Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream & Fiery Furnace
2 Chronicles 36, Daniel 2-3

Lesson 87 Visuals

- If Daniel could not tell the king what happened in King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and its meaning, Daniel, his friends, and all the wise men would be killed.
- Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that no wise man can reveal this mystery, but God in heaven can.
- There is no way that Daniel could have simply guessed what Nebuchadnezzar dreamed. God had to be the one to reveal it to Daniel.
- Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the gold head represent King Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom.
• The dream revealed that the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will last forever.
• King Nebuchadnezzar realized that Daniel’s God, the God of heaven was the God of all gods and the Lord of kings.
• King Nebuchadnezzar made Daniel ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed all the wise men under him.
• Daniel requested Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be his administrators over the province of Babylon.
• The Jews in Judah saw Judah’s destruction and young men being exiled, but they still did not repent or call out for God’s mercy.
• The Babylonians set fire to the temple, palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem.
• The walls around Jerusalem were destroyed, leaving Jerusalem completely unprotected.
• 2 Chronicles 36:15 tells us that the LORD sent word to them through His messengers again and again.
• 2 Chronicles 36:16 tells us that the Jews in Jerusalem mocked God’s messengers.
• King Nebuchadnezzar set up a statue that was ninety feet tall and nine feet wide.
• Everyone was commanded to fall facedown and worship the statue when they heard the music play.
• Anyone who refused to worship this statue would be thrown into the fiery furnace.
• Some of the leaders in Babylon saw this as an opportunity to bring down Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
King Nebuchadnezzar was furious when he found out that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down before the statue he set up. He then ordered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to appear before him.

Even when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego realized they would be thrown into the fiery furnace, they refused to bow down to the statue.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, “If we are thrown into the fiery furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it.”

Then they said, “But even if God does not deliver us, we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Nebuchadnezzar was then so angry that he ordered for the fiery furnace to be heated up seven times hotter.
• The men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to the fiery furnace were killed by the flames because the flames were so intense.
• King Nebuchadnezzar watched as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell in the fiery furnace.
• Three men were thrown into the fiery furnace. But Nebuchadnezzar saw four men walking around in the fire unharmed.
• Nebuchadnezzar said the fourth man looks like a son of the gods.
• Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walked out of the fire completely unharmed, not even a hair burned, not even the smell of smoke on their clothes.
• Nebuchadnezzar said, “There is no other god who is able to deliver like this.”