

# DANIEL - Chapter 3: Addendum --Christ in Daniel

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## Golden Image—Worship or Death Decree!

In Daniel 3 we also can see Christ revealed through the drama of the image set up for worship on the plane of Dura. It is also typology for the final crisis which God’s people will be subject to in the future. Let us see how this is so:

### Christ in Daniel

#### Literal

King Nebuchadnezzar set up an image  
And invited all the world to its  
dedication on the plain of Dura.

vs.1-2

All people, nations and languages  
that at the sound of the (music) all are  
to fall down and worship the golden  
image.

--A Second Death Decree—

vss.4-12

The three worthies were commanded  
worship; but the king would yet give  
them another opportunity ( a way out)  
by choice, when he called them to him.

vss.13-18

The three worthies in essence said this,  
O King! We have the right against self-  
incrimination. The onus is on you to  
show us our follow. We would rather  
be true to God; (Acts 5:29) and so we  
speak only as a witness to you. Submit  
to this God, O King!

vs.16-18

God heard the prayer of Daniel and his  
3 friends in the night season and Daniel  
“blessed the God of heaven”...for the  
answer to their prayers, for “wisdom  
and might are His.” Daniel thanked and  
praised God for making the matter  
known unto him.

vs.26

#### Spiritual

Jesus was tempted to fall down and  
worship the prince of this world in  
the wilderness just as the three  
worthies were tempted in Babylon.

Christ was given a choice that if He’d  
just bow down and worship the prince  
of this world, He wouldn’t have to die  
(go to the cross)

But Christ as God, and also as man,  
rebuked the devil, get thee hence, saying  
“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and  
Him only shalt thou serve.”

Christ not only appeared with these  
men (vs.24,25) in the fires, but this  
was typology for what Jesus would  
encounter when “His furnace was  
heated 7x hotter (Gethsemane) and the  
mightiest empire—Rome would  
sanction His death. (He would die the  
second death, but the grave could not  
hold Him). And like the furnace fire of  
Babylon where the King of Babylon  
saw the Son of God, He came and  
called the worthies out of the fire, just  
as God the Father called Christ on the  
third day out of the tomb.

Complete Suffering

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### Literal

Just as the princes and governors and captains  
And counsellors saw the three worthies of  
which—

- the fire has no power
- nor head hairs singed
- neither their coats changed
- nor the smell of fire passed on them

vs.27-30

The King of Babylon announced “blessed the  
God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,  
who hath set his angel and delivered his  
servants that 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.”

vs.28

### Spiritual

So, King Jesus came forth from the  
tomb glorified and all the world has  
come to know and will come to learn  
of the living Christ, which conquered  
the grave. (Isa. 61; Rev 18.1)

At “the voice of God”, (about the 7<sup>th</sup> plague)  
the Father will reveal the “two tables of  
stone” for the world to see it is the rule of  
judgment which will sweep aware the  
darkness of superstition and heresy from  
every mind.”

He delivers “the everlasting covenant” to His  
people pronouncing a blessing “on those who  
have honored God by keeping His Sabbath  
holy.”

This happens right before the second coming.