

Faith Refined

Daniel 3

Q. After the interpretation of the dream in chapter 2 what did Nebuchadnezzar do?

A.

1. (v.1)

2. (v. 2)

3. (v. 3)

Q. How is it related to the dream?

A. Nebuchadnezzar is the _____ of gold.

Q. So...what response did Nebuchadnezzar have because of the dream?

A.

Q. What were the people asked to do? (vv. 4-5)

A.

Q. Why music? Why not just play a trumpet note? Why not just come and bow down before it at a vocal command?

A. _____ knows the _____ of music to manipulate emotions and the _____ of a person.

Q. What were the consequences of not following the decree? (vv. 6-7)

A.

Q. How is this like the end-time rule of the Antichrist in Revelation 13:11-17?

A.

Q. What problem was brought to the surface in verses 8-12?

A.

1. (v. 8)

2. (vv. 9-11)

3. (v. 12)

Q. What do you think was the core issue of complaint?

A.

Q. What was the king's response? (vv. 13-15b)

A.

1. (v. 13)

2. (v. 14)

Note: "Is it true" = literally – "Are you by _____ not obeying."

3. (v. 15a,b)

Q. Note the common thread that is being woven in this book. Cf. 2:10-11; 27-28; 47 and now in verse 15c of chapter 3. What is it?

A. The notable difference between the _____ God and the _____.

Q. Read verses 16-18. Interpret the phrase, "We do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter."

A.

1. (v. 16)

Note: Literally – "We are not _____ to answer you," i.e. "We are not _____ or hesitant to answer you." "We are _____ and unchanging in our stance on this issue."

2. (v. 17) God is _____.

3. (v. 18) But...

Q. How does this fit into a theology of prayer?

Does God have the ability?

Do we believe this about him?

What happens if it goes a direction we don't desire?

What if we perish?

Does it keep us from praying?

Does it force us into fatalism?

A.

Q. What was Nebuchadnezzar's response? (vv. 19-23)

A.

1. (v. 19a)

2. (v. 19b)

3. (v. 20)

4. (v. 21)

5. (v. 22)

Note the Apocrypha: Prayer of Azariah 23-27

6. (v. 23)

Q. Our sinful decisions often impact peripheral people. How? Discuss.

A.

Q. What miracle ensued? (vv. 24-25)

A.

1. (v. 24)

2. (v. 25)

a. I see...

b. They are...

c. And the fourth looks like...

Q. Was this the pre-incarnate Jesus?

A.

Q. What did Nebuchadnezzar do in response to the sight?

A. (v. 26a)

Note the name he gives to Yahweh.

Q. What descriptive language did Nebuchadnezzar use to describe the fourth man?

A. (v. 28a)

Q. How did Nebuchadnezzar describe the three young men?

A. (v. 28b)

1.

2.

Q. Verse 28 is the key verse. What is the intention of the story?

A.

Q. What was the result of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's faithfulness? (vv. 29-30)

A.

1. (v. 29)

Note: Nebuchadnezzar was not a _____. He simply placed the god of the Jews as the chief god much like Zeus was to the polytheistic Greeks.

2. (v. 30)

Closing: Note Isaiah 43:2-3a