



*"Daniel - From the Felts
to the Zoo," pt 1*

"'In the 3rd Year of... ' A Book of Existence & Existing"

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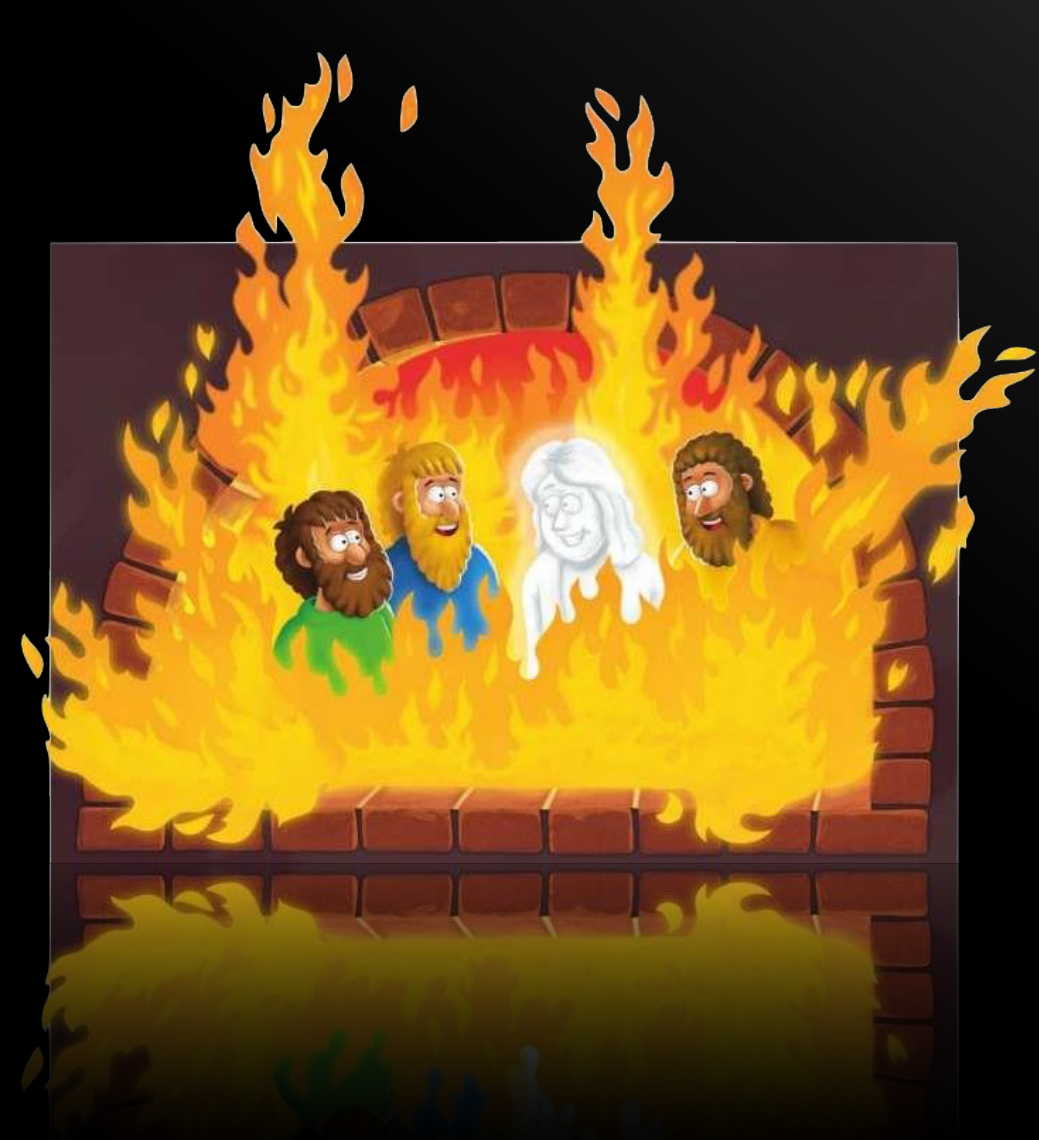
Dan. 1:1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.





Dan. 1:2 The Lord let King Jehoiakim of Judah fall into his power, as well as some of the vessels of the house of God. These he brought to the land of Shinar, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his gods.





Dan. 1:3 ¶ Then the king commanded his palace master Ashpenaz to bring some of the Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility,

Dan. 1:4 young men without physical defect and handsome, versed in every branch of wisdom, endowed with knowledge and insight, and competent to serve in the king's palace; they were to be taught the literature and language of the Chaldeans.





Dan. 1:5 The king assigned them a daily portion of the royal rations of food and wine. They were to be educated for three years, so that at the end of that time they could be stationed in the king's court.

Dan. 1:6 Among them were Daniel, Hananiah, Michael, and Azariah, from the tribe of Judah.





Dan. 1:7 The palace master gave them other names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Michael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.





Hananiah - "Grace of God"

becomes

(Shada Aku) "order of Aku"

Shadrach





Mishael "Who is like God?"

(Mushallim-Marduk) "who
is like Aku?"

Meshach



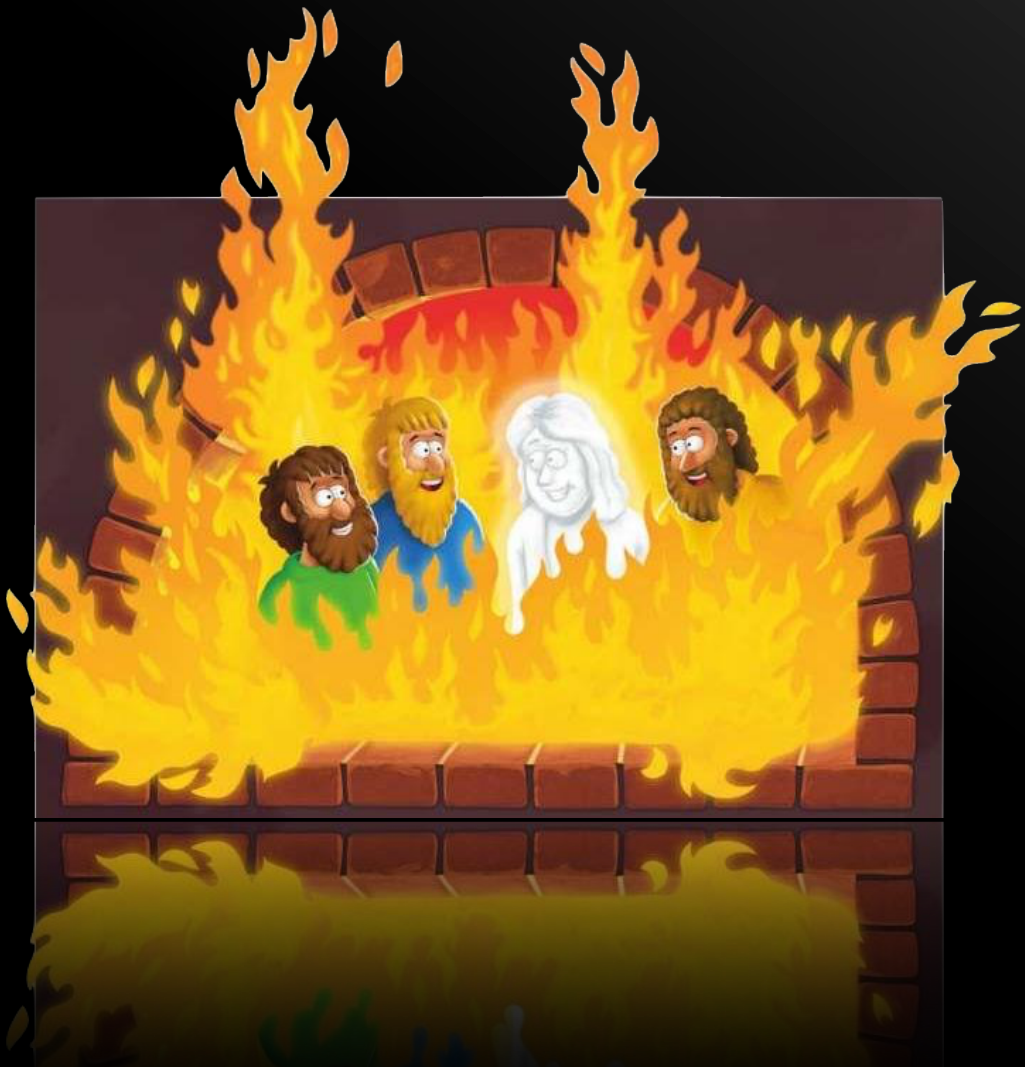


Azariah - "YHWH has helped"

(Ardi-Nabu) "servant of Nego"

Abednego





Daniel - "God is my judge."

(Belshazzar) "may Bel
preserve his life."

Belteshazzar





Dan. 1:12 "Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink."





Dan. 1:17 To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams.

Dan. 1:18 ¶ At the end of the time that the king had set for them to be brought in, the palace master brought them into the presence of Nebuchadnezzar,





Dan. 1:19 and the king spoke with them. And among them all, no one was found to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they were stationed in the king's court.

Dan. 1:20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.





Dan. 1:21 And Daniel

continued there until

the first year of King

Cyrus.





2Chr. 36:22 ¶ In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict:

2Chr. 36:23 “Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him! Let him go up.”





Is. 45:1 ¶ Thus says the LORD to his
anoointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:





Is. 45:12 I made the earth,
and created humankind upon it;
it was my hands that stretched
out the heavens,
and I commanded all their host.





Is. 45:13 I have aroused Cyrus in
righteousness,

and I will make all his paths straight;

he shall build my city

and set my exiles free,

not for price or reward,

says the LORD of hosts.





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