

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.

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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 7th 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.