

Daniel 3



Dear friends,I urge you to contend for the faith.....(Jude 1 v3)

.....build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1 v20-21)

....but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries..... (Daniel 2 v28a)

....we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. (Daniel 3 v18)

Babylonian Empire

Medo-Persian Empire

Grecian Empire

Roman Empire

Holy Roman Empire



In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

(Daniel 2 v44)

**NEBUCHADNEZZAR
THE KING MADE
AN IMAGE OF
GOLD**

Daniel 3:1



.....all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshipped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

(Daniel 3 v7)



Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

(Daniel 3 v16-18)

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon. (Daniel 3 v28-30)

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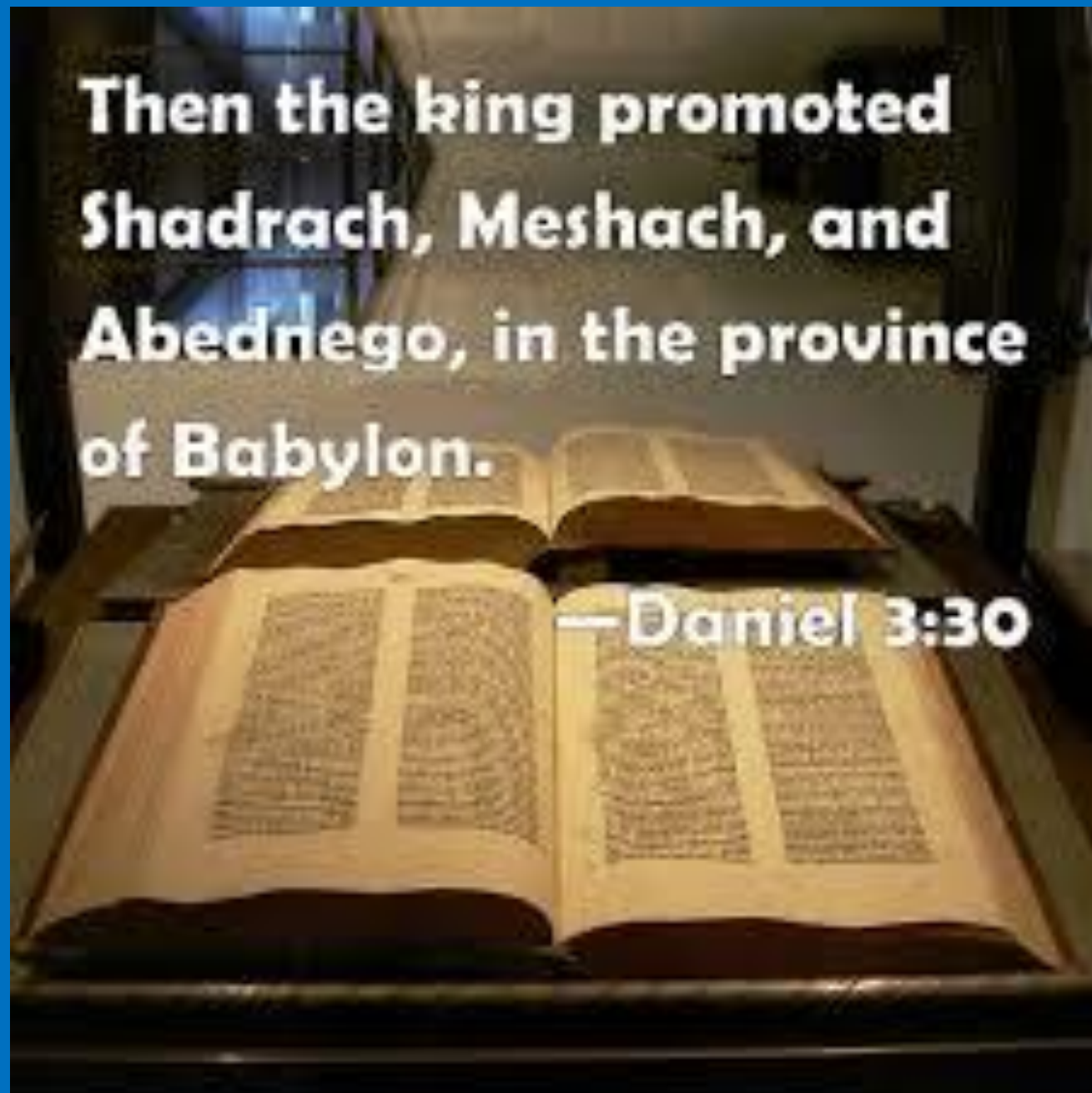
Freedom

Affirmation

New opportunities

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Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abednego, in the province
of Babylon.**

—Daniel 3:30



Resisting Temptation

How did Jesus do it?

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