

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

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INTRODUCTION

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Daniel 1:1	The third year of Jehoiakim	605 BC	1
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DANIEL 3:	Punishment for worshipping the Lord: The fiery furnace
DANIEL 4:	Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar
DANIEL 5:	Humiliation of Belshazzar
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DANIEL 7:	Daniel's vision: A sketch of prophetic history

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DANIEL'S COMPANIONS CHARGED BY THE CHALDEANS (3:8-12)

DANIEL'S COMPANIONS REFUSE TO WORSHIP THE IMAGE (3:13-18)

DANIEL'S COMPANIONS CAST INTO THE FURNACE (3:19-23)

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CONCLUSION