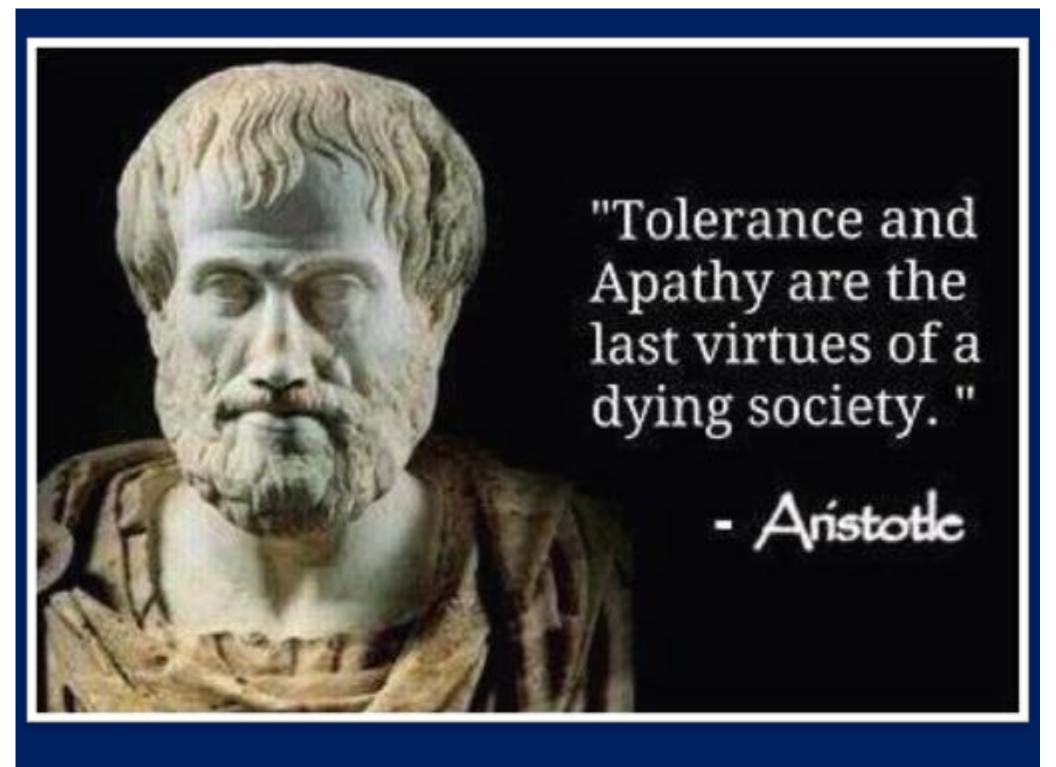


"...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the ... same point that it brings you...



...It doesn't matter whether she called it 'God' along the way or not...There couldn't possibly be just one way!...There couldn't possibly be only one way with millions of people in the world!...You think...if you are somewhere on the planet and you never hear the name of Jesus but yet you live with a loving heart. You lived as Jesus would have had you to live. You lived for the same purpose as Jesus came to the planet to teach us all, but you are in some remote part of the earth and you never heard the name of Jesus. You cannot get to Heaven...?"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lb2RUpMDk34



## **Daniel 2:48-49 (NASB)**

"Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court."

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## The Test (3:13-18)

- Nebuchadnezzar's ultimatum (3:13-15)
- Battle over sovereignty (3:15b)
- The response (3:16-18)
  - ♦ Heb. 11:35b
  - Principles of civil disobedience
    - Willingness to pay consequences
    - Maintain respect for the king



## Changing of the names

- Jewish names (Deut. 6:6-7; Prov. 22:6)
  - Daniel God is my judge
  - ◆ Hananiah Yahweh is gracious
  - Mishael Who is what God is?
  - Azariah Yahweh has helped



## Changing of the names

- Babylonian names (Gen 2:19; Rom 12:2)
  - Beltshazzar Lady protect the king
  - Shadrach I am fearful of God
  - ◆ Meshach I am of little account
  - Abed-nego Servant of Nebo



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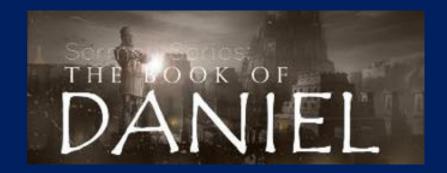


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- Hebrews are cast into the fire (3:19-23)
- Hebrews are protected (3:24-25)
  - Theophany?
  - God's faithfulness
  - Intellectual v. experiential
- Hebrews summoned out of the fire (3:26-27)

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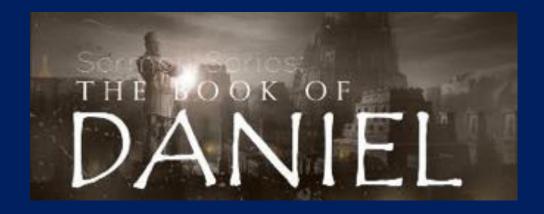


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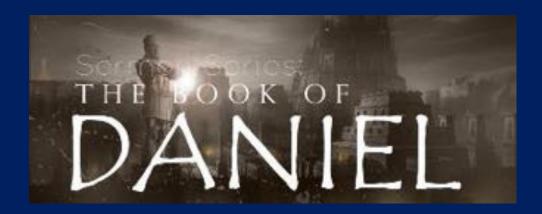


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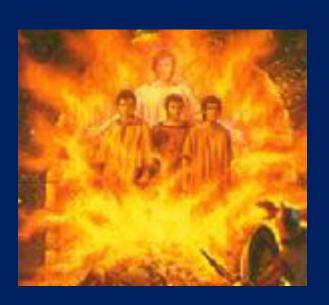
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## The Decree (3:28-30)

- Exaltation of God (3:28)
  - God at work on Nebuchadnezzar (2:47; 3:28-29; 4:35-37)
  - Why God allows trials
- The decree
  - Preservation
  - Sovereignty
- Promotion
  - How to live
  - ◆ God blesses a lack of compromise (1:15-15; 2:48)



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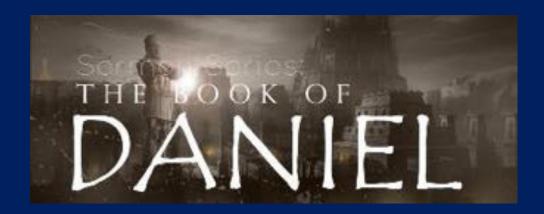


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#### Takeaways from Daniel 3

- Mosaic Law taught Israel how to live inside the land
- The examples of the four Hebrew youths taught them how to live outside the land
- Consecrate themselves to God
- Live by faith from crisis to crisis entrusting the results to God
- Allow God to promote us in His due time
- Our cue as well

